



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF STILLWATER

## 2022 ANNUAL REPORT







## LETTER FROM KATI

Dear Beloved Community of First Presbyterian!

What a joy to be walking with you on this Interim Journey! Pastor Leah's leadership and compassion continues to echo within these walls and throughout the community. May the Holy Spirit kindle her new ministry and nurture her family in Pennsylvania, and may the Holy Spirit extend her legacy in Stillwater with grace upon grace as we continue to listen and walk with our neighbors.

Over the last few months, I have witnessed a congregation of compassion and passion. You are living out your calling as a Matthew 25 church by feeding the hungry and clothing those in need. From the Saturday Brunch and the Little Free Pantry to the many individuals and families helped through financial assistance, this church is an important resource for relief in our neighborhood. As a parent, I have also witnessed the depth and value for our children's educational and formational experiences. I have met the wise and prophetic youth who have been raised as leaders in mission and compassion. I had the pleasure of enjoying the joyful and excellent music from our musicians and choir during our Advent season. I am grateful for the engaging fellowship of our Dine with 9 events, and the warm feeling of community during the Night in Bethlehem activities. The blessings in this congregation overflow.

As you read through the reports from our diligent leaders, may you also give thanks for the ways you have encountered God and received a blessing through your participation in the life of First Presbyterian. We have some challenges ahead of us, but we are responding to God's summons to "celebrate the Love and Grace of God by Growing, Reaching, Accepting, Connecting, and Embracing." As we confront financial and spiritual challenges, may we draw nearer to Christ and discover the wonderful and marvelous image of God in one another.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Kati



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### Session

*John Gelder, Clerk*  
*Cathy Fairbanks (Treasurer)*

#### 2022

*Judi Baker*  
*Nancy Beckstrom*  
*David Conway*  
*Gerrit Cuperus*  
*John Mark Day*  
*Kelly McCarley*  
*Nate Ingram (young adult)*

#### 2023

*Jean Aresco*  
*Kiah Butcher*  
*Cathy Fairbanks*  
*Charlie Johnson*  
*Rusty Rex*  
*Jill Stoutzenberger*

#### 2024

*Ken Belanus*  
*Belinda Bruner*  
*Kathy Essmiller*  
*Mark Howard*  
*Donna Koeppe*  
*Tim Krehbiel*

## ADMINISTRATIVE & PROFESSIONAL STAFF



Rev. Dr. Leah R. Hrachovec  
*Pastor/Head of Staff*  
(January 2022-July 2022)



Mary Beth Garoffolo  
*Finance Assistant*



Rev. Kati Collins  
*Interim Pastor/Head of Staff*  
(November 2022-December 2022)



Kelly McCarley  
*Older Adult Coordinator*  
(January 2022-July 2022)



Rev. Jenny Wells  
*Associate Pastor*



Vickie Foust  
*Building Supervisor*



Jenna Campbell  
*Director of Children & Youth Ministry*



Mike Flowers  
*Custodian*  
(Retired end of 2022)



Magdalena Vinson  
*Church Administrator*



Cathy Fairbanks  
*Church Treasurer*



Rev. Verne Arens  
*Parish Associate*



Rebecca te Velde  
*Organist/Director of Music*

## PERSONNEL UPDATE

Members of the Personnel Committee have been moved by the faithfulness and commitment of our leadership and staff this year.

- We received notice from Rev. Dr. Leah Hrachovec that she was accepting another call and celebrated her final Sunday with us on July 24, 2022.
- We were happy to welcome Interim Pastor Rev. Kati Collins and her family to FPC and look forward to what 2023 has to offer.
- Personnel members conducted annual reviews with all members of staff this year and are excited to find new ways to support them and all of the work they do.
- We were also able to review policies this year to better meet the needs of our staff both now and in the future. We look forward to continuing to work with staff in this new year.

*Personnel Committee members: Linda Good (co-chair), Kiah Butcher (co-chair), John Mark Day, Kathy Essmiller, Mark Howard, Rusty Rex, and Kristi Riley*



## COVID RESPONSE TASK FORCE

The COVID Response Task Force continued to operate during 2022 in response to local infection rates, guidance from the city and federal authorities, and our desire to continue in our common life together as fully and as safely as possible.

