

STAFF


Rev. George T. Head - Pastor  
Rev. Bill Chegwin - Pastor Emeritus  
Rev. Bev Richardson - Parish Associate  
Gale Luttrell - Office Administrator  
Carol Poole - Office Assistant  
Babs King - Choir Director  
Tim Murphy - Pianist  
Steve Looney - Sound Engineer  
Bruce Wilson - Custodian  
Audrey Geer - Nursery Attendant  
Susan Stuckey - Librarian  
John Bros & Floris Rogers - Slide Techs  
Marshall Wright - Media  
Susan Church - Faith Community Nurse

Our Staff

ELDERS/DEACONS

Elders 2025:


Ed Carter  
Margaret Catanzariti  
Ron Church  
Diane Grether  
Laurie Grizzard  
Jim Kennedy  
Anne Perdue  
Floris Rogers  
Ralph Stonebraker  
Susan Stuckey  
Dennis Toth  
Marshall Wright



Deacons 2025:

Susan Church  
Debbie Devine  
Anne Jensen  
Barbara Johnson  
Trish Kennedy  
Carol Kurfis  
Jodie Loveday  
Jackie Toth  
Wanda Ulewicz  
Chris Williams  
Sandi Wirth

Deacon of the Month:



BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

January Birthdays

1/1 Bryan Sanderson  
1/2 Mary Jane Rippeon  
1/4 Doug Forcino  
1/6 Fred West  
1/10 Keith Jager  
1/12 Barb Stolz  
1/13 Buddy Stephens  
1/22 Marie Smith  
1/26 Bill Biedenbach  
Sharon Bradshaw  
Frank Ibbotson

January Anniversaries

1/13 Linda and Bud-  
dy Stephens  
1/31 Tina and Tom  
Rosenberg


JANUARY



CHANCEL FLOWERS

January Chancel Flowers

1/5 Available  
1/12 Available  
1/19 Available  
1/26 Flowers given by Gale Lut-  
trell to the Glory of God and in  
loving memory of my brother, Bob's birthday to-  
day! Love and miss you big brother.





Chancel Flowers

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Bible book of REVELATION, written by John as he was exiled on the island of Patmos, is a book of worship and hope. There are many different understandings and interpretations of John's vision, the revelation of Jesus, given to him by God, so for the next few months, we will be studying this book through the eyes of John, with help from multiple Bible scholars.

Beginning on January 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> there are two opportunities each week to be a part of this study: On Mondays from 1:00 to 3:00 pm on Zoom or at the home of Anne Perdue, 281 Casa Grande in Edge-  
water OR on Tuesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 at the church in Room 2 of the Education Building. The scriptures, lessons, and handouts will be the same for both days. To ensure there are enough materials printed, please contact Anne Perdue at [anneb0415@gmail.com](mailto:anneb0415@gmail.com) or (386-478-3479) to RSVP your participation.





Good News

JANUARY 2025

PASTOR'S ARTICLE

To All the Saints at FPC:

A lot has happened since I came to FPC the first Sunday in November to fill in until Pastor George returns from his medical leave. Plans for celebrating the church's 150 years in 2025 are coming to fruition, the Sea-  
sons of Advent and Christmas with a wonderful Christmas Cantata by the choir (many thanks to Babs, Tim  
and everyone in the choir)! There has been a lot of joy! But, in the midst of it all, we had our first Blue Christ-  
mas service affording those who have had loved ones join the Church triumphant remembering their lives  
while offering comfort and hope to hearts filled with grief.

*13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you  
may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so,  
through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the  
Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who  
have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of  
God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive,  
who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be  
with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words. — 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
(NRSV)*

It also has been a time of good news as Pastor George continues to make wonderful progress in recuperating  
from heart transplant surgery as he moves toward rejoining FPC as soon as Mayo releases him! Our prayers  
continue that his recuperation continues well.

2025 will be a wonderful year of celebrating our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of God's faithfulness to First Presbyterian  
Church, and the faithful witness of all of members and friends of FPC throughout the 150 years. There have  
been several events already in December and January 5<sup>th</sup> will mark the beginning of the year's activities with a  
special worship service at 10:00 AM.

As we step from one year to another, let us remember that God is present in all time. He was with us  
throughout 2024, and He is already in 2025 ahead of us! He is God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow. We  
need not be anxious about anything for God is present in all of life.

Diane and I found a blurb on a calendar I'd like to share with you. There was not attribution as to who wrote  
it.

**“We are healed to help others. We are blessed to be a blessing, We are saved to serve,  
not to sit around and wait for heaven....Once you are saved, God intends to use you  
for his goals. God has a *ministry* for you in his church and a *mission* for you in his  
world?**

In closing, Diane and I would like to thank all of you for your gracious hospitality and Christmas wishes. We  
wish for you a most Happy and Blessings filled New Year!

