



First
Presbyterian
Church



Connect

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Worship

This Sunday we gather around two fascinating texts: Nehemiah 8:1-10 (where Ezra the priest reads the book of the law of Moses to the gathered men and women of Israel) and Luke 4:14-21 (where Jesus reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah to the people gathered in the synagogue in Nazareth). I find it comforting, interesting, and challenging when the regular texts of the day from the Revised Common Lectionary seem to speak truth directly into 2025! Come and hear. And remember, you are known by God. You are loved by God. That is enough. You are enough.



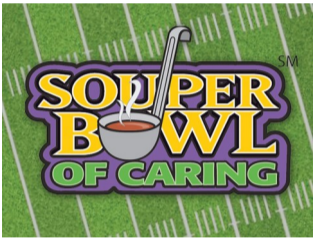
Hope to see you in person or online this Sunday morning at 8:30 or 10:30 a.m.! You'll be glad you did and so will we! Live Stream links and bulletins are available on the First Pres [website](#).

Congregational Meeting

The annual meeting of the Congregation has been scheduled for this 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](#).



Souper Bowl?



First Light invites all to participate in the *Souper Bowl of Caring*! On Sunday, February 9, the courtyard entrance will look a little different, inspired by the big football game happening later that day. Root for your favorite team by bringing canned goods with you to church, and placing them in the "end zone" of your team! The real winners will be our neighbors who use the food pantry at Patchwork Central - all the donations will fill their shelves. Go Team!

Soup and More!

The Music Department is at it again - making all sorts of delicious foodstuffs to fill your pantry and stomachs! On Sunday, February 9, after each worship service, you can purchase soups, breads, and other delicious baked goods handmade by our music families. All proceeds help send our musicians to summer camp experiences. Thank you!



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 be in prayer:

- for Gerald, as he returns home following services for his mother;
- for Christy, who had a tree fall on her house;
- for Davies, recovering from heart issues;
- for those who do not have a warm place to stay;
- for all suffering from isolation and loneliness;
- for safety for one traveling for work;
- for those in leadership everywhere, especially in the US;
- for Annette, navigating many health issues;
- for Susan, preparing for cataract surgery;
- for Matt, recovering from a fall;
- for Brennan and Colleen as they travel home while Brennan is feeling ill;
- for one seeking the wisdom to forgive what they should and not tolerate what shouldn't;
- for a marriage facing difficulties;
- for peace;
- for Judy, as she prepares to move into assisted living;
- for a little one recovering from RSV;
- for Jake, feeling unwell;
- for all those in Los Angeles, from residents to first responders;
- that as LA seeks to rebuild, people are able to make wise choices in regard to the ecology of their surroundings;
- in gratitude for the support and kindness of others.



Daily Readings



Sunday, January 26 [Genesis 13:2-18](#)
Monday, January 27 [Genesis 14:8-24](#)
Tuesday, January 29 [Genesis 15:1-11,17-21](#)
Wednesday, January 30 [Genesis 16:1-14](#)
Thursday, January 31 [Genesis 16:15-17:14](#)
Friday, February 1 [Genesis 17:15-27](#)
Saturday, February 2 [Genesis 18:1-16](#)

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