COVID Response Task Force Members in 2022: Jim Ansley, Andrea Arquitt, Kathy Essmiller, Kirk Mittelstet, Rusty Rex, and staff.

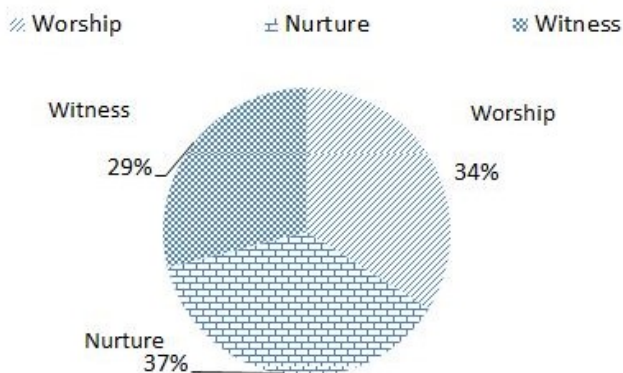
## STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

The members of the Stewardship & Finance committee are deeply moved by the faithfulness of the congregation in their generous giving: fulfilling annual pledges to the mission of the church, giving over and above as they were able, rising to meet special offerings and needs, as well as people's good stewardship of daily life. The 2022 pledge campaign received 144 household pledges for a total of \$627,264 and despite a year of changing personal circumstances and the departure of Pastor Leah Hrachovec to a call in Pennsylvania, 99% of pledged funds were received. This year, for the 2023 campaign, we explored the theme of *Together for Joy* (Psalm 98), as we celebrated the work of this community of faith and the spirit with which we engage in Christ's world. Thus far 125 household pledges have been received for a total of \$592,196 for the 2023 budget.

The Gifts Group reviewed proposals and administered a generous gift from the estate of Iris McPherson and will work to do the same with a year-end gift from the Joy Smith fund.. In early 2023, a Budget Task Force will be seated to engage in longer-term conversations about pledging, budgeting, and to bring outside-of-the-box ideas and plans to the greater conversation of long-term budgeting and use of church funds.

*Stewardship/Finance Committee members: Tim Krehbiel (chair), Ken Belanus, Kiah Butcher, Cathy Fairbanks (Treasurer), Mark Howard, Leah Hrachovec (staff)*

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2022 ACTUAL EXPENSES



## 2022 BUDGET SUMMARY

INCOME	2022 Budget	2022 Actual
Congregational Giving	661,765	663,387
Other Income	35,659	42,083
Carryover/Budget Equity	60,661	60,661**
<b>Income Totals:</b>	<b>758,085</b>	<b>766,131</b>
EXPENSES		
Personnel-Pastor	122,533	97,866
Personnel-Associate Pastor	73,029	72,596
Personnel-Director Children & Youth	64,698	64,501
Personnel-Church Administrator	43,298	45,189
Personnel-Office & Finc. Asst.	41,022	43,195
Personnel-Music Staff	43,905	43,914
Personnel-Music Support	11,000	10,499
Personnel-University Support	1,900	1,000
Personnel-Children Ministry Support	10,261	8,503
Personnel-Youth Ministry Support	8,000	8,000
Personnel-Other Part-time Staff	9,800	6,069
Personnel-Common Expenses	25,249	20,623
Stewardship, Finance & Session	9,950	5,464
World Mission & Denom. Affairs	31,711	31,711
Worship & Music	8,737	7,828
Communications & Connecting	13,664	12,417
University Ministry	2,500	2,388
Children Ministry	4,920	2,448
Youth Ministry	6,650	6,618
Fellowship & Family Ministry	1,800	1,278
Adult Ministry	2,955	2,388
Common Ed Ministry	1,950	1,897
Office	22,900	23,999
Deacons	21,500	21,131
Trustees	173,057	178,058
<b>Expense Totals:</b>	<b>\$756,989</b>	<b>\$719,921</b>
<b>Income minus Expense:</b>	<b>\$1,096</b>	<b>\$46,210</b>

\*\* 2020 carryover transferred from budget equity

### Expense Categories

**Worship :** This includes a portion of clergy and support staff's salary & benefits, a portion of stewardship & finance, office & trustee expenses, and all of music staff's salary & benefits and worship and music expenses.

**Nurture :** This includes a portion of clergy, UKIRK assistant & support staff's salary and benefits, a portion of stewardship & finance, office and trustee expenses and all of Director of Children and Youth's salary & benefits and educational program expenses.

