



October 2024

Fulfilling God's Purpose!

“And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please God in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God.” Colossians 1:10

Stewardship is the expression of our faith as we live our lives and manage resources for God's purposes. It is the wise management of who we are and all that we have. God calls us to live as stewards and grants us the wonderful privilege to serve the Kingdom of God. As God molds and transforms us into stewards of all that God has made, we acknowledge that everything in this life is a sacred trust from God.

Our care of all that God entrusts to us becomes more Christ-like as our relationship with Jesus grows. Out of love and gratitude for our Savior who has redeemed us, we are eager to live as faithful stewards. Through the Holy Spirit, we become faithful stewards who respond willingly and joyfully to God's love, goodness, and mercy. This is how we begin to fulfill God's purpose for our lives, a purpose to care for all that God has entrusted to us. In this congregation, we have been entrusted with many gifts: a church family that loves, gives, supports, serves, prays, and lives for Christ; a heritage and legacy of faith and the opportunity to build upon that; a voice to speak of God's love in this community and beyond; hearts for learning and growing in Christ and in service to Christ; a historical sanctuary where the saints have glorified God for generations and will do so for generations to come; leaders who live as the spiritual leaders of this congregation and so many who give their time, talents, resources, and hearts to Christ through this community. The list could go on and on!



Being a Christian steward involves the way we view life, our whole human vocation, the ordering of our lives, and the use of all of God's blessings. Jesus said, *“Here I am . . . I have come to do your will, O God”* (Hebrews 10:7). Just as Jesus came to do his Father's will, we are also called to do God's will in all that we do and how we live. This is God's purpose for our lives!

Join us in the month of October as we reflect on and consider how we can live into God's purpose for our lives.

If you would like to talk about, pray about or reflect on God's purpose for your life, contact Pastor Leigh or the church office. Join us for worship in the Sundays of October as well as Facebook devotions, reflections, and Stewardship stories shared online.

Faith Development Upcoming Dates

Sunday, October 6, 13, 20, 27
Sunday School for all ages, 10 AM

Sunday School Classrooms:

- Children PreK-2nd Grade Room 161
- Children 3rd-5th Grades Room 159
- Youth--Upstairs in Youth Room
- Adults--Cornerstone Room and Room 114
- Nursery care is available from 9 AM - 12:15 PM

Wednesday, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Coffee Shop Theology 11 AM

Noble & Main Coffee Shop (in back room)

Thursday, October 3, 10:30 AM Cornerstone Room

Study: *Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation*, Lesson 2 by Patricia K. Tull

Monday, October 7, 7 PM Faith Development Meeting

Thursday, October 10 - Bible Study, 7 PM Cornerstone Room

***Romans for Everyone, Part 1 (Chapters 1-8)*, by N.T. Wright**

Session One: Romans 1:1-3:8, and pages 1-34 in the book. Anyone interest in obtaining a copy of the study guide, please see Jean Gilliland prior to the meeting.

Friday, October 11 - Sunday, October 13

Mission Trip/Spiritual Formation Retreat

North Georgia Mission Lodge, Morganton GA (near Blue Ridge)

Sunday, October 13--Community Youth Group, 5:30 PM, Location TBD

**Saturday, October 26, 5-6 PM, FPC Parking Lot
 Fall Festival & Trunk-or-Treat**

Blessing of the Animals - Saturday, October 5th

First Presbyterian and Church of the Ascension will come together to bless all animals on Saturday, October 5 at 10 a.m. Join us on the lawn next to Ascension House.

Learn more about what is going on in Haiti

On **Monday October 14th at 7:00 PM** in the Cornerstone room, our mission committee will be welcoming Rennae Henry, Executive Director of Bethlehem Ministry, to share more about the needs of our Haitian brothers and sisters and how we can support them as we reach out to share God's love and provision around the world. All are welcome to come and learn and pray together.

The Power of Prayer - Please be in prayer for the leaders of our congregation, our Elders and Deacons, and for those who are rotating off from active service and those who will be ordained/installed on **November 3rd** in worship. Our Session retreat will be Saturday **November 2nd**. We give thanks for all our leaders and ask God to be with us as we all seek to worship and serve.

