

September 2021

First Presbyterian Church
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Service Times:
10:15 AM Worship Service
In the Sanctuary
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Special Dates of Interest...

- Labor Day, September 6, 2021
- Patriot Day, September 11, 2021
- National Grandparents Day, September 12, 2021
- Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15–Oct. 15, 2021
- * First day of Autumn, September 22, 2021

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NOTES FROM THE PASTOR



We were blessed to have with us Alexa Moghina and Cassandra Studlie, granddaughters of Larry and Suzanne Wilson, as our guest vocalists on July 18. They did a wonderful job!

Our Wednesday evening activities resume on Wednesday, August 25! Be sure to join us each Wednesday evening in September (there is 5 in September). I will be leading a 6 week bible study starting on August 25 and going through September 29. Join us for food, study, fellowship.....and more!

Sunday School resumes on Sunday, September 12!

Stay tuned for announcements regarding classes and times.

Our Pastor Nominating Committee is still hard at work seeking our next Pastor. Please continue to pray for them: *Holy Father, hear the prayers of our congregation as we pray with excitement and expectation for your blessings of a new pastor. We thank you for your almighty hand upon us. We pray for unity, love, wisdom, and patience in the waiting. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

Don't forget about Ice Cream Sunday the last Sunday of each month! Dessert first, then lunch!

It was a true joy having Jeremy Casella fill the pulpit on August 8. Jeremy was able to worship with us this summer while serving



an internship at GE. He is now back at Purdue University finishing up his Senior year. Best wishes, Jeremy!

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“What our church needs”

While we seek a new pastor and perhaps a new direction many of us think we know what our church needs. I have been listening to many people’s ideas and have a few of my own, however searching publications, blogs, and sermons I find a recurring theme which I wish to share from various sources.

First, the church needs conviction. Conviction is standing on the truth. The church is in the position to uphold the truth (cf. 1 Timothy 3: 15; Proverbs 23: 23). If the world is to be saved, we must have the conviction that what we believe in is true. If we are to stand against sin and every false way, strong healthy convictions are needed to do so.

Second, the church needs courage. One can have convictions about truth; however, they may not let it be known. For example, in John 12: 42, we are told, “Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.” This is very telling. This proves that a belief in Jesus is not sufficient if it is not willing to confess Him with mouth and in life. Jesus said, “But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say” (Luke 6:46)? Courage is the act to voice one’s convictions whether in word or in deed. There are many who have the courage to voice their opinions. But it takes courage to stand for something and against something. Jesus is described as the Lion of the tribe of Judah because He had cour-

age. You will never see our Lord shrinking from responsible duty. The church must muster the courage to stand for what is right and oppose all that is wrong.

Third, the church needs compassion. Often compassion has been redefined as tolerance. There is a sense in which we should be tolerant of one another. But our tolerance has limitations when it comes to sin. Nowhere will we ever read or see our Lord tolerant on sin. Jesus confronted sin as the evil it is. However, He had compassion on the sinner. He was not out to destroy the sinner. His was to purge the sin from the sinner. It was this feeling that the father had for his wayward son who had come back home (Luke 15: 20). The text informs us that the father had compassion on him. This is the feeling of sympathy or pity. What follows is the father, “ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.” We must remember this in opposing sinful behavior: People don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care. This is the disposition we should have for one another. And it is this compassion the church needs.

Instead of seeking new tools and leaving behind our convictions, we should go back to what the Word of God commands and do things His way. A praying church will be a powerful church. And while there is an important place for corporate prayer, it is also true that a praying church is characterized primarily by having praying members. In our individual time alone with God, we must seek His power and resources for the church to accomplish His work.

Your prayers for the work of our church are important. The Bible warns us that the enemy is seeking to devour us, and prayer provides a shield against his attacks. I encourage you today to spend time praying for the power and protection of our pastor (interim and future) and our church.

The world is extremely divided right now. Politics and recent events have given room for people to argue and fight. But the church needs to be the place that stands as a beacon of unity in a world of dissent. We can be sure that in the cross we have the truths that unite all of us, no matter our politics or beliefs.

Now more than ever people need to know there’s hope in Jesus Christ. The world seems darker at the moment, but that only means the light of the cross will be that much brighter.

Whatever is happening at our church, continue to share the good news of Jesus Christ. We can’t afford not to strengthen this truth through our sermons, programming, and outreaches.

Praying for our church, our community, and myself; back on the inside, Pete



From the Pastor Nominating Committee

Our church information form has been approved and we are waiting to receive pastor information forms.

Suzanne Wilson

HOW DEEP IS YOUR FAITH?

Lyrics to the Bee Gees' 1970s hit song "How Deep Is Your Love" came to mind as I pondered the "depths" of my faith. Sometimes I prefer to stay securely in the shallow end, while other times I fearlessly launch off the diving board, ready and willing to be drenched by God's love.

If you've ever tried to coax young swimmers to jump into the deep end of a

pool, you may remember their excitement (and relief) after they finally take the plunge into your arms. To experience that joy in your spiritual life, evaluate your location in your own faith "pool." Are you wading safely in the shallows or exploring the freedom of the depths? No matter where you're at, you can jump confidently into Jesus' outstretched arms. From the edge, hear his

promises: "Jump in! I'll catch you! I'll keep you safe! Trust me!"

—Julie Lee



July 2021 Finances At A Glance

		YTD	
Income	\$11,157.56	YTD Income	\$168,139.91
Expense	<u>-\$19,880.71</u>	YTD Expense	<u>-\$186,798.38</u>
Net	-\$8,723.15	YTD Net	-\$18,658.47
Undesignated		YTD Undesignated	
Income	\$10,130.00	Income	\$122,896.10
Expense	<u>-\$19,680.71</u>	Expense	<u>-\$145,252.23</u>
Net	-\$9,550.71	Net	-\$22,356.13
Designated		YTD Designated	
Income	\$1,027.56	Income	\$45,243.81
Expense	<u>-\$200.00</u>	Expense	<u>-\$41,546.15</u>
Net	-\$827.56	Net	\$3,697.66
Operating Funds			
Beginning Balance	\$122,826.55		
Ending Balance	\$113,401.17		
Investment Account	\$210,601.47		





September Birthdays
& Anniversaries

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|------|------------------------|------|-------------------------|
| 2nd | Jim & Ruth Hendrix (A) | 20th | Amy Taylor |
| 4th | Ashlee Goodwin | 25th | Matt & Laurie Sills (A) |
| 11th | Carroll Steinfeld | 26th | Tom & Judy McLean (A) |
| | Stella Hoagland | 27th | Marge Wilkerson |
| 14th | Mike & Lisa Ladd (A) | | Susie Jackson |
| 15th | Aaron Taylor | | |
| 17th | Jennifer Littlepage | | |
| 18th | David & MaryAnn Thomas | | |

September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:15 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study	2	3	4
5 Communion	6 6:00 G.B. Team Meetings	7 6:00 Session Meeting	8 5:15 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study	9	10	11
12 Sunday School Starts Back 9:15AM	13 6:00 G.B. Team Meetings	14	15 5:15 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study	16	17	18
19	20 6:00 G.B. Team Meetings	21	22 1st Day of Fall 5:15 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study	23	24	25
26 Ice Cream Sunday	27 6:00 G.B. Team Meetings	28	29 5:15 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study	30		