Enjoy God blessings always!  
Bob Anderson  
Temporary Supply Pastor

# 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR CHURCH

The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Task Force met on Monday, December 9 and below are some of the highlights and updates as we begin our celebration:



- 1. **The New Smyrna Beach Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 7** was a great success! Thank you to Pat and Ralph Stonebraker, Susan and Ron Church, all the ladies who walked the parade route handing out crosses, information on our church, and candy, as well as everyone who helped in any way with the parade and the float.
- 2. **The New Smyrna Beach High School Showdolls**, a national award-winning dance team, performed an excellent program for free on December 17, as a gift from Presbyterian Women. They also presented Gifts of Love, a local food pantry, with **150 canned hams**. Both the canned hams and the Showdolls were a wonderful way to start our celebration year! Thank you, Presbyterian Women!
- 3. **On Sunday, January 5, 2025, we will have our Dedication Worship Service**, celebrating the first worship service of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year! We will dedicate the year, the new banners (outside and inside), and all the activities throughout the year in gratitude to God's faithfulness to this congregation and community for 150 years. On this Epiphany Sunday, we will have guest pastors, celebrate the Lord's Supper, hear our Handbells, receive the **150<sup>th</sup> History Booklet**, and have a light lunch and dessert, including Epiphany Cake!
- 4. **Invitations** will be mailed in the middle of January for our March 2, 2025, worship service and luncheon, so we can begin taking RSVP reservations, for there will only be room for approximately 250 people.
- 5. Details from the Mission Committee on the **"150 Random Acts of Kindness"** will be shared in an insert as well as Minute for Mission in January, and a newsletter article in February.
- 6. The Property Committee has completed all of the major renovation and repair projects in the Education Building, so we now have additional storage in Rooms 2 and 6. They are also assisting with hanging all of the art on the walls, which should be completed by the end of December.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FUNDRAISER 2025



**Monday, January 20, 2025**  
**PW Fundraiser**

5:00 - 8:00 PM  
10 Indian River Blvd. W  
Edgewater

**15% of food order total will benefit  
Community Outreach!**

[Dine in](#), carry out or Drive-Thru

Tell them it's for:

**"Presbyterian Women's Fundraiser"**



## MISSIONS/SISTER CHURCHES



**CUDAS UNHOOKED**

### Sister Churches of the Month

Other churches in our presbytery, please lift up prayers.

- 1/5 First Presbyterian, Debary
- 1/12 First Presbyterian, Deland
- 1/19 Westminster, Deland
- 1/26 Deltona Presbyterian, Deltona



## SESSION NEWS

### 1/01/2024-11/30/2024 (11 months)

Income/Expenses	
\$ 19,610.85	\$ 368,842.42
<u>33,284.79</u>	<u>357,948.15</u>
\$ - 13,673.94	\$ 10,894.27



### 1/01/2023-11/30/2023 (11 months)

Income/Expenses	
\$ 31,313.68	\$ 358,959.48
<u>29,237.03</u>	<u>304,863.81</u>
\$ + 2,075.65	\$ 54,095.67

### **ATTENDANCE FOR NOVEMBER:**

**2024: 623** (4 Sundays)      **2023: 632** (4 Sundays)

## THANK YOU!

The congregation of First Presbyterian Church sends a big "Thank you" to the following Deacons who completed their terms of service in December: Sharon Bradshaw, Leigh Chegwin, Audrey Geer, Pam Gravelding, Laurie Lee, and Elly Osterhaus. Your hearts are filled with gratitude for your years of dedication to our congregation and community. Well done!

The congregation is also grateful to Ruling Elders Frank Ibbotson and Chuck Johnson who have served faithfully and completed their time on the Session, leading our Property and Safety and Security Committees. You have left a legacy of accomplishment and "Thank you" is just the beginning of how we feel. Well done!

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Session met on Monday, December 16, 2024, and below are some of the highlights from a very full meeting:



- 1. Met with the newly elected Deacons and Elders and approved their Ordination / Installation during worship on January 12, 2025.
- 2. Current Active Membership is 162
- 3. Heard the report from our Commissioner to the Central Florida Presbytery meeting, Margaret Catanzariti, that included highlights of the worship service, business meeting, and emphasis on Human Trafficking in Florida, the state which ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in the nation.
- 4. Approved the 2025 Operating Budget for \$398,893.
- 5. Approved the 2025 Office Holiday Calendar and the dates for 2025 Stated Session Meetings.
- 6. Authorized the celebration of The Lord's Supper in 2025 on the first Sunday of each month, as well as Maundy Thursday or Good Friday.
- 7. Approved a new Funeral / Memorial Service Policy
- 8. Received reports from various committees and the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Task Force.
- 9. Received the final report from the 2024 Hurricane / Disaster Task Force and voted to dismiss them with gratitude for their planning and work.