**Witness :** This includes a portion of clergy, UKIRK assistant and support staff's salary and benefits, a portion of stewardship & finance, office and trustee expenses and all of mission and Deacon's expenses.



# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

## Communications & Connecting

The Communications & Connecting Committee serves to connect visitors, members new and old, and community members to Christ and our church body at FPC. This work includes overseeing our congregation's public facing communications, such as our print, radio, and online presence. As part of this, we have undergone a nearly year-long project to update the church website. Our former platform was slated to no longer be supported by our web provider in 2023, so we worked with web-design company Worship Times to update our platform and give the website some much-needed reorganization. We are excited that the work has been completed, and we look forward to our website better serving members and visitors alike as they connect with the goings-on of our congregation.

As part of our committee's efforts to engage visitors and new members, we held a First Steps class in the spring. We also had a long-overdue celebration of those who have joined our congregation throughout the pandemic years with a casual brunch meeting in July. It was such joy to see one another and put faces to new names! Though we have mourned the loss of several members who have died or transferred their membership, we were excited to welcome 6 new members in 2022.

*Committee members: Kiah Butcher, Jill Stoutzenberger (chair), Leah Hrachovec and Magdalena Vinson (staff)*

## Presbyterian Women

PW/Circle met in the Fellowship Hall on the second Wednesday of the month during January-May and September-December for Bible Study and fellowship. Pastor Leah Hrachovec led the women in finishing the 2021-2022 Horizons Bible Study, *"What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus"* during the months of January-May. Beginning in September Pastor Jenny Wells led the women in the 2022-2023 Horizons Bible Study, *"Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight."*

In January PW provided flowers for the communion table in remembrance of the women of the church who had died in 2021. In May the women provided potato salad for a meal feeding the helpers at Special Olympics which was held at OSU. Throughout the year the women also provided fresh food for the Afghan Resettlement families; purchased 2500

foil stamped (First Presbyterian Church) napkins for use at receptions; and helped provide refreshments and lunch for those attending the October Cimarron Presbytery meeting held at FPC.

Using PW Allene Brown Funds, PW allotted \$2,000 to help with the cost of providing family meals and receptions following funeral and memorial services; and contributed \$6,000 to help with the purchase of a new freezer for Fellowship Hall and \$2,000 to help with the cost of an outdoor drinking fountain which is being purchased as a 'thank you' to Pastor Leah Hrachovec for her 15 years of service at FPC. Allene Brown Funds were also used to send Pastor Jenny to Austin Seminary for leadership training for the 2022-2023 Horizons Bible Study.

During 2022 PW gave the following donations for the support of mission and ministry of PW:

Churchwide PW	\$400
Synod of the Sun PW	\$200
Birthday Offering	\$315
Thank Offering	\$303
Least Coin	\$236.42

*PW Officers: Mary McKinley, Moderator; Lynda Tyrl, Vice-Moderator; Rosetta Silver, Secretary; Andrea Arquitt, Treasurer; Nancy Franklin, Luncheon Chair*

## Second Mile Sewing

2022 was another busy year for Second Mile Sewing. Other projects included:

- ⇒ 29 prayer shawls knitted/crocheted and blessed
- ⇒ Face masks, face masks, face masks. Through the diligent work of our Second Mile Sewing Group, more than 800 face masks were made for FPC, SMC, and other community groups.
- ⇒ Four dozen bibs for nursing home residents (Primrose, Legacy, Westhaven, and Brookdale)
- ⇒ Baby blankets, receiving blankets, and burp cloths for two new babies

2022 was definitely a challenging and rewarding year in sewing. Giving thanks for the willing hands and loving hearts of our members.







## Fellowship

In 2022, we:

- Coordinated First Presbyterian Church's presence at Payne County PRIDE
- Hosted a Game Night and Ice Cream Social
- Helped plan FPC's 3rd Annual Block Party
- Purchased and prepared food for A Night in Bethlehem
- Served hot chocolate, cider, and cookies on Christmas morning before worship

Other fellowship opportunities for adults included:

- Faith on Tap: a monthly gathering where participants discuss current events, faith, and other timely topics. In 2022 this group began meeting at Stonecloud Stillwater Patio and Taproom.
- Dine With 9 is a beloved dinner fellowship for anyone interested in expanding their current FPC relationships or meeting new FPC folks. This spring we were still meeting outdoors and gathered at the Cedar Stage in

May to enjoy an evening of folk music and friendship. Dine With 9 was excited to return to small group gatherings in the fall of 2022. We were fortunate to have 6 rotating dinner groups who shared an evening meal once a month, with the final all-group gathering at the Annual Christmas Ball held at Social 174 in downtown Stillwater.