Hymn Sing! On Christ the King Sunday, **November 24th**, our worship will be filled with voices lifted in song to praise God! We will be singing your favorite, most beloved hymns! To do so, we need to know what are your favorite, most beloved hymns! Toward the end of October, be on the lookout for an insert in the bulletin and a message in the Friday Constant contact where you can share the titles of your favorite hymns and we will spend Christ the King Sunday lifting our voices and singing our praises of our Savior!

Calling all quilters!

Our Advent theme this year uses quilts as the artistic element. We will prepare to welcome our Savior and consider Words for the Beginning as we focus our hearts and lives on Christ and celebrate his coming into the world. If you are a quilter and can take a few moments to share your favorite parts about the art of quilting, please contact Pastor Leigh.



From the Session:

At its stated monthly meeting September 17, the Session of First Presbyterian Church:

- Appointed a working group of Robert Sims, Jim Stanley and Rev. Leigh Jones to make a recommendation for hiring an interim organist.
- Authorized the formation of a committee consisting of a representative from the Worship Committee, a representative of the Personnel Committee, a member of the choir, Jim Stanley and Rev. Leigh Jones to conduct a search for a full-time permanent organist.
- Approved a plan for Properties Committee members to re-stripe the parking lot.

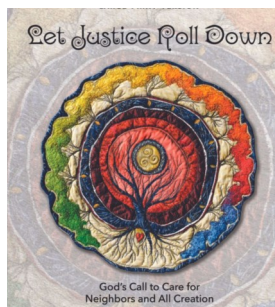
Thank You!

My thanks and deepest appreciation to all of you for the warm welcome you have given me this past year. I am truly saddened that family matters have caused me to relinquish my position as pianist/organist here at First Presbyterian Church. It has been a blessing to me knowing that my musical contribution each Sunday have provided a spiritual enhancement to so many of you. May God's blessings be with you all.

Fred Drifmeyer



Thank you to our incredible properties committee for all their hard work this month and every month as they work to keep the work of Christ going! So much goes on that is not in the pictures, but is essential for the work of Christ to continue.



The monthly Bible Study, *Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation* will meet Thursday, October 3 at 10:30 AM in the Cornerstone Room. Lesson Two focuses on Land Justice with scripture focus Deuteronomy 20 and Leviticus 25. Guest speaker will be from Bartow History Museum and speak on "The Cherokee Nation: Establishment to Removal." All are welcome!



Sunday, October 6, at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. All men of the church are invited.



**FPC Book Club
October 24 at 10:30am
Cornerstone Room**

Our book club selection is Will Harlan's Untamed: The Wildest Woman in America and the Fight for Cumberland Island, which is a 320-page non-fiction book about the struggle for preservation of the natural habitat of one of Georgia's barrier islands. Come join us, everyone is welcome! (Note this is the postponed selection originally scheduled for September.)

**Ladies Night Out
Thursday, October 17
at 6:00pm**

**at Buffalo's Southwest Grill
New location, behind Walmart**

We hope everyone can join us!

Contact Courtney Keen at 678-431-2145 with any questions.





October Bible Verse:

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Dear Church Family:

We are having a great start to the preschool year! All the children have settled in and love coming to school to see their teachers and friends. We have started special area classes including Science, Music, Bible Class, and Little Church! We are looking forward to some of our fall traditions including our visits to the fire station and the firefighters visiting us, our annual schoolwide fieldtrip to Carlton Farms and the Costume Parade/Fall Parties!!!

Love in Christ,

Jennifer



First Presbyterian Pre-School

** Important Dates**

Fall Break:

September 30 - October 4

*4's Safety Firehouse at FPP

October 8

*3's and 2's fieldtrip to fire station

October 10, 15

*Schoolwide Fieldtrip to Carlton Farms

October 25

Costume Parade and Fall Parties

October 29 and 31

Our Scholastic Book Fair was a great success! The children loved the experience of selecting books for themselves, which will no doubt continue their love for learning!

We were blessed to have many, many grandparents enjoy snack time and Book Fair with their grandchildren during Grandparent's Week in September. What an incredible experience to see so much love surrounding our preschool all week!

Photos on the left: Adults and children explore the Book Fair and have snack time during Grandparent's Week.



Fall Festival & Trunk-or-Treat October 26 – 5 - 6 p.m.

Sign up here for our >>[Fall Festival](#)<<

Decorate the trunk of your car & hand out candy
(come as early as 3 to set up)
Donate a cake for the Cake Walk

Volunteer in other ways: lead games, parking lot attendant, serve dinner, etc.

