

**Creed and Deed** 

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May 2025

# You're Invited To A Special Retirement Celebration For Tony Dunlap Sunday, May 25 10 a.m. Worship and 11a.m. Reception

After 32 years of faithful service at First Presbyterian Church, Tony Dunlap has announced his retirement. His last Sunday will be May 25. We will have one combined service at 10 a.m. (which kicks off our summer schedule). This allows us to worship together as one body to celebrate what God has done through Tony's dedicated ministry of 32 years! That's unheard of!

#### Psalm 150

Praise the Lord.

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty heavens.

- <sup>2</sup> Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.
- <sup>3</sup> Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,
- <sup>4</sup> praise him with timbrel and dancing,

praise him with the strings and pipe,

<sup>5</sup> praise him with the clash of cymbals,

praise him with resounding cymbals.

<sup>6</sup> Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.

The very last line of our ancient song book, the Psalms, is, "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord." After mentioning several different instruments-harp, strings, percussion (yes, even cymbals)-the Psalmist concludes with *our breath*. Any and all who have breath in our lungs, we are invited to praise the Lord. The Lord created us out of his breath (Gen 2:7), and now our breath praises him. This has been Tony's work for the last three decades, inviting us to fulfill the final line of the Psalms—use our breath to praise the Lord.

Please join us on this special occasion to say thank you to Tony and to God, as we join our voices one last time, this side of heaven, in praising the Lord together.

In Christ, Pastor Timothy

Our Mission: Making disciples who reach UP to God, IN to one another, and OUT to the world!

Weekly Sunday Worship

9:00 Worship Service 9:00 Facebook Live 10:10 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service

Upcoming Events Monday, May 5 I:00 Prayers & Squares I:00 Prayers & Granny Squares I:00 Wildcat Bible Study 3:00 Visitation Ministry

> Tuesday, May 6 9:00 Healing Farms 11:00 Prayer Ministry 1:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Blood Drive 6:00 GriefShare

Wednesday, May 7 9:00 Healing Farms 6:00 Mother Daughter/Friend Banquet

> Thursday, May 8 12:00 Mission Ministry

Monday, May 12 10:00 Ladies Bible Study at church 4:00 Circle 2-Out to East

> Tuesday, May 13 9:00 Healing Farms 9:30 Presbytery Meeting 11:00 Prayer Ministry 5:30 Soup Kitchen 6:00 GriefShare

Wednesday, May 14 9:00 Healing Farms 6:00 Youth

Thursday, May 15 11:30 Ladies Fellowship Luncheon 5:30 SPF Meeting

Sunday, May18 10:00 Combined Sunday School FPC Endowment

Monday, May 19 1:00 Prayers & Squares 1:00 Prayers & Granny Squares 1:00 Wildcat Bible Study 6:00 Session Meeting

> Tuesday, May 20 9:00 Healing Farms 11:00 Prayer Ministry 1:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 GriefShare

Wednesday, May 21 9:00 Healing Farms 6:00 Youth

Sunday, May 25 10:00 Worship Service Reception for Tony Dunlap

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Tuesday, May 27 9:00 Healing Farms I 1:00 Prayer Ministry I:00 Staff Meeting 5:30 Soup Kitchen 6:00 GriefShare

Wednesday, May 28 9:00 Healing Farms 6:00 Youth

Friday, May 30 3:30 Fuller Formation

Saturday, May 31 8:30 Fuller Formation



### Thursday, May 15 at 5:30 p.m.

**Volunteer Training**—If you volunteer with children in any capacity at FPC you are now required to take part in the Darkness to Light Stewards of Children training. This training is also open to all adult members of the congregation. Please contact Angeline Brock if you plan to attend.

\*If you cannot attend training on this date, you can take the training on line at www.d2l.org.

# Introduction to FPC's New Endowment Sunday, May 18 at 10 a.m.

There will be a combined Sunday School Class on May 18 at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The amazing team from Coastal Community Foundation is coming to share with us about this brand new giving vehicle which supports the long-term mission and ministry of First Presbyterian Church...our new endowment. If you're confused about endowments and want to learn more...you won't want to miss it!