*Fellowship & Family Committee members: Kathy Essmiller (chair), Jim Beckstrom, Cheryl Blosser, Belinda Bruner, Ellen Ingram, Nate Ingram, Danielle Shreve, Jenny Wells (staff)*

*Dine with Nine coordinators: Virginia Charter, Melody Reavis, Courtney Savage*



## TRUSTEES

Trustees concluded 2021 with an evaluation of our insurance coverage with Insurance Board and elected to accept a bid from a new company. We began 2022 with coverage provided by Church Mutual and a total annual premium about one-half of the previous year.

The Board of Trustees addressed and oversaw several projects involving the property of First Presbyterian Church. Early in 2022 a new freezer for Fellowship Hall was purchased in partnership with Presbyterian Women. This project effort (and other monitoring/maintenance of equipment in our commercial kitchen) was led by Trustee Andrea Arquitt. Trustees also received an Emergency Plan for FPC developed by an OSU Senior Design Team. Trustee Virginia Charter led this effort and the plan was closely reviewed by staff and ultimately shared with Session.

A Garden Workday was set for late April. This annual event has become a successful effort to prepare our outside areas for the spring with efforts such as weeding, mulching, and trimming. Volunteers young and old came from all segments of our congregation for this much appreciated workday and opportunity for fellowship.

Around mid-year the Trustees completed a project to install new tile in the Sanctuary and also to stretch the carpets. This effort was applauded by many including our music leadership who feel the sound in the Sanctuary was improved as well as the overall look and comfort. Trustee Billy McCollom led this effort.

Our Church continued to transition to a new normal following the long lock-down throughout the pandemic. Much discussion centered on providing sound safety measures for all and at the same time being open, accessible and welcoming. A keypad entry system was installed at our west Church entryway. Throughout 2022 staff and Trustees worked to establish a policy and provide codes for entry. This effort is evolving and Trustees are generally pleased with the system. Trustees John Houck and Billy McCollom led the effort on this project.

The COVID-19 pandemic impacted FPC in many ways: imissed maintenance problems due to the building being closed down, higher prices for materials and labor, and supply chain issues causing delays in replacement parts and repairs.

In May 2022 Stillwater experienced a hailstorm event and FPC received substantial hail damage to the roof. We contracted with Mid-Continental Restoration, Guaranteed Roofing, and Byers Company to provide a major roof renovation and replacement including in many cases new

guttering, flashing, and decking as well as high grade shingles. Work on this project began in late 2022 and was completed by December. Final billing is in process but it appears our insurance claim payments will cover about 75% of the costs.

Other projects occurring in 2022 included a systematic effort of Sanctuary pew evaluation and repair; review of annual contracts with Preschool and our custodian service; continued replacement of light bulbs with newer (less expensive and burn cooler) LED bulbs throughout our buildings; and demolition/replacement of the Preschool storage shed in the Courtyard. Bids for the storage shed were accepted in December and work is anticipated to begin in January 2023.

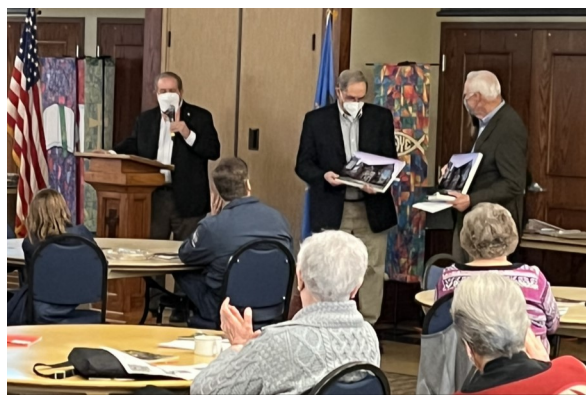
A great deal of transition impacted our Church in 2022. In May, the Trustees learned Pastor Hrachovec was leaving to answer a call in another state. Trustee liaison Charlie Johnson took a job in Dallas and departed midyear and Trustee John Houck also left our Congregation and the Trustees. We are thankful for the gifts provided by Leah and Charlie and John and we offer our best wishes for all. We were thankful to see Cathy Fairbanks step in as our Session Liaison and we welcomed Interim Pastor Kati Collins in the final quarter of 2022.