Invite friends, family, & neighbors in our community to come Trick-or-Treat!

We are also collecting bags of individually wrapped candy. Drop candy off at the office during office hours or place in the baskets before worship.

If you have questions, reach out to andrea@cartersvillepres.org.



Children & Youth Group October Calendar

1 (Tues) – Serve at Friendship Table
(4:30-7:15 p.m.)

5 (Sat) – Blessing of the Animals
(10 a.m.)

13 – Community Youth Group
(5-6:30 p.m.)

26 (Sat) – Fall Festival/Trunk-or-Treat
27 – Children’s Choir Starts (9:15 a.m.)

College/Young Adult Care Packages

If you have a college student, young adult, or a child in the military please send their address to andrea@cartersvillepres.org. If an address has changed since last spring, please send Andrea an updated one.

The youth are going to put together Care Packages in November.

If you would like to donate to the packages, please check out our [Amazon Wish List](#) or drop items/gift cards off in Andrea’s office by November 3.



October Birthdays

1	Sue Coalson	28	Beth Porter
4	Anita Meadows	28	Keith Williamson
5	Sandra Thornton	28	Christopher Shields
5	Craig Godfrey	29	Charlotte Sullins
6	Anderson Shrader	29	Jonathan Pressley
6	Russell Pressley		
10	Robert Sims		
10	Lauren Pressley		
13	Elizabeth Baxley-Bowen		
13	Patrick Gardner		
14	Bill Devine		
16	Penny Waters		
16	Jamie Brush		
17	Peter Olson		
20	Sandy Bridges		
21	Nancy Kaurman		
22	Frank Weathersby		
24	Paxton Robinson		



In October Pray for Our Church:

Staff: Laney Radford, Elise Bares (Preschool), Skyla Cagle (Preschool)

Officers: Mark Bridges (Session), Faith Burke (Diaconate)

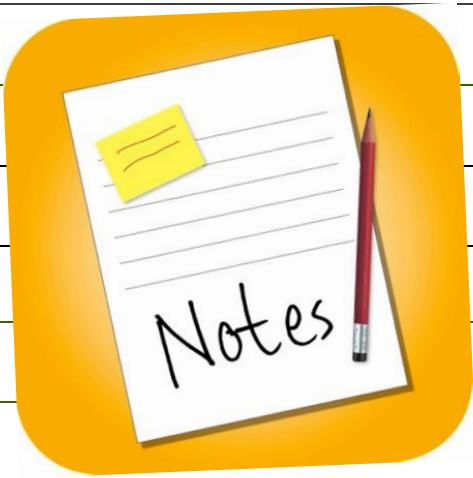
Ministries: Congregational Care Ministry

Families: October 1-7: Robert and Cindy Sims, Joyce Smith, Wyley and Judy Steed, David Steinken and Nancy Kelly (Gracie), Mike and Barrie Stodgell

October 8-14: Terry and Janet Strange, Charlotte Sullins, Sam Sullins, Jake Sullins, Jennifer and Zach Tasker

October 15-21: Dianne Tate, Debra Tatum, Brad and Erin Templeton, Kathy Thomas, Randy and Jackie Thompson

October 22-31: Ken and Sandra Thornton, Harry and JoAnn Treadaway, Kyle and Jamie Lee Tucker (Dolly), Margie Vonnahme, Chip and Lauren Warlick (Scarlett)



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October Calendar

September 30 - October 4

Preschool Fall Break

October 1

6:30pm - Properties Committee Meeting

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

11:00am - Coffee Cup Theology @ Noble & Main

October 3

10:30am - Women's Bible Study Group

October 5

10:00am - Blessing of the Animals

October 6

9:00am - Men's Monthly Breakfast

October 7

6:00pm - New Deacon Training

7:00pm - Faith Development Meeting

October 10

7:00pm - Thursday Bible Study/*Romans for Everyone*

October 11 - October 13

Mission Trip/Retreat to N GA Mission Lodge

October 14

6:00pm - Worship Committee Meeting

October 15

7:00pm - Session Meeting

October 17

6:30pm - Ladies Night Out @ Buffalo's

October 20

12:15pm - New Elder Training

October 21

5:30pm - Stewardship & Finance Meeting

October 24

10:30am - FPC Book Club

October 26

5:00pm - Fall Festival & Trunk-or-Treat

October 29

7:00pm - Diaconate Meeting



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