# Mexico Cistern Ministry July 21-26, 2025

Will you join in what God is doing? Blair Still, Rin Page and Angeline are going this summer. We would love for you to partner with us.

The LORD is doing amazing things through the Mexico Cistern Ministry. Over 700 cisterns have been built since 2002, over 8.4 million gallons of water that families now have access to annually. Our church has partnered in these efforts for the past 9 years.

In 2024, a prayer that had been spoken for over twenty years began to come into fruition. It has always been the prayer and hope that providing families access to clean (physical) water would lead to conversations about the Living Water. As this ministry has spread to villages that are without Gospel sharing churches, people have become curious watching with amazement the work sites of cisterns. "How can this be—how can men and women of all ages, backgrounds, with different languages work so well together for the benefit of strangers, to make what was thought impossible in this area possible?" People are glimpsing what is possible only and through the Spirit and they want to know more. The elders of The Good Shepherd are eager and enthusiastic to share! Through our financial support here in Moncks Corner, our sister church in Mexico has been able to equip and send out one of their elders to share the Gospel in these villages. *May the good news of Jesus flow like a spring of water and forever change the lives of those living within these villages!* 

### How can I partner?

- "Come and See!" Join us and go. Yes, YOU can go. Reach out to Angeline if you are interested.
- Pray! Pray for the receiving families, our Mexican partners, our host family and the church in Castilla Brito.
  Give financially.

### "Sir, give me this water, so I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." John 4:15



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 2-4, 2025, 3:00-5:30

When we think of Jesus' parables, we often think He told these stories to help explain His teachings—to make things more clear for us. Yet, Jesus Himself says that this is not so. I love how the Bible Project describes Jesus' purpose: "Parables are used to provoke the imagination and invite people to see what God is doing in the world from a new perspective."

This year at VBS, children, youth, and adults together will be invited to practice imagination as they read Jesus' parables, create costumes and sets and act them out.

My prayer is that both young and old will engage God's word, use their imagination, get creative, and desire more! Jesus, our King came to earth and announced, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." May his parables bring us hope as we imagine His Upside-Down Kingdom breaking through here on earth.

—Angeline

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 WHY
 Don't miss VBS Kick Off Church Picnic on June 1 following combined worship!!
 Somerset Point on Lake Moultrie, 2213 Pinopolis Rd., Pinopolis
 Fun and Fellowship. Five of our youth will be baptized in the lake!
 WHAT A CELEBRATION THIS WILL BE!

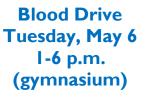
# **Minutes in a Minute**

On Monday, April 21 the Session of First Presbyterian Church:

- Opened with prayer by Dr. Scoonover
- Approved minutes from March Session Meeting
- Listened to the testimonies of our confirmands and welcomed them into membership
  - Noah Matthew, Louis Giavelli, and Walker Riddle by profession of faith and baptism (scheduled for June 1 at the lake during our VBS Picnic Kick-off)
    - Joshua McHoney, Jeremiah McHoney, Cooper Scoonover, and Abby Stehmeyer by profession of faith
- Received report from the Fellowship Community National Gathering
- Announced a Retirement Reception for Tony Dunlap for Sunday, May 25
- Approved hosting the Baccalaureate Service for St. John's Christian Academy at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 18
- Approved section 3.7 of our policy manual "Employment Hiring Guidelines" and "Appendix – Employee Application"
- Received reports from the pastors and ministry teams
- Closed with prayer for each of our confirmands

The next Session meeting will be Monday, May 19 at 6 p.m.

# **Things You Need to Know**



Youth Retreat Saturday, May 10

Women's Ministries Meet on Monday, May 12

Ladies Fellowship Luncheon Thursday, May 15

Summer Worship Schedule Begins on Sunday, May 25

Church Picnic Sunday, June I After 10 a.m. Worship

> FPC Goes to the River Dogs Friday, June 27



May Concluding The Sermon on the Mount

# GIVE BLOOD SAVE LIFE

Save a life and give blood. It's easy. Remember the life you save may be mine, yours or one of your children. It's the gift that keeps on giving. Contact Doris Partlow at 843-934-2149 to schedule an appointment or more information. Walk-ins are always welcome.

