

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
302 W. Whitner Street
Anderson, SC 29624
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September 2020

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**WHAT'S FOR SUPPER?
Wednesday Night Drive-Thru**

Wednesday, September 30
Louise's Pimento Chicken & Rice Casserole,
Green Beans, Creamed Corn, Yeast Rolls,
Dessert
Wednesday, October 14
BBQ, bun, baked beans, slaw, dessert

The Christian sympathy of the pastors and congregation is expressed to:



Mike & Charlotte Sams & family and Bob & Cathy Sams & family on the death of their brother Jeff Sams on August 20, 2020.

Tom & Ona Glenn & family on the death of his uncle Nelson Hall on August 20, 2020.

Dr. Bob Pettit & family on the death of his wife Geneva Pettit on September 5, 2020.

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*Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Max McIver Hardin on their marriage September 5, 2020.
Mrs. Hardin is the former Janice V. Wilson, daughter of Jeffrey and Vanette Wilson.*



**First Presbyterian Church now has another way
to worship – you can listen to our weekly worship
by phone!**

**Simply dial 864-335-8884 and our most recent service
will play over your phone line!
This is a local number—not long distance.**



The First Word

"Strive first for the kingdom of God." Matthew 6:33

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Outdoor Worship Opportunities for our Church Family

** At all gatherings we require you to wear your mask, bring your own chairs or blankets for seating and to please practice social distancing to keep everyone as safe as possible.*

Vespers Service

Sunday, September 20 at 5:30pm

We will gather on our Whitner Street lawn in front of the Scout Huts for an evening worship time. Join your church family and neighbors for prayer, music, and a brief devotional. See below about our blood drive this same day.

Family "Campfire" Gathering

Sunday, September 27 at 5:00pm

We will gather at the home of Cal and Haley Brinson, 300 Stephen King Drive, Anderson to greet and share a treat from a snowcone truck.

*Special Mission Donations Collected for Calvary Children's Home:
kid-friendly individually wrapped snacks.*

- - Special Worship Opportunities Coming in October - -

Online worship will still be posted every Sunday morning at 10:00am on YouTube, Facebook, and our church website (*note new time!*)

Sunday Morning In-person Outdoors

October 4 at 9:00am - World Communion.

October 18 at 9:00am - Children's Sabbath

Children will assist with worship in-person and online.

Alisa will be in touch with families to prepare.



IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

Join Dr. Dennis Tedder
and Rev. Chad
Wright-Pittman
for online Worship each
Sunday morning at
9:30am

Facebook

[https://www.facebook.com/
groups/256345949772/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/256345949772/)

You Tube

[https://www.youtube.com/
firstpresbyterianchurchofanderson](https://www.youtube.com/firstpresbyterianchurchofanderson)

Website

www.fpcandersonsc.com

CD's/DVD's AVAILABLE

If you are not able to see our Sunday worship and would like a CD or DVD of the service, please let a deacon know or contact Debra in the church office.

TEMPORARY CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday - Thursday
9:00am - 4:00pm**

**Friday
9:00am - 12:30pm**

Give blood.
Help save lives.



Blood Drive on Sunday, September 20 from 3:00 - 7:00pm

The Blood Connection will be in the back parking lot of the church. Blood donations are greatly needed and will help many people in need of life giving blood! Each donor will receive a \$20 gift card! Use the link below to schedule your appointment time.

<https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/>

Sunday Mornings at Home!

Check your email for easy, fun faith lessons you can enjoy together at home!



Preschoolers will join the big kids in learning about *Creativity* using **252 Basics** curriculum.

Elementary kids, check out our streamlined lessons including a short video.

If you haven't been receiving the emailed lessons, contact Alisa! alisag@fpcandersonsc.com



Calvary Home
—FOR CHILDREN—

Our Mission Emphasis for September is for Calvary Home for Children. We are collecting individually wrapped snacks (crackers & granola bars).

Please bring your donations to the church Monday - Thursday, 9am - 4pm and Friday 9am - 12:30pm. Place in the blue bins outside the church office.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT DRIVE-THRU

Come by the Kirk to pick-up a meal from our kitchen crew and a family faith devotional!