Mid-year, Trustees were informed that Flowers, Inc. would not be serving as custodians for 2023 as Mike Flowers decided it was time to retire. We have been blessed to have Mike with our Church and we celebrate the fact he is a part of our congregation. Billy Flowers and other family members have also been a significant presence over the years. Trustees contacted, interviewed and received bids from several potential custodian services. We chose the firm City Wide to provide custodial services in 2023.

Trustees are honored to serve and take our Ordination Question listed below to heart:

*"Will you be a faithful trustee, promising to give the business affairs of this congregation your devoted attention, to encourage generosity, to work to further our service to Christ in the world, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?"*

*Board of Trustees: Mike Woods (chair), Billy McCollom (vice-chair), Dennis Ferrell (secretary), Andrea Arquitt, Virginia Charter (Preschool Board), John Houck, Charlie Johnson (Session Liaison), Leah Hrachovec (staff)*





STEPHEN MINISTRY

In 2022, Stephen Ministers Anne Belanus, Carolyn Caldwell, Mary Emmet, Ken McCarley, Mary McKinley, Ava Osborn, Denise Rex, Debby Schoenecke, Kay Stewart and Danny Vaughan provided loving care to hurting individuals. Since our community was still experiencing the pandemic, this care was provided either in person, over the phone, by text, or via Zoom or FaceTime, depending on the needs and wishes of the person receiving care.

Stephen Leaders Linda Burks, Carolyn Caldwell, Linda Good, and Kay Stewart provided continuing education and supervision of our FPC Stephen Ministers, and also helped train the new Stephen Ministers in our community

during the spring for the 2021-2022 training group and during the fall for the 2022-2023 training group.

In the spring, Anne Belanus and Debby Schoenecke, having completed Stephen Minister training, were joyfully commissioned as our newest Stephen Ministers. We are grateful that Anne and Debby responded to the call of being a Stephen Minister and pray that others in our congregation who might be hearing a similar call from Christ consider Stephen Minister training in fall 2023.

Mary McKinley, Danny Vaughan, and Ken McCarley stepped down from our Stephen Ministry group during 2022. Losing Ken and Danny means that we must currently rely on male Stephen Ministers from other local congregations

to provide care to men in our congregation in need. In 2023 all of the Stephen Ministers and Stephen Leaders prayerfully ask that individuals who hear a call to use their God-given gifts to serve as a Stephen Minister will consider completing Stephen Minister training beginning October 2023. We also pray that individuals who find they have a need for care will consider asking for a Stephen Minister.



*‘Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me shall never die.” ‘*



MEMBERSHIP

6 new members  
6 deaths  
1 baptism

December 2022 membership  
507

IN MEMORIAM

Louise Bellatti  
Judith Dobson  
Norman Durham  
Daniel Grischkowsky  
Annette Preston  
Bettie Todd

MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES BY YEAR

Marilyn Waters-Seig (45)	Cathy Fairbanks (48)	Madelyn Mittelstet (49)	Larry Perkins (54)	Allan McCrary (64)
Dewey Clapp (46)	Steve Fairbanks (48)	Ava Osborn (49)	Suzanne Coyne (55)	Robert Culton (65)
Kay Gafford (46)	Beverly Gumm (48)	Lynn Osborn (49)	Lee Rutledge (55)	Evelyn Johnson (66)
Peggy Gibbs (46)	Bonny Mullen (48)	Karen Culton (50)	Susan Worthington (55)	Robert Kerns (66)
Kyle King (46)	Paul Mullen (48)	Margie Keener (51)	Rebecca Bair (57)	Marilyn Heath (67)
Denise Rex (46)	Dick Shawley (48)	Marvin Keener (51)	Rita Breuninger (57)	Anne Thomas (67)
Rusty Rex (46)	Cynthia Shawley (48)	Andrea Arquitt (52)	Rick Dearing (57)	Owen Thomas (67)
Carol Trapp (46)	Dorothy Spivey (48)	Ed Arquitt (52)	Kay Enmeier (57)	Mary Thomas (74)
Jim Trapp (46)	Kay Stewart (48)	Edwin Koeppe (52)	David Smith (57)	
Lisa Baldwin (46)	Connie Stiegler (48)	Allen Murphy (53)	Catsy Gunn (58)	
Darlene Batchelder (47)	Barb Henderson (49)	Janna Murphy (53)	Jim Gunn (58)	
Nancy Greer (47)	Bob Henderson (49)	Susie Glasscock (54)	Sydney Reding (58)	
Kevin Grove (47)	Ken McKinley (49)	Cathy Grove (54)	Mary Frye (60)	
David Silver (47)	Mary McKinley (49)	Pauline Kopecky (54)	Judy Jones (62)	
Rosetta Silver (47)	Kirk Mittelstet (49)	Beverly Perkins (54)	Lynda Williams (62)	



# WORSHIP & MUSIC

## FPC Music Ministry

### Chancel Choir Highlights

- Transfiguration Sunday--donning new choir robes and robing for the first time since early 2020; back in the choir loft again after the Omicron wave of early 2022
- "Open Loft Sunday" in August, after which the choir family grew when several visitors decided to join our ranks
- Fresh rehearsal routines, a happy result of our new 7-8:15pm rehearsal schedule on Wednesdays
- Strong choral leadership for Sundays at 11am, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Christmas Eve 11pm; increased *a cappella* skills
- Ministering to one another, celebrating birthdays and musical accomplishments, savoring our first choir Christmas party since 2019
- Being joined by OSU trumpeters Ryan Lancaster and Omar Martinez for Easter, Reformation, and Lessons and Carols services; offering choral anthems with congregational participation on those days
- Raising our voices in gratitude on Rev. Dr. Leah Hrachovec's final Sunday with us

**Choral Scholars** continued in rotation as cantors for 8:30am services, as leaders of SpiritLink music, as section leaders and assistants for Chancel Choir. On summer Sundays, Amanda Barber and Jack Moffatt served as cantors and presented vocal solos. Megan Flores graduated in May and joined a Presbyterian choir in San Antonio; former CS Lexi Ferguson came from Dallas to sing with the choir for Leah's last Sunday and for Lessons & Carols.

**SpiritLink** children sang each Sunday during their gathering in the Worship Center and in worship a couple of times each semester, assisted by Choral Scholars and **Brandon Bowman**, guitarist and vocalist. **Youth musicians** offered musical leadership

on Youth Sunday and at the Christmas Eve family service. **Special music** offerings throughout the year included vocal, flute, bagpipes, cello, violin, clarinet, and other shared talents of many generous individuals.

**Soli Deo Gloria** featured pianist Blake Hilligoss in recital on October 23rd.

**First Friday Peace Jam** debuted in October, led and hosted by Jim and Nancy Beckstrom. This community-wide event has seen steady growth. All ages are invited monthly to the 6pm potluck supper and 6:45-8:30 music jam session (come and go) in Fellowship Hall.

*Committee members: David Conway (chair), Belinda Bruner, Nate Ingram, Janet Lawson, Leah Hrachovec (staff), Rebecca te Velde (staff) Jenny Wells (staff),*

## Music Staff

- ◇ Rebecca te Velde *Director of Music/Organist*
- ◇ Brandon Bowman *Digital & Contemporary Music Coordinator*
- ◇ Amanda Barber *Choral Scholar*
- ◇ MaryEllen Bush *Choral Scholar*
- ◇ Megan Flores (spring) *Choral Scholar*
- ◇ Sam Markmiller (fall) *Choral Scholar*
- ◇ Henry Marshall (fall) *Choral Scholar*
- ◇ Jack Moffatt *Choral Scholar*
- ◇ Vanessa Washburn *Choral Scholar*







## WORSHIP



Worship services in 2022 began to return to normal after the pandemic. Pews were no longer closed and masks were recommended but not mandatory. It was with great joy we could celebrate communion by intinction once again but we did provide prepackaged communion cups for those who preferred that option. Another indication of normalcy was the passing of the plate during the invitation to the offering. Finally, Worship and Music meetings resumed face-to-face this year.