There will be a Youth Retreat on Saturday, May 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in The Well. Retreat will be led by Deacon William Tanner.

Ladies Bible Study at 10 a.m. at the church. All ladies of the church are invited. Give Mickey Smith a call for more information at 843-899-6420.

Circle 2—This will be the last Circle meeting until September. It's planned as an "out to eat." Destination not yet decided.



All ladies of the church are invited. The luncheon is in the felh lowship hall on Thursday, May 15 at 11:30 a.m. This is a good time of fellowship and an opportunity to make new friends and

catch up with old ones. Bring your lunch and we will provide the dessert. For more information, contact Doris Partlow at 843-934-2149.

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Church picnic after worship service at Somerset Point on Lake Moultrie. We'll have fun and fellowship for all. Five of our youth will be baptized in the lake! What a celebration this will be! More information to follow in the bulletin.



Date has been changed from June 13 to June 27. Plan to join your
 FPC church family at Joseph P Riley Jr. Park on Friday, June 27 as we cheer on our own Charleston RiverDogs. Tickets will go on sale in June.

# **Upcoming Sermon Series**



June The Heart of Worship



July Pulpit Swap with Rev. Keith Mack from Scotland

Our Mission: Making disciples of the next generation who reach UP to God, IN to one another, and OUT to the world!





Thank you to everyone that came out for the Healing Farms Walk and Roll. We appreciate all our supporters and their beautiful smiles.



## Tron Severe and the Healing Farms Students



Pastor Bo, Rebecca Riley & Maya Valdovinos



We extend Christian Sympathy to Chris Koch and her family. Chris' beloved husband, Robert "Bob" Koch passed away on Sunday, April 13.

We extend Christian Sympathy to Lynn McHoney and her family. Lynn's father, Lloyd Stafford passed away on Saturday, April 26, 2025.

Dear Church Family and Timothy, Thank you for your kind words and flower arrangement for my husband, Bob Koch's service. I look forward to your guidance in the future. Sincerely, Chris Koch

Dear Church Family,

On behalf of my brother, Mark Neal, I would like to thank you for the beautiful quilt and the prayer knots. He loved using it and felt God's presence up until his death on March 23, 2025.

Love in Christ, Lynn Karlson and Elizabeth Neal.

Dear First Presbyterian,

Thank you for opening your hearts, your "home" year after year to our students. It is a blessing to us and all who enter! We appreciate you all.

Thank You, April and the Berkeley Habitat Family

Dear Visitation Group,

Thanks for thinking of us every month. We always enjoy getting y'all's cards. Hope to see y'all soon!

Love Jack and family (Crowell)





Please bring soup and canned fruit for May.

#### March

- 2 Ken Fansher
- 4 Hannah Patrick
- 6 Addison Guerry
- 7 Buddy Harvey
- II Charles Belhassen
- II Clay Brock
- 12 Sarah Propst
- 13 Barbara White
- 14 Kelly Brown
- 14 Johnna Livingston
- 17 Jane Harris
- 17 Eve Hinman
- 18 Ayden Woods
- 19 Benjamin Miller, II
- 21 John Holeman
- 25 Camden Blaine Guerry
- 26 Kristin DeLong
- 27 William Tanner
- 27 Miller White
- 27 Suzie Wilson
- 28 Logan Carter
- 29 Jim Brogdon
- 29 George Pound



Please sign up to cut grass at the church. There's a sign-up sheet in the atrium. We have a riding lawn mower at the church so you don't have to bring one.



**Commitment Report** 

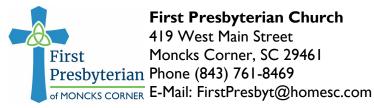
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Editor Sally Harvey

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