



First Presbyterian Church on the Square

February 2025 Grapevine

February, 2025

Dear FPC Members & Friends,

One of the highlights for me of First Presbyterians Sunday Worship Service is the place in the Order of Worship when we say what we believe in the words of the Apostles Creed. This is one of those times when the unity of our confession of faith shines Christ's light in the middle of a world filled with conflict, confusion, and distress.

As I stand in front of the congregation and look out at the First Presbyterian Church Family, I feel blessed and encouraged as you confess your faith using words that have been spoken for over two thousand years. This is a moment of crystal clarity that reminds us that our ultimate loyalty is to the Triune God who created us, saves us, and daily holds us in the palm of his hands.

As we say the Apostles Creed in worship, we focus on what we agree on, the most important things that join us together. Differences like personality, income, education, politics, age, ethnic origin, and faith experience all find their place in the kingdom of God under the gracious care of the Risen Christ.

Every time we say these ancient words, they come alive in our family of faith today. As we finish the creed, we experience the unity that we confess:

“... I believe in the holy catholic church (“worldwide”);
the communion of saints (“unity and fellowship of all who open their heart
to Jesus”);
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen”

Our unity in Christ is a sign of hope, help, and blessing for each other, for the Athens community, and for the world that God loves.

Blessings,
Pastor Karl

ANNOUNCEMENTS!



- All submissions for Grapevine and the monthly calendar should be sent by email (fpcathens@fpcathens.org) or by phone (256-232-0122) by the 20th of the month.
- Directories are now available in the church office!
- Office hours are Monday - Thursday from 9am - 1pm.



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

**PW Circle will meet on
Tuesday February 4
at 1pm in Rodgers
Hostesses: Vicki Kellogg
Program: Lesson 5: Air Quality
Devotional: Wanda Blair**

SHINE

All FPC Children and Youth

Wednesday, February 26th at 5:30 in Revival

Shine is open to all children K-5th grade. Each meeting will include a light dinner or snacks, verse of the month, lesson and related activity. Free play will be at the end of the meeting.

"IN THE SAME WAY, LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE OTHERS, THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD DEEDS AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN." -MATTHEW 5:16

Please contact DeAnna McNeill for additional information at deannahmcneill@gmail.com or 256-497-5020.



Please join us for a baby
shower celebrating

Lauren and
John Cagle

February 2, 2025

12:30-2:30

in Revival.

The Cagle's are registered at
Target and Amazon but
diapers and wipes are always
appreciated.



**Tickets on sale for the Alabama Family Resource
Center Stew Fundraiser:**

The fundraiser will be held on February 7th

Please see Gina Garth to purchase tickets
They are 8.00/quart or 25.00/gallon

Orders need to be placed by February 4th.

Mark your Calendar

The Annual Meeting of Congregation and Corporation will be held on February 9, 2025 following the 10am service.

Join us after the service for a “Souper Bowl Lunch,” the Annual Meeting will be held following the lunch.

Stay after the lunch as the congregation will participate in a Full Tummy Pack to benefit the children of Limestone County.

Potter's Hand Empty Bowls

Friday, February 28th

11:30-1:00

Revival

The Cost is \$20 per ticket. Each ticket will get 2 cups of soup, bread, and a handmade pottery bowl to remind you that someone's bowl may be empty.

Proceeds go to LCCI, School Backpack programs, Hearts for the Homeless, and Beyond Blessed.

**Auction of a week long condo rental in Gulf Shores.
Pottery items for sale.**

Tickets available from committee members and the church office. Or you can purchase a ticket on Athens Limestone Empty Bowl Project by following the link on Facebook page. Contact Emily Clem or Julie McNeese for questions about tickets.

PRAYER REQUESTS

CHURCH FAMILY

Marv & Elizabeth Price (Health)	Duane Counter (Health & Healing)
Larry and Cynthia Ugarte` (Healing)	Suzanne Weeks (Healing)
Doris Welch (Home)	Jac Catlett
Dean Steele	Diane Lynn (Health)
Susie Fogg (Home)	Gale Cottles (Healing)
Sharon Massey	Christy Arnett (Healing)
Melvin & Ruth Clem (Health)	Ken (Healing) and Connie Brown
Debbi O'Neill (Healing)	

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Brandon Noel - Army	Sean Miller - Army
Adam Naves - Marines	Damien Williams - Army
Kevin O'Neill-Army Nat. Guard	Michael Ress - USAF -AZ
Joshua Hargrove - Deployed	Jay Tulley- Middle East
Justin Ruf- Army Air Guard	

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Bob Defour (Doyle & Suzanne Weeks son-in-law)
Brent Harris (Friend of Chris Hilgeman)
Larry Harris, (Healing, friend of Chris Hilgeman
Sue Guyer (Health & Healing, Bonny Noel's sister)
Gerry Smith(loss of Spouse cousin of Jan Ruth)
Alex Noel (Nephew of John & Bonny Noel)
Hazel Ruf (Mason Ruf's mother, home)
Gary Kilgo (Health, Kay Baugher & Carol Quillen's family member)
Karen Ferguson (Potter's Hand)
Sherry Thompson (Healing, sister of Christy Arnett)
Keith Clem (Healing, cousin of Chris Paysinger)
Silvana Smith (Loss of Spouse cousins of Jan Ruth)
Amy Cotten (Potter's Hand)
John Cotten (Healing, Potter's Hand)
Telula Thornton (Healing and Comfort, mother of Karan Baker)
Phyllis Ramshur (Health, mother- in - law of Sean Harbin)
Mike Frehner (Support, friend of David Lyle)
Cindy Newman (Healing, cousin of Chris Hilgeman)
Jesse Saunders (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)
Rick Monroe (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)
Candee & Blair Berger (Loss of a spouse & father damage from
the hurricanes, friend of Jan Ruth)
Martha Taylor(Healing, mother of John Cagle)
Shane Cramer (Healing, neighbor of Jan Ruth)

February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9am Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship 10 am Worship Communion Cagle Baby Shower	3	4 PW Circle in Rodgers Center 1pm	5 9:00-1:00 PM The Potters Hand Pottery Studio	6	7 OFFICE CLOSED	8
9 9am Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship 10 am Worship "Souper Bowl Lunch Annual Meeting Full Tummy Pack	10	11 Stated Session Meeting 6:00 pm Revival	12 9:00-1:00 PM The Potters Hand Pottery Studio	13	14 OFFICE CLOSED	15
16 9am Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship 10 am Worship	17	18	19 9:00-1:00 PM The Potters Hand Pottery Studio	20	21 OFFICE CLOSED	22
23 9am Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship 10 am Worship	24	25	26 9:00-1:00 PM The Potters Hand Pottery Studio SHINE FPC Children K-5th Revival 5:30-6:30 pm	27	28 Empty Bowls Fundraiser by Potter's Hand OFFICE CLOSED	

Birthday's

FEBRUARY 2025

5th Debbi O'Neill

5th Betty Spencer

7th Ruth Clem

10th Sara Barksdale

12th Don Payne

12th Colleen King

13th Steve Copeland

14th Micah Gregg

18th Ruth Whitten

18th Aaron King

19th Erica Hand

21st Mary Crowell

23rd Ethan Gossett

24th Charlotte Lyle

27th Pam Gregg

28th Doug Harbin

28th Elise Harbin

