



1st Pres eNews

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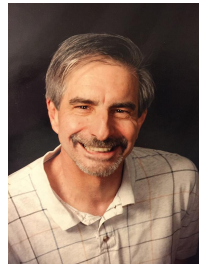
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Blog of the Week

Scott Fischer, Elder, Class of 2024

Gifts of the Spirit

I joined 1st Presbyterian Church in 1985, and, within about 6 months, I was on Session, originally asked to be an alternate. As I recall, I was told at the time that no one ever resigned from the Session, so I wouldn't have to do anything. Then, about a month later, someone was moving away; and I—largely ignorant of Presbyterian doctrine—was an Elder. God choosing to use me then was ... [Read More](#)

This Week



Palm Sunday | April 10th
Classic at 9:00
Contemplative 10:30

Maundy Thursday | April 14th
6-6:45 pm

Good Friday | April 15th | 7 pm
Hosted by DOXA (in the 1st Pres Gym)

Easter Sunday | April 17th
9 and 10:30
Combined Classic & Contemplative Service

Venture This Week | April 6

Kindness & Positivity Class and Adventure Kids Club! Same time (6 pm). Same Place (Krueger Hall for adults & the Gym for children).

Ecumenical Kitchen

~ This Week ~
April 7th

It looks like we have enough casseroles but who couldn't use some

salad and a little sweet to end a meal? Please reach out to Bev Rasor to see how you can help. Don't miss this opportunity to make a difference this Thursday 11:20-



It's time to Order Your Flower Basket!



We're on a roll and ask you to keep those orders coming in! We are offering a variety of mixed floral baskets as well as pink, orange or

red geraniums. The price this year is \$40 per basket with all proceeds benefiting our Children & Families camp scholarships for our very own 1st Pres kids! These gorgeous baskets are worth every penny!

You can place your order at the table set-up in Krueger Hall on Sunday mornings, through our online giving portal, or by calling the church office.

Pick-up is May 4th.

Payment can be made at the time of order, at pick-up or through our giving portal. If you choose the Giving Portal, be sure to indicate the number of baskets you'd like and any other details such as geranium color and/or mixed basket.

12:30 pm. Call the office if you have questions.

We Need Your Help!



In preparation for hiring a new Director of Children & Family Ministry, a task force has been created to explore how we can best lead and serve the children of 1st Pres. This team is participating in a six-week course entitled "Reimagining Children's Ministry". A key component of this study is a brief survey for our congregants - both young and old. It is completely anonymous and will provide our team with important information as we continue our study.

Thank you for your help. We have a strong commitment to creating an environment that children and families want to be part of!

[Take the C&F Survey](#)

Welcome Anew!



Your Community Outreach committee is on the move and reaching out to the new and 'newish'! We've moved the Welcome desk to a more prominent position in Krueger

Hall (we hope you noticed!) and are handing out a Welcome bag that includes information about 1st Pres, our monthly activity flyer, a booklet "Keys to Prayer" and two wrist bracelets. We also have activity pads and crayons available for

Youth Updates

You'll need to scroll down to the very bottom of this newsletter for more details but be assured that our Youth Ministry is on the move.



We need the Youth to **RSVP by this Friday, April 8th** for the June 16-18 camping trip at Farragut Park.

Sunday mornings are shifting to a new program - Fruits of the Spirit - a time of

families with young children.

If you see anyone with a welcome bag o Sunday morning, be sure to say hello and find out if they have any questions. Even if you're not new but would like a welcome bag just stop by for yours.

fellowship and discipleship this Spring."



Reminder : Sign In Your Kiddos!



If you're dropping off your kids for Sunday School please be sure to sign them in at the kiosk near the Adventure Kids Club

in Krueger Hall. Help keep our kids safe and heading home home with the correct family!

Women's Association General Meeting

April 19th | 1 pm

The first Women's Association General Meeting of 2022 will be held on Tuesday, April 19th at 1:00 pm in



Krueger Hall. We are honored to welcome Rev. Neal Nybo as our guest speaker. In addition, we're honoring Jean Hjort for her years of volunteer service.

Refreshments will be served.

Prayer Shawls Available



Our Knitting Ladies have been hard at work and prayer shawls are available for uplifting folks. Please use the notebook to record the recipient's name so the Ladies can pray specifically for that person.

Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!

Under New Management : Getting Dirty! The parable of the sower leads us to the question: what kind of soil are you? Tune in to this past Sunday's service for more. [Watch the service for the first time or watch it again!](#)



Many thanks to our team of volunteers that make broadcasting the service possible!

[Watch this service or any of our past services on our YouTube Channel](#)



Building & Grounds Work Day

Saturday May 14th

If you are interested in helping on the next work day on Saturday, May 14th please reach out to Scott Fischer or the church office.

