


STAFF

Rev. George T. Head - Pastor
 Rev. Bill Chegwin - Pastor Emeritus
 Rev. Bev Richardson - Parish Associate
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 Charlie King - Organist
 Steve Looney - Sound Engineer
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 Susan Stuckey - Librarian
 John Bros & Floris Rogers - Slide Techs
 Marshall Wright - Media
 Susan Church - Faith Community Nurse



Our Staff

ELDERS/DEACONS

Elders 2025:	Deacons 2025:
Ed Carter	Susan Church
Margaret Catanzariti	Debbie Devine
Ron Church	Anne Jensen
Diane Grether	Barbara Johnson
Laurie Grizzard	Trish Kennedy
Jim Kennedy	Carol Kurfis
Anne Perdue	Jodie Loveday
Floris Rogers	Jackie Toth
Ralph Stonebraker	Wanda Ulewicz
Susan Stuckey	Beth Vercolen
Dennis Toth	Chris Williams
Marshall Wright	Sandi Wirth
	Deacon of the Month: Debbie Devine

PLEASE JOIN US FOR:



**Wednesday, March 5th
 Worship Service at
 11:30 am with a lite
 lunch in Eubank Hall**



**Sunday, April 13th
 Worship Service at
 10:00 am**



**Sunday, April 20th
 Worship Service at
 10:00 am**

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

March Birthdays	3/26 Margaret Catanzariti
3/2 Joanne Reynolds	3/27 Honeybee Chappell
3/8 Martha Nighswonger	
3/10 Marilyn Tager	March Anniversaries
3/11 Frances Abell	3/8 Becky and John Bros
Nancy Frame	3/12 Faith and Bill Zei
3/12 Jackie Toth	
3/14 Amy Hunter	
3/17 Tina Rosenberg	
3/19 Wayne Ferguson	
3/20 Chris Williams	
3/23 Sally Altobello	



CHANCEL FLOWERS

March Chancel Flowers
 3/2 Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of our Church's 150th Anniversary.
 3/9 Available
 3/16 Flowers given by Gale Luttrell in remembrance of my father, Bill Luttrell's birthday, love and miss you.
 3/23 Available
 3/30 Available



* Thank you to our silent donor for Sunday flowers.



Good News

MARCH 2025

PASTOR'S ARTICLE

Alexander the Great was perhaps the greatest military leader of all time. A humble Macedonian, he would eventually conquer and control the entire known world of his time.

It wasn't easy, of course, but his troops were fanatically devoted to him. A story of this devotion is told like this: entering an enemy's territory he was met by a delegation of local leaders and military troops. They looked at Alexander's army, which was not very big compared to theirs. "We can take them with our superior numbers they told themselves!"

Alexander knew what they were thinking, and called for a squad of his troops to come forward. He marched them to the edge of a cliff and as the enemy officials watched in horror Alexander commanded the squad to march off the cliff, which they did, and died on the rocks below.

The enemy immediately surrendered. No one could battle troops so devoted to their leader they would willingly died for him without question.

Is this a true story? Doesn't matter, because there have always been people who are willing to sacrifice for the good of others, for a high ideal and worthy cause.

No one has died for this church in the past 150 years as our church has been established as a place where God is encountered and the critical needs of people are addressed. It has called for tremendous sacrifice through countless people, known and anonymous.

Did they have a vision for what this church would become?? Or were they simply being faithful to Jesus? I suspect a good bit of both motivated people at First Presbyterian Church over the past 150 years. We enjoy a legacy of faith because of their devotion, and we know we will pass on that same devotion to those who follow after us.

This weekend is a great celebration of that devotion. I look forward to sharing that with you!!

Happy 150th anniversary, First Presbyterian Church of New Smyrna Beach!!

Rev. George T. Head



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS/150TH ANNIVERSARY

The Session met on February 17 and some of the highlights are below:



1. Received eight (8) people into membership.
2. Heard a presentation on FRC – Family Renew Community – an organization that has been providing transitional housing for homeless families with children in Volusia County since 1989.
3. Approved the minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 26, 2025.
4. An Ash Wednesday Service will be held in Eubank Hall at noon on March 5, followed by a light lunch.
5. Received reports from various committees, including Property Management, which confirmed that the roof on the church (except the sanctuary) will be replaced beginning the second week of March and will be completed in approximately two weeks. They also reported an upgraded Wi-Fi network and telephone system will be installed in March.
6. A new Bible Study is being added to those already existing. Susan and Ron Stuckey will lead “Holy Moments” beginning March 11. Details are below in this newsletter.
7. Received the report from the 150th Anniversary Task Force.
 - * The current focus is on the March 2 Celebration Worship Service and Luncheon. It is going to be a wonderful day of rejoicing, remembering, reconnecting, and renewing.
 - * Leaves of “150 Random Acts of Kindness” are appearing on the tree in Eubank Hall.
 - * The Carillon has been repaired, thanks to a gift from Presbyterian Women, and two hymns will be heard for the first time on March 2, then each Sunday at 9:45.
 - * The Task Force is determining new ideas for service, activities, and events for the coming months, so watch the Good News Newsletter for details.



BIBLE STUDIES FOR FPC 2025

The Holy Spirit Bible Study led by Becky Bros resumes March 5th. The group will meet every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in Eubank Hall. Bible Study will be on “Indescribable”

New Bible Study led by Susan Stuckey and Bev Richardson will host a weekly Bible study and fellowship at the Stuckey home, 726 Dougherty Street, beginning Tuesday, March 11, 2025. The upcoming program will use a book called “Holy Moments: A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life” by Matthew Kelly. Time: 5:00 pm dinner and study. Books provided week 1. Join us to see how we increase holy moments! For further assistance please contact Susan Stuckey at 386-957-4336. New participants are welcome.

