

This Week at FPC

Today: 9:10 Sunday School
10:10 Fellowship Coffee
10:30 Worship Service

Monday: Office Closed MLK Day

Tuesday: 10:00 Staff & Worship Planning Meeting
6:30 PM Women’s Bible Study

Wednesday: 5:00 Children’s Choirs
5:30-6:15 Dinner for all
6:15-7:00 Bible Studies for children through adults
7:00 Chancel Choir Practice

Today in Worship: The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, Martha and Billy Towler and Ginna and Pooky Jones, by Chipper and Martha Jones.

MLK March: You are invited to join Rev. Len Carrell on Monday at 8:30 AM at the courthouse for the MLK march. The march will begin at the courthouse and end at Mt. Lebanon MB Church.

Offering Boxes: If you ordered offering boxes, you may pick them up on the table in the gathering space.

Tuesday Circle: The Tuesday circle will meet on January 21 at 6:30 PM at the home of Gloria Dale, 2407 Hidden Lake Circle.

Discipleship Class: Meets on Thursday mornings from 10:00-12:00 in the Chapel. This class is studying the book of Isaiah.

Office Hours: The church office will be closed on Monday, January 20 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Newsletter: Items for the February newsletter are due by January 21. Please send to sbaxterfpc@gmail.com.

Wednesday, January 29: The Mission Committee will host a special presentation and dinner on Wednesday, January 29. We will hear about the Crossroads to Home Café. The café opened December 1 in the Harvest Share building and will be serving the homeless of Maury County. We invite you to join us for this special presentation. Proceeds from the meal will go to Crossroads to Home Café.

Women’s Retreat: Will be held February 21-22 at NaCoMe Camp and Conference Center. Pick up a registration form on the table in the Education wing or register on-line at www.1stprescolumbia under the events tab.

Vacation Bible School: Mark your calendars for VBS! June 22-26.

Looking for a church family?: If you are looking for a church home we want to meet you and tell you more about First Church Columbia! Our next new member date is February 23. If you are interested in learning more please contact Renea Foster at rfosterfpc@gmail.com.

If you have a pastoral care concern, please call the church office at 931-388-1985 during office hours.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES are available for those who would like to use one. Please request one from an usher.

Ministers of the church

All members of the congregation

Ruling Elders

<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>
Frank Bellamy	Jean Mac Ball	Jack Baxter
John Chiles	Jeff Baxter	Gloria Dale
Wayne DeMoss	Pat Bridges	Martha Jones
Ed Harlan	Don Crichton	Lee Maddox
Beth Patton	Tonjia Potts	Julia West

Board of Deacons

<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>
Matt Campbell	Julie Crichton	Erin Hedrick
Ann Lewis	Joe Graham III	Raven Martin
Michael Lukens	Jenny Johns	Kristi Martin
Alicia Maddox	Janet McAlister	Alan Phillips
Karen Smith	Larry Nickell	Jenny Sloan
Louis Maddox		

Staff

Susie Baxter, Director of Christian Education; Rev. Len Carrell, Pastor;
Renea Foster, Administrative Assistant; Carroll Kilgore, Business Administrator;
James Marshall, Sexton; Eric Wyse, Organist

Care List

Your Cards and Prayers will Comfort and Touch

The ***Care list*** is a list of members and friends who are sick, bereaved, or celebrating a happy occasion. After reading their names, you may want to write a short message to someone on the list. You may use one of the ***blue cards*** in the pews. Simply address the card, write your note, and place it in the offering plate. We will see that it is delivered.

Our Sympathy...to Wilmoth Foreman and family in the death of Jesse Foreman.
To Phyllis Herrmann in the death of her daughter Christy Herrmann.

Our Prayers...
Barbara Butler (sister of Mary McClanahan), Lauren Brinkley (daughter-in-law of Ken & Sue Brinkley), Cindy West (sister-in-law of Jennie Grace Jewell), Sue Chiles, Candace Turner (friend of Jacque Marshall), Joe Graham III, Will Green, Steve Rampley (brother of Betty Sloan), Waymon Hickman, Don Piggins, Karen Hood (friend of Mary McClanahan), Gary Rampley (brother of Betty Sloan), Cathy Krenz, (sister of Mary McClanahan), Richard and Debbie Welch (our missionaries in (Guatemala)



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ABOUT TODAY’S WORSHIP

Jesus is led into the wilderness "by the Spirit." This is how his ministry begins: first his baptism, then famished in the wilderness and next with fishermen on a shore inviting them saying, "follow me." Ministry always happens in the wilderness. How would you define wilderness? Where have you experienced these kinds of uncharted place in your own life? Where did you see God's provisions? Jesus was tested to live into his true identity, especially in uncertain places. Jesus, following his story, finds his purpose and mission. If we follow the story, we'll find ours too.

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January 19, 2020
10:30 AM

Gathered As God’s People

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary

Agincourt Hymn

John Dunstable (c. 1370-1453)

*Call to Worship:

Jim Ross

As children of hope,
serving in the wilderness of ministry,
we do not live by bread alone.
**As God’s people, yearning and hungry,
we gather to feast on the living word of God.**

As followers of Christ,
trusting and tested
we do not live by our own belief.
Our faith is in the faithfulness of a merciful Savior.

As creatures of grace,
holy and acceptable by a Creator’s Spirit,
we do not live to serve in solitude.
**We are strengthened in serving all of God’s beloved.
Let us worship the Lord; the one, true God.**

*Hymn #618

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

DEO GRACIAS

Stanzas 1-4

Prayer of Confession:
**Merciful God,
You know us completely,
our good and bad ways, our best and worst days,
our harsh and humble words, our painful and happy places.
You know the things that test us
and what gives us life.
You see the fear inside us,
and the hopes we have locked away.
Yet, when so much demands our attention,
and we stray from the path Jesus treads.
Even then, O God, You turn to us
to show how angels tenderly attend our souls.
Forgive us,
when we serve powers of privilege, comfort only a few,
honor cultures of criticism instead of collaborations of care,
and serve our own desires.
Cover us in Your grace, feed us with Your life,
fashion us in Your image, we pray.**

(Silent prayer)

Assurance of Grace

*Gloria Patri #579

-Greatorex

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

*Passing of the Peace
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

(Children through age five may leave the sanctuary for Children’s Worship Time and
they may be picked up in the nursery after the worship service.)

Proclaiming God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Matthew 4:1-11

Pg. 3 NT

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

*Hymn #651

I Wait Patiently for God

LAND OF REST

(Psalm 40)

Sermon

Where The Wild Things Are

Rev. Len Carrell

Responding To God’s Word

*Affirmation of Faith (The Apostle’s Creed)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day
he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth
on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he
shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion
of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive
our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen**

Offertory

Offertory Anthem

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934)

*Response

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

DEO GRACIAS

*All glory to our Lord and God,
for love so deep, so high, so broad:
the Trinity whom we adore
forever and forevermore.*

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

*Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Improvisation on CWN RHONDDA

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