

First Presby's Weekly News

April 21, 2024



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

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NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

Join us in the Ruffner Room (and playground if weather permits) after worship today for some cake and coffee to welcome and get to know our new members.

FIRST PRESBY TOUR OF ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND

We are in the very beginning stages of planning a Summer 2025 Music & Worship focused tour of England and Scotland. Potential destinations include St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, the Isle of Iona, and St. Giles Cathedral (the "Mother Church" of Presbyterianism). As we contact potential tour companies and receive information, we need to provide them with an approximate group size for the tour. No commitment is required at this time; we just need an idea of how many people are interested. If you are interested in being a part of this trip, please email Jayson Keeton at jayson@firstpresby.com.

KNITTERS APPRECIATE YARN DONATIONS

As you may be clearing out closets for spring cleaning, consider donating any unused yarns or knitting needles for our knitting ministry. We have been able to donate hats, scarves, and lap quilts to many in need of warmth this past winter. We have also been able to mentor a dozen young students in the after-school program at the King Center, teaching them to knit headbands. Many thanks to you congregants and friends in the community for your kind donations this past season!

CHANDLER ACADEMY WEEKEND FOOD BAGS

First Presby continues to deliver weekend food bags to 12 Chandler Academy students. Thanks to your donations, we have been able to provide bags with soups, pastas, cereals, breakfast bars, fruit cups, peanut butter, and some assorted snacks and treats. We will continue to provide these through the end of the school year. Those students appreciate your efforts - thank you!

SCATTER TO SERVE SPRING

Scatter to Serve is on Saturday, May 18, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Many members and friends of the Mission and Witness Committee are reaching out to the community for needs that we at First Presby are excited to help with. This year our Troop 5 Boy Scouts will be joining us! Every age and ability will have an opportunity to participate, with indoor and outdoor events. Please mark your calendars for this endeavor of great fellowship and service.

GRADUATION

Do you know any kids graduating this year and want them recognized in worship? We are including graduation preschoolers, High School and College. Our Grad Sunday will be held on Sunday, May 26th. Please get a photo and bio to Diana at diana@firstpresby.com by Monday, May 20th.

Financial Position as of YTD March 2024

	First Presby YTD March Results	First Presby YTD March Budget	(Shortage) or Surplus as compared to YTD March Budget	First Presby Annual Budget	% of Annual Budget Received or Expended through March
Pledge & Unpledged Offerings	308,959	286,021	22,938	780,000	40%
Other Offerings & Income	13,897	4,296	9,601	19,500	71%
Trustee Funds Transfer	100,086	102,653	(2,567)	450,610	22%
Total Revenue	422,942	392,970	29,972	1,250,110	34%
Ministry Expenses	280,176	294,100	13,924	1,310,235	21%
Net Surplus or (Net Shortage)	142,766	98,870	43,896	(60,125)	

Note: The Preschool Fiscal year is July 2023 to June 2024. The YTD results represent July 2023 thru March 2024

	First Presby Preschool YTD Actual Results	First Presby Preschool Annual Budget	% of Annual Budget Received or Expended
Preschool Revenues	554,799	658,180	84%
Preschool Expenses	505,713	658,180	77%
Net Surplus or (Net Shortage)	49,086	0	

God continues to bless and strengthen the ministry of First Presbyterian Church. Thank you for your faithful support that allows First Presby to be a beacon of hope to Charleston and beyond.

	Concert Series Gifts	Concert Series Expenses
Concert Series Activity	7,800	11,906

The Concert Series performances are outstanding and a beautiful gift to our community! Please consider becoming a sponsor and making a financial contributions to cover production costs for these magnificent performances. Gifts of any amount are appreciated. Please note "Concert Series" on the memo line of a check.

All love offerings collected during the concerts benefit First Presby's mission partners. After the first three concerts, approximately \$3,900 was disbursed to our mission partners.

BLUESTONE FAMILY CAMP

First Presby kids are traveling to Bluestone this summer, Friday June 21st - Sunday June 23rd. Ages 10 and under are invited to join us in fun activities such as swimming, hiking, crafts, games, campfires, bible lessons and more! The cost is \$180 for ages 9 and up (including adults), \$108 for ages 3-8 and free for 2 and under. Financial assistance is available. Each cabin accommodates eight (minimum of 2 adults required). Optional transportation provided by First Presbyterian Church. For more information, contact Anne Moses at anne@firstpresby.com. We already have one cabin full of folks going, so don't hesitate to sign up! Reservations have to be placed by May10th.

THE TUMBLING TUMBALEERS

Does anyone remember the Tumbling Tumbaleers in the Bud Francis Room? If you have stories or pictures, please share with Diana via email, diana@firstpresby.com.

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 First Presbyterian Church in Oak Hill and Rome Presbyterian Church in Proctorville, OH.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

Sunday, April 21

9:15 AM New Members and Session Breakfast
9:15 AM Discovery Class - Rec. Room
10:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM Worship broadcast on WCHS-580AM
11:30 AM New Member Reception - Ruffner Room

Monday, April 22

8:30 AM Aerobics

Tuesday, April 23

10:00 AM Staff Meeting
7:00 PM Civic Chorus Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 24

8:30 AM Aerobics
10:30 AM Orchard Manor

Thursday, April 25

11:00 AM Shepherd Center Luncheon
4:30 PM Time for Refreshment
5:00 PM Preschool Prom

Friday, April 26

8:30 AM Aerobics

Saturday, April 27

1:00 PM John Cunningham's Funeral
2:00 PM John Cunningham's Reception

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, April 21 Mark 6:30-44
Monday, April 22 Matthew 5:1-10
Tuesday, April 23 Matthew 5:11-16
Wednesday, April 24 Matthew 5:17-20
Thursday, April 25 Matthew 5:21-26
Friday, April 26 Matthew 5:27-37
Saturday, April 27 Matthew 5:38-48

DISCOVERY CLASS

4.21 - First Presby Preschool Program - Anne Moses
4.28 - "Disciples" - Bill Hairston
5.5 - "Christian Emotional Intelligence" - Bob Welty
5.12 - "FPC Hope Center" - Becky Ceperley