Pick-up from: 5:30pm - 6:15pm

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE MEAL by calling the church office 225-2551 or emailing debrak@fpcandersonsc.com or alisag@fpcandersonsc.com or thru Realm. Payments can be made through Realm or by cash/check at pick-up...\$5 per person

SAVE THE DATES:

Wednesday, September 30
Wednesday, October 14
Wednesday, October 28
Wednesday, November 11
Wednesday, December 2



**Sunday, September 20th,
6:15pm - 7:15pm**

Youth Gathering @ FPC

For all youth 6th - 12th grade.

Bring your mask and a chair & pack dinner or a snack/drink for yourself.

After the 5:30pm Vespers service across the street we will gather together in the church parking lot in small groups. Join us for both events or just come to join us for youth fellowship time.

As youth arrive they will be quickly separated out to move to their small group areas. They will be seated distanced from each other.

We will catch up, enjoy a distanced game or two, have devotion and prayer time together.

Sunday, September 27th

Join us at the home of Cal & Haley Brinson for our Family "Campfire" Gathering at 5:30pm (details on the front).

Our 1st Sundays at First Ministry has still been able to serve our community during this time and we are so thankful for this. We are so thankful for the church's support. In September, we were able to serve over 140 meals to our neighbors.

We need approximately 4-5 youth per month to help serve. Please contact Kari if you would like to help. Must wear a mask, we provide gloves and available to work 4:30-6:30pm on the day of the event. Next meal: Sunday, October 4th.

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To all of our youth families,

Please know that we have you in our prayers and are here for all of you. Please let me know if your family has any special prayer requests. Like if your youth is having a great day and I can help celebrate them or having a hard day and could use a check in. *Don't worry I can be discreet.

We know it has been a long time and we miss seeing your families in person more than you know. We are thankful for all of the leadership here at FPC keeping our community as safe as possible. Looking forward to the chance to gathering in person safely very soon.

Grace & Peace,

Kari & our FPC Youth Ministry Team

Contact for Kari Morgan
Director of Youth & Recreation
#314.3691, KariM@FPCAndersonSC.com



For the safety of our community, we commit to the following:

Pastors, worship leaders and congregation will ensure that they, as well as any and all visitors adhere to the following guidelines:

Absent themselves from all in-person gatherings if they feel sick, have a fever or a cough or gastrointestinal illness, have knowingly come into contact within the past two weeks with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19.

Notify the pastors if they or anyone in their household or anyone with whom they have had contact within the past two weeks tests positive for Covid-19.

Quarantine for 14 consecutive days if tested positive for Covid-19 or if coming into contact within the past two weeks with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19.

Wear a mask (medical or two-ply handmade) correctly (covering nose and mouth) at all times while attending an outdoor worship service.

Wear gloves if they choose.

Practice social distancing (remain at least 6 feet from everyone except members of their own household).

Refrain from touching (hugs, handshakes, fist bumps, high fives, etc.) any person other than those in my own household.

Refrain from group speaking and singing.

Refrain from using any shared materials such as writing utensils, papers, craft/project materials.

Refrain from serving or sharing food other than that which each individual brings for his/her own consumption.

Refrain from congregating in pairs or groups of any size.

In addition to the guidelines and protocols listed above, the pastors, worship leaders and congregation will adhere to the following:

Limit meeting time to a total of 60 minutes.

Have available at each gathering disposable masks for those who forgot and hand sanitizers as needed and requested.

Clean and disinfect continually during the gathering any and all high-contact areas.

Immediately notify the pastors when a worshipper or any visitor gives notice of his/her own Covid-19 diagnosis or contact within the past two weeks with a person diagnosed with Covid-19.

Take Attendance at all gatherings in order to help share information to those potentially exposed.

The FPC Session has approved small group gatherings of 12 or less to meet in the Kirk or outdoors...such as Sunday school classes, Bible study groups, etc....Masks must be worn at all times and stay socially distanced.

Reservations for use of the Kirk to be made with Debra in the office, #225-2551.

Must adhere to Covenant/Guidelines (above) as prepared by Session.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Church ministry budget as of
August 31, 2020

Year to Date Contributions
\$594,770

Year to Date Expenses
\$552,125

Year to Date Budget
\$665,475