## CHRISTMAS PARADE/SHOWDOLLS 2024



CHRISTMAS PARADE 2024

FPC FLOAT – BEAUTIFUL FLOAT



RON CHURCH—OUR DRIVER  
FOR THE FLOAT



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS 2024

SHOWDOLLS PERFORMING AT FPC 2024



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN EVENTS 2024



*Building God's Kingdom in our Community*

*December was a very rewarding time for Hearts of Hope! We gathered with over 30 women joining us for Bible study and meeting before a wonderful Christmas celebration at Hidden Lakes. We shared the joy of God's greatest gift and lifted up others who were in need of prayer and comfort.*

*Following the luncheon, 150 canned hams were delivered to "Gifts of Love" food pantry in recognition of our 150th founding and to show God's love in our community to those in need.*

*On December 17, Hearts of Hope hosted the NSBHS Showdolls in fellowship hall. Their energy, dedication and skill were on full display and greatly appreciated by many. An amazing spread of cookies and punch followed - much to the delight of the Showdolls! A wonderful addition to Advent.*

*What's next in January? Join us on Monday, January 13 when our special speaker will be Hope Rosenthal, Director of Easter Seals Equine Assisted Services at Edgar's Farm. We're excited to hear about the important work they are doing for the disabled. Hope is a dedicated advocate for the healing power of equine therapy and the benefits of spending time outdoors. Hearts of Hope will be making a \$150 grant to support their work and to celebrate FPCs anniversary.*

All women are invited to join us!





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<div>1</div> <div>OFFICE CLOSED</div> <div></div>	<div>2</div> <div>7:30 am - AA Mtg 8:00 am - Newman’s Crew 8:30 am - PB&amp;J 6:00 pm - Celebrate Recovery 7:00 pm - AA Mtg</div>	<div>3</div> <div>7:30 am - AA Mtg</div> <div>Office Closed</div>	<div>4</div> <div>8:30 am - AA Mtg</div>
<div>5</div> <div>Communion Sunday/Gifts of Love</div> <div>10:00 am - Worship Celebration in the Sanctuary</div> <div>11:15 am - Fellowship Hour</div>	<div>6</div> <div>7:30 am - AA Mtg 10:00 am - Mission Mtg 10:30 am - AI-Anon 4:00 pm - 150th Mtg/Rm2 6:00 pm - AA Mtg</div>	<div>7</div> <div>7:30 am - AA Mtg 8:30 am - PB&amp;J 6:30 pm - Harmony/in Chapel 7:30 pm - Narcotics Anon</div>	<div>8</div> <div>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 1:30 pm - 4:00pm - Bike Ministry 6:30 pm - Choir Practice</div>	<div>9</div> <div>7:30 am - AA Mtg 8:00 am - Newman’s Crew 8:30 am - PB&amp;J 4:30 pm - Deacons Mtg/Rm 2 6:00 pm - Celebrate Recovery 7:00 pm - AA Mtg</div>	<div>10</div> <div>7:30 am - AA Mtg 9:00 am - PEO in EH</div> <div>Office Closed</div>	<div>11</div> <div>8:30 am - AA Mtg .</div>
<div>12</div> <div>Mission Minutes/150th Anniversary</div> <div>10:00 am - Worship Celebration in the Sanctuary</div> <div>11:15 am - No Fellowship Hour</div>	<div>13</div> <div>7:30 am - AA Mtg 9:00 am - Men’s Breakfast 9:00 am - PW Mtg/EH 10:30 am - AI-Anon 6:00 pm - AA Mtg</div>	<div>14</div> <div>7:30 am - AA Mtg 8:30 am - PB&amp;J 6:30 pm - Harmony Sound 7:30 pm - Narcotics Anon</div>	<div>15</div> <div>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 1:30 pm - 4:00pm - Bike Ministry 6:30 pm - Choir Practice</div>	<div>16</div> <div>7:30 am - AA Mtg 8:00 am - Newman’s Crew 8:30 am - PB&amp;J 6:00 pm - Celebrate Recovery 7:00 pm - AA Mtg</div>	<div>17</div> <div>7:30 am - AA Mtg</div> <div>Office Closed</div>	<div>18</div> <div>8:30 am - AA Mtg</div>
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<div>26</div> <div>10:00 am - Worship Celebration in the Sanctuary</div> <div>11:15 am - No Fellowship Hour</div>	<div>27</div> <div>7:30 am - AA Mtg 9:00 am - Men’s Breakfast 10:30 am - AI-Anon 6:00 pm - AA Mtg</div> <div>COLORS OF HUNGER</div>	<div>28</div> <div>7:30 am - AA Mtg 8:30 am - PB&amp;J 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Book of Revelation/Rm 2 6:30 pm - Harmony Sound 7:30 pm - Narcotics Anon</div>	<div>29</div> <div>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 1:30 pm - 4:00pm - Bike Ministry 6:30 pm - Choir Practice</div>	<div>30</div> <div>7:30 am - AA Mtg 8:00 am - Newman’s Crew 8:30 am - PB&amp;J 6:00 pm - Celebrate Recovery 7:00 pm - AA Mtg</div>	<div>31</div> <div>7:30 am - AA Mtg</div> <div>Office Closed</div>	