

# First Presby's Weekly News

## January 28, 2024

**Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.** (Worship is broadcast at 11:00 a.m. on WCHS-580AM)

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### NEW MEMBER CLASS

Would you like to know more about the ministry of FPC? Pastor Myers will be leading a New Member Inquirers' Class on Sunday, February 18. We'll meet from 11:30 am until 2:30 pm in the Dining Room (Activities Building). We'll gather for a light lunch and discuss the ministry of FPC and how you can play an active part in our life together. If you're able to attend, please contact the church office (304) 343-8961. If you're unable to attend the class, but would still like to become a member of FPC, please contact Pastor Myers ([pastormyers@firstpresby.com](mailto:pastormyers@firstpresby.com))

### ANNUAL MEETING

We will have our Annual Meeting today immediately following worship. The purpose of this meeting is to receive the Annual Report for 2023, including Financial Statements. We will also receive our budget for 2024, which has been approved by the Session, vote on any changes to the terms of call for our Pastors, and act on the report of our Congregational Nominating Committee.

### LOGOS

Adult Logos is back with a new series! Every Wednesday at 6pm we'll meet in the Ruffner Room to discuss "Badass Women of the Bible" and the lessons we can learn from them with Rev. Marietta Macy. The Bible reveals myriad examples of strong, incredible women who were determined to stand against dehumanization and oppression. They called on us to do the same. Be challenged by the Bible's witness to the power and persistence of women of faith through this four-part series and look forward to a conversation with the author Rev. Katrina Pekich-Bundy to be announced soon.

Jan. 31st: Binaries and Dualisms

Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>: Voice and Verse with author of the study Rev. Katrina Pekich-Bundy

### COATED WITH KINDNESS - COAT COLLECTION

The Mission Committee is asking members of First Presby to donate gently-used coats during the next few cold months. We will donate these items regularly to United Way, the Bream warming station, or other agencies with needs. Hang your coats on the coat rack in the main church hallway. Many blessings during these wintry days!

### SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY

The Super Bowl Football game will be played on February 11 and our youth group and their leader, Taylor Raab, are asking the congregation to join in the fun! Next Sunday, February 4, congregants are asked to place their cash donations in a bucket for the team they think might win the SB; online donations will be accepted too. With the funds collected, the youth group will shop for and deliver items to Covenant House or other agency with needs, providing the youth with a service-learning opportunity.

## Financial Position for Calendar Year 2023

	First Presby 2023 Actual Results	First Presby Annual Budget	% of Annual Budget Received or Expended
Pledge & Unpledged Offerings	775,647	809,000	96%
Other Offerings & Income	44,187	17,820	248%
Trustee Funds Transfer	398,488	398,485	100%
Total Revenue	1,218,322	1,225,305	99%
Ministry Expenses	1,119,695	1,366,702	82%
Net Surplus or (Net Shortage)	98,627	(141,397)	

Note: The Preschool Fiscal year is July 2023 to June 2024. The YTD results represent activity from July 2023 to December 2023.

	First Presby Preschool YTD Actual Results	First Presby Preschool Annual Budget	% of Annual Budget Received or Expended
Preschool Revenues	340,068	656,757	52%
Preschool Expenses	328,379	656,757	50%
Net Surplus or (Net Shortage)	11,689	0	

The Church finished 2023 with a surplus in excess of \$98,000. The Preschool is half way through its fiscal year and is enjoying a modest surplus. Thank you for your faithful financial support in 2023 which enables First Presby to be a beacon of hope to Charleston and beyond.

	Concert Series Patron Gifts	Concert Series Expenses
Concert Series Activity	21,675	45,109

The 2023 Concert Series was a tremendous success! The Concert Series dates have been set for the first six months of 2024. Thank you to all of the Patrons who made gifts to support this music ministry in 2023. We hope you will continue to be a Patron in 2024. If you've been thinking about becoming a Patron for the first time, we would appreciate your support! Please note "Concert Series Patron" on the memo line of your check. The concerts are always free to the community. All offerings received during the concerts are for designated mission partners.

YTD Concert Series Offerings	11,530
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All offerings collected during the concerts benefit First Presby's mission partners.

## KVFH - FUNDRAISER

One of our mission partners, Kanawha Valley Fellowship Home, is having a dinner fundraiser with silent auction on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm at the Clay Center in the main lobby. It will be a great evening full of great food, entertainment by Bob Thompson and Friends and inspiration as we celebrate helping men and their families recover from alcoholism, drug addiction and substance use disorder since 1967. Sponsorship opportunities and single tickets will be available soon.

## REALM CONNECT

A new and exciting update is happening at First Presby! Now that the staff has fully transitioned into our new system, Realm, it is time to launch the Realm Connect mobile app. This app will give you access to your own **personal profile** to manage, an **online directory** to look up fellow members and friends contact information as well as **online giving**. You will be able to see your statements and track payments anytime you want! This app is so user friendly, if you can handle Facebook, you can certainly handle Realm Connect. Diana will be sending an invite via email soon with links to download the Realm Connect app.

## PRESBYTERY CHURCH PRAYERS

Each week we pray for other congregations in our presbytery, along with the Presbytery of West Virginia and other ministry partners. This week please pray for Parsons Presbyterian Church in Parsons and Summerlee Presbyterian Church in Summerlee.

### THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

#### Sunday, January 28

10:30 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Worship broadcast on WCHS-580AM  
11:30 AM Annual Meeting

#### Monday, January 29

8:30 AM Aerobics  
6:00 PM CCRA Basketball

#### Tuesday, January 30

10:00 AM Staff Meeting  
6:00 PM CCRA Basketball

#### Wednesday, January 31

8:30 AM Aerobics  
10:30 AM Orchard Manor  
5:00 PM LOGOS  
6:00 PM Adult LOGOS

#### Thursday, February 1

4:30 PM Time for Refreshment  
6:00 PM CCRA Basketball  
6:30 AM Mission Meeting

#### Friday, February 2

8:30 AM Aerobics  
7:00 PM Concert Series - "Tell Me on a Sunday"  
10:00 AM Preschool Expansion Meeting - E117

#### Saturday, February 3

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, January 28 Mark 8:22-30

Monday, January 29 John 6:27-40

Tuesday, January 30 John 6:41-51

Wednesday, January 31 John 6:52-59

Thursday, February 1 John 6:60-71

Friday, February 2 John 7:1-13

Saturday, February 3 John 7:14-36

### DISCOVERY CLASS

1.28 - Holy Moses! - Paul Kinneberg

2.4 - Preparation for Lent - Pastor Macy

2.11 - The Presbyterian Authorized Lay Leadership Program (ALP) - Sallie Daugherty