



First
Presbyterian
Church



Connect

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Worship

This Sunday we will talk about *The Illumination of New Wine*. As we move through the season after Epiphany toward Lent, we will discover the example of Jesus illuminating dark spaces in the Gospel lessons. Jesus turning water into wine was not just about turning water into wine. Come and see (in person or online) what this week's Gospel has to show us.



Come worship with your First Pres family either in-person or online this Sunday morning at 8:30 or 10:30 a.m.! You'll be glad you did and so will we! Live Stream links and bulletins are available on the First Pres [website](#).

First Light



First Light Youth Group will meet Sunday, January 19 (rescheduled from 1/12 due to weather) and Sunday, January 26:

REGROUP & REBOOT - Pastor MB will be developing the FIRST LIGHT plan through May with the youth. She will also introduce a couple of potential camps/conferences for middle school and high school youth for summer in addition to (but not competing with) Montreat and RSCM. *Parents, please watch for opportunities to connect with Pastor MB in January and February.*

Congregational Meeting

The annual meeting of the Congregation has been scheduled for Sunday, January 26 at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Agenda items include approval of the Pastor's terms of call and election of officers to begin service this year. Please plan to attend this short, but important meeting. If you have questions, please contact the [church office](#).



Stay In Touch!

Do you have correct contact information for the church? Recently, the staff has discovered people have attempted to be in touch only to have their messages not arrive due to old addresses! The church launched a new website and new email addresses a little while back, but the convenience of auto-fill can trip us all up! So, please take a moment and check your email programs to be sure you have the correct contact information:



Pastor Mary Beth: mb@fpcevv.com
Church Office: firstpres@fpcevv.com
Director of Music Robert: robert@fpcevv.com
Office Administrator Lora: lora@fpcevv.com

And as always, don't forget to share your new contact information with the church office! Thanks for staying in touch with your church family!

Prayer Requests

Did you know that First Pres has a 'prayer chain'? And anyone can join! With the advance of technology, the chain is now facilitated via email/text (depending on your communication preferences within First Web). If you'd like to join this group of folks who routinely include concerns shared with the church in their prayer life, please send an email to [Lora](#) in the church office.

We've recently had requests to share prayer concerns in a printed format, and so we will now include the weekly requests as part of *Connect*.



Please remember the following in your prayers this week:

- for Pat and all who love and care for her;
- for Trelesa, that she be safe;
- for Gerald, upon the loss of his mother;
- for Presbyterian Churches and all communities of faith who have lost their buildings in the LA area wildfires;
- for a family pet that was recently diagnosed with pancreatitis and pannus;
- for Nathan, whose father died unexpectedly this past weekend;
- in thanks for those that cleared the sidewalks;
- for a deeply strained parent-child relationship;
- for George and his very strong family, as he battles cancer;
- for the Jennigan family's loved ones, as they mourn the loss of their matriarch;
- for a classmate in California, homeless due to fire;
- for Dan, with heart issues
- for all those impacted by the wildfires in California, and in gratitude for and for the safety of firefighters and all those working to control the disaster;
- for the loved ones of
 - John Gibson, longtime choir member who died January 3;
 - Karen Parker, member who died in December ([view her Obituary here](#)).

2025 Flowers for Worship

Have you wondered why only sometimes there are flower arrangements in our worship service? The reason flowers appear is that someone wished to remember, honor, or give thanks for someone or something, and sponsored flowers for that particular Sunday. Anyone can participate - and it's as simple as filling out a [form](#) and paying for the flowers. You don't even need to call the florist if you don't want to - the church office can order an arrangement on your direction. You can pay online or by a check to the church office, and if online forms aren't your thing, contact Lora in the church office - by [email](#) or phone (812-423-6297). Thank you for bringing another element of beauty to our worship!



Daily Readings

Sunday, January 19 [Genesis 7:1-10, 17-23](#)
Monday, January 20 [Genesis 8:6-22](#)
Tuesday, January 21 [Genesis 9:1-7](#)
Wednesday, January 22 [Genesis 9:18-29](#)
Thursday, January 23 [Genesis 11:1-9](#)
Friday, January 24 [Genesis 11:27-12:8](#)
Saturday, January 25 [Genesis 12:9-13:1](#)



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