Palm Sunday was very special and the visual impact of the congregation waiving palms in the sanctuary was extremely moving. Easter celebrations started with a wonderful worship labyrinth in Fellowship Hall. Maundy Thursday service was a special solemn service followed by the joy of Easter Sunday.

Summer services welcomed Ron Fike and George Gilland to lead our services. Unfortunately, summer 2022 was the time we were to hear Pastor Leah Hrachovec preach one final time before she went to her new call in Pennsylvania. Fall worship services began and we welcomed a familiar face back to FPC as guest preacher –

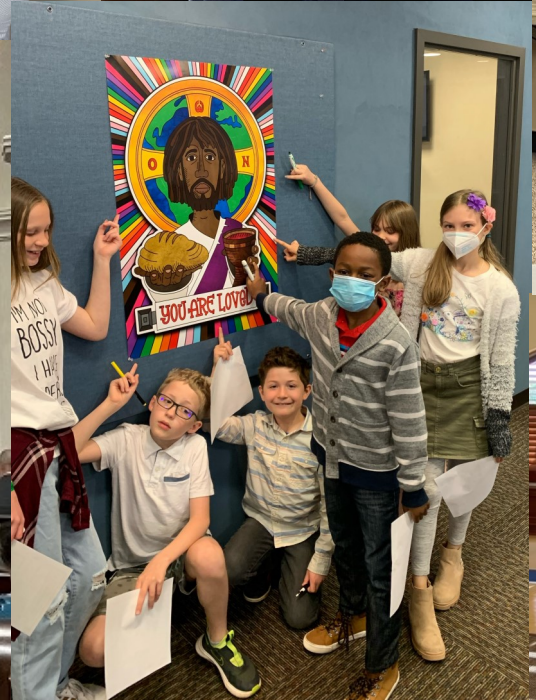
Pastor Gordon Edwards. The World Communion service in October was well attended hearing from Peru Mission Co-Worker Chenoa Stock. What a moving message! Ruling Elder Phyllis Taylor, Rev. Brian Ellison from the Covenant Network, and Rev. James Hunt from OSU Wesley also filled the pulpit in the fall.

November 27<sup>th</sup> marked the first Sunday in Advent with the celebration of communion. December 4<sup>th</sup> was the very special Lessons and Carols and then December 11<sup>th</sup> was the Night in Bethlehem. December 21<sup>st</sup> celebrated a Blue Christmas in the Worship Center – a very moving service.

Christmas Eve Family service at 4pm was wonderful with FPC children portraying biblical characters during the reading of various passages of scripture. Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 11pm was well attended and the feeling of the spirit was contagious. Christmas morning service was special as well – worship service in pajamas with hot chocolate celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.



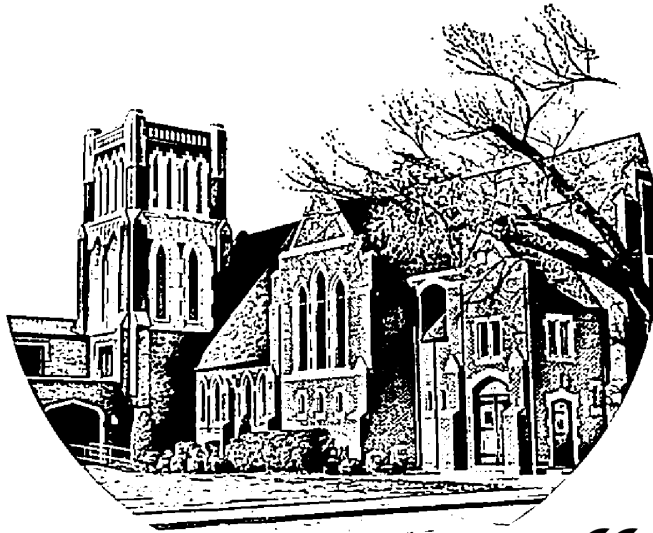












# *Grace For All*

First Presbyterian Church Celebrates the Love and Grace of God by:

**G**rowing through Bible Study, Prayer, and Worship,

**R**eaching Out to Serve,

**A**ccepting questions,

**C**onnecting people to Jesus Christ, One Another, and the World, and

**E**mbracing All.

We gratefully respond as a part of the holy universal Church. Thanks be to God!

We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



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