Men’s Bible Study led by John Robinson resumes in 2025. The men’s group meets every Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in Room 6. The weekly meetings started Jan. 8, 2025, and will continue until Memorial Day. The facilitated group discussion is using a book called “The Message of Mathew” from The Bible Speaks Today. The group welcome new men.

A study of the book of Revelation, led by Anne Perdue. People can choose from two participation options: 1) at Anne’s home or on Zoom on Mondays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. from Jan. 20, 2025, to June 9, 2025, or 2) at church on Tuesdays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. from Jan. 21, 2025, to June 10,

MISSIONS/SISTER CHURCHES



150th Anniversary of Our Church

Sister Churches of the Month

Other churches in our presbytery, please lift up prayers.

- 3/2 El Buen Vecino, Kissimmee
- 3/9 First Presbyterian, Kissimmee
- 3/16 North Lake, Lady Lake
- 3/23 First Presbyterian, Lake Mary
- 3/30 Markham Woods, Lake Mary



SESSION NEWS

1/01/2025-1/31/2025 (1 month)

Income/Expenses	
\$ 40,654.76	\$ 40,654.76
<u>31,493.45</u>	<u>31,493.45</u>
\$ 9,161.31	\$ 9,161.31



1/01/2024-1/31/2024 (1 month)

Income/Expenses	
\$ 45,690.46	\$ 45,690.45
<u>27,146.81</u>	<u>27,146.81</u>
\$ 18,543.65	\$ 18,543.65

ATTENDANCE FOR JANUARY:

2025: 709 (5 Sundays) **2024: 793** (4 Sundays)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF FPC



Building God’s Kingdom in our Community

The monthly meeting of Hearts of Hope Presbyterian Women is **Monday, March 10**, for a time of spiritual renewal and fellowship. Bible Study will begin in the Chapel at 9:30 AM, followed by Fellowship in Room 6 at 10:00 AM, and our PW Gathering in the Chapel at 10:30 AM. We eagerly anticipate these moments to grow closer to God and to one another. Presbyterian Women are preparing for our **Friday, March 21** Annual Musical Evening in Eubank Hall from 7:00–9:00 PM. Here's what you get for your \$25 ticket:

- An evening of country music and dance to benefit the Presbyterian Women “Hearts of Hope” community outreach.
- Music by Dennis Cole, Barry Kukes and Ray Donadio with special performances by the "Presby Chicks" & the "Boot Scootin' Boogie Babes".
- Food! Included with your tickets are pulled pork sandwiches and sides along with beverages.
- Door prizes and a silent auction with amazing items donated by our community friends.
- Mocktails and photos are offered for a donation.
- A wonderful evening to fellowship. Invite your friends and neighbors to join you.



*A Spring Affair
With Dinner, Music, and
Silent Auction
To Benefit
Colors Of Hunger*

*March 23rd
6:00 PM*

*Sugar Mill Country Club,
100 Country Club Circle
NSB*

Tickets \$75

*For tickets or to donate
to the silent auction*

*Contact:
Barbara Stolz
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Our annual Mission "Rally" was held on February 16, and what a blessing it was! God's presence was evident as our church family came together in fellowship and service. We give thanks to all the ministries who hosted a table, sharing the ways they are answering God's call to serve, and to everyone who came to learn more about the vital Kingdom work being done through First Presbyterian Church in our community.

In His perfect timing, Monday, February 17, was also National Acts of Kindness Day, providing another opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ. Your mission team organized a hands-on outreach, partnering with *Gifts of Love* Food Pantry in Edgewater to assemble 150 weekend food bags for elementary school children in need. Through God's provision and the faithful hearts of our volunteers, the bags were swiftly prepared in Fellowship Hall and delivered the following day.

We praise the Lord for each person who contributed to this effort, and we pray that these meals bring nourishment and a reminder of God's love to the children who receive them. May we continue to be vessels of His grace, serving with joyful hearts!





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2 Communion Sunday/Gifts of Love 10:00 am - Worship Celebration in the Sanctuary 11:15 am - Fellowship Hour 150th Anniversary of Our Church...Welcome Everyone! 	3 7:30 am - AA Mtg 9:00 am - AARP Taxes/EH 10:00 am - Mission Mtg 10:30 am - AI-Anon 6:00 pm - AA Mtg	4 7:30 am - AA Mtg 8:30 am - PB&J 10:30 am - Education Mtg/Rm 2 No Bible Study of Revelation 6:30 pm - Harmony/in Chapel 7:30 pm - Narcotics Anon	5 7:30 am - AA Mtg 8:30 am - 9:30 am - Men's Bible Study/Rm 6 9:00 am - Sewing Group 10:00 am - Holy Spirit Bible Study in EH 11:39 am - Ash Wednesday Svc w/lite lunch in EH 1:30 pm - 4:00pm - Bike Ministry 6:30 pm - Choir Practice	6 7:30 am - AA Mtg 8:00 am - Newman's Crew 8:30 am - PB&J 6:00 pm - Celebrate Recovery 7:00 pm - AA Mtg	7 7:30 am - AA Mtg 9:00 am - 6:00 pm - PEO Tea in EH Office Closed	8 8:30 am - AA Mtg .
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