Growing Your Faith In A Digital World



RightNow Media, the Netflix of Bible study and other Christian oriented videos, includes a large selection devoted to kids, youth and adults AND is available free of charge to all 1st Pres members, attendees, and friends thanks to the generosity of individual supporters.

Learn more about what RNM offers by visiting the [rightnow Media](http://rightnowmedia.com) site. OR reach out to anyone on the Adult Discipleship Committee for more information.

CDAIDE in Transition

CDAIDE is looking to fill two positions that are part of this wonderful organizations growth.

Rebecca Smith's full-time Executive Director position is open as well as one other part-time position. Visit the [CDAIDE Careers](http://CDAIDECareers) page for details. While you might not be interested ... you may know someone who is ... pass this on!

Child Care During the Contemplative Service

We are happy to announce that we are now offering childcare during our Contemplative service at 10:30 am Sunday! Please sign your children in with the care workers at the children's desk in Krueger Hall before the service begins.



We Are Hiring

Administrative Assistant/Receptionist
Nursery Care Worker



Administrative Assistant/Receptionist.

This position is about a 20 hour per week, part-time position. Please submit your resume and a cover letter to our Church Administrator, Bonnie Piovesan. [Job Description](#). For more details go to the information on [Indeed](#). Please pass this on if you know anyone who might be interested!

Nursery Care Worker: We are searching for additional help in our Sunday Nursery. Must love kids and be an adult. This is a paid position. Generally Sunday's only. Contact the office for details.



Please join this special **free** UGM Gathering on April 26. We think you'll find

this event uplifting and educational and hope you leave knowing what next steps God would have you take as we work to make real change possible together.

To attend in person, register [HERE](#). To attend online only, there is no need to register; simply go to [UGM's Facebook page](#) at 7:00 on April 26th.



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, **HOPE**

How You Can Help Ukraine
GIVE. ACT. PRAY.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is organizing assistance for Ukraine. Please click on this link to find out more and how you can help.

[Helping Ukraine](#)

April Schedule

Sundays

7:30 am Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:55 am Bible Study

9 am **Classic Service** in Sanctuary & Online.

10:30 am **Contemplative Service** in Sanctuary.

Masks are recommended if you are vulnerable.

DOXA 11 am

Wednesdays

Venture 4/6 & 4/20

Thursdays

Men's Bible Study

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen

ARMS

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Fridays

Knitting for Warmth

Children & Family Ministry



Easter Helper Needed!

We are so grateful to everyone who has volunteered to help us on Easter! Thanks to you our 9:00am service is fully covered! However, we still need ONE Helper for our 10:30am service. Please contact Naomi and Kyler at 1stpreschildren@gmail.com to show Love 1st to our kiddos and Easter guests.

Check-in/ Check-out

We have introduced an improved and safer check-in/check-out process for our church families. We are asking all families to check in at the Adventure Kids' room (next to the Nursery in Krueger Hall) before heading into the Sanctuary for worship. When your family checks in, each child will get a name tag and the parents

the Adventure Kids' room. We will be there waiting for you to pick them up. Please bring your check-out sticker as it will now be required for check-out.

If you forget to check in your children before service, or you are running late, you can join us at the front of the

will get a corresponding check-out sticker. Once the bell is rung, all children will come down for Kids' Corner, and then head to their classrooms. After their lessons upstairs, our wonderful teachers will bring all of the children downstairs to

Sanctuary for Kids' Corner and check in your children then. That way they can join us for Sunday School! We are excited about keeping our children safe and equipping our church to grow.

Save the Date

Annual Art Camp with Hands to Art
June 27th-July 1st
1st Pres at Camp Lutherhaven
July 17th- July 22nd

Adventure Kids' Club

Time: 6:00-7:30 pm
Dates: April 6 & 20, May 4

Youth Ministry



Last Call Farragut RSVP

Students, are you ready for an amazing 2-night campout – kicking off the Summer? Join us at Farragut State Park! We'll have a great team of volunteers, passes for Tree to Tree, good food and more! You don't want to miss the fun! **RSVP by Friday April 8th.**

Fruits of the Spirit Launching!

Students are invited to join us on Sunday mornings, beginning April 10th, for a time of fellowship and discipleship! We will be learning and growing through the Fruits of the Spirit for the Spring. Join us for a time of devotion, discussion, and connection in the youth room during the 9 am service, after music worship.



Sign-up for the Youth Family Newsletter

Does your family have middle or high school students? Would your middle or high schooler like to get connected with fun fellowship this summer? Get connected with our family newsletter! Email [Kierstie](#) and let her know you'd like to receive the newsletters.

