



First Presbyterian Church
of Salt Lake City
Spring / Summer 2024



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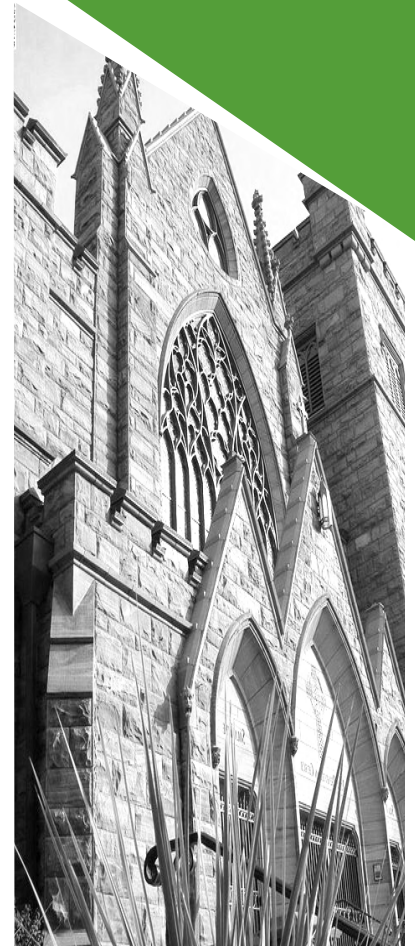
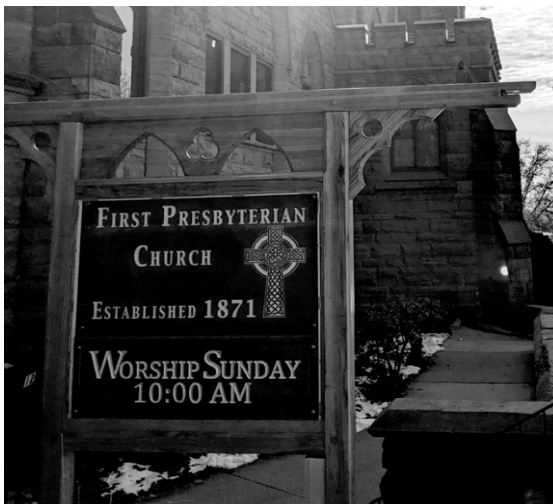


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PASTOR'S COLUMN

Grace and peace to you...

Dear FPC,

One of my favorite parts of being a pastor are the conversations I get to have with folks about their spiritual transformation. People often ask me how they might follow Jesus more closely or engage in practices that will help them grow their faith. They've been captured by God's love and they want to know what they should *do* next. All of us tend to want a list of rules to live by, or a set of goals to achieve. We want to do something! But the spiritual life is more about *being* than it is about *doing*. Even more, all our *doing* is supposed to flow from our *being*. If we don't keep this truth in view, it's only a matter of time before our faith feels a whole lot more like striving and hustling; we might even start thinking that we're earning God's love. This is why Paul writes to the church in Ephesus: **"For it is by grace, you have been saved through faith. It is not your own doing. It is a gift from God. Not of works, lest anyone should boast."** (Eph 2:8-10)

And yet, at the very same time, I always want to remind folks that once you get the order of operations right—doing flows from being—there is indeed plenty to do. Paul also encourages the believers to work out their salvation, to run the race of faith, to fight the good fight, to pick up our cross and follow Jesus. Spiritual maturity is learning to live in the tension of this paradox: You're doing the best you can AND you can do better. Or to put it another way: God loves you exactly as you are right now AND God loves you enough to not let you stay that way.

Author Anne Lamott puts it this way... **"I do not at all understand the mystery of grace—only that it meets us where we are but does not leave us where it found us."** Grace won't leave you where it found you. Grace makes us WANT to change.

But how do we live our lives by grace without turning it into a hustle? How do we follow the ways of Jesus without being sucked into thinking we're achieving or earning God's love? Dr. Dallas Willard is helpful here. He writes; **"Grace is, of course, unmerited favor. But grace is not opposed to effort. It IS opposed to earning. Earning is an attitude. Effort is an action. Grace, you know, does not just have to do with forgiveness of sins alone. We all know that Jesus said, (in John 15) 'without me you can do nothing'. But it is also true that if we do nothing, it will be without him."**

We are called to live in and follow Christ. Spiritual growth will require your effort. Learning how to integrate God's gift of grace into our lives requires our participation. If grace is a gift, then it's our job to open that gift and hold onto it. But don't forget, grace is opposed to earning. We will never be our own messiah. Friends, grace claims that life is not a challenge to be achieved, but it is a gift to be received, it is a life to be given. And every day you have to allow yourself to confront this great choice that grace presents to you. Will you try to achieve your life, or will you receive your life today?

May you know the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

-Pastor Jamie

A Note from Pastor Joe:



Church Family, it is such a pleasure to be able to introduce you all to Simeon Alfred Bagdanov. He was born on March 3rd at 8:41am weighing in at 7 lbs. 8 oz. and just shy of 20 inches. He is beautiful and we can't wait to for him to grow and grow and to get to know him. Everyone at home is doing very well, and we are just waiting for him to figure out sleeping between 10pm and 5am. Naomi loves "baby brother" and tries to hug and kiss him as much as possible. She also blurts out "I want to see his eyes" multiple times a day.

We are excited for him to have such a beautiful and caring church family and can't wait for him to be baptized and "officially" join the family. Thank you all for the prayers, support, and meals! We really appreciate you all and thank God for a healthy baby and a healthy family of faith.

Grace and peace,
Joe



UPCOMING EVENTS

Classes, Sermon Series, Service Opportunities & Community Hangs

At the Intersection of Faith and Life: Spirituality and Sex

We're jumping into what will be recurring series that will look at a number of areas where we experience the intersectionality of our faith and life. Though we might try and compartmentalize our God-stuff in one category and our life-stuff into another, it doesn't really work that way. What we believe and how we follow Jesus will have a direct impact on how we live our everyday, normal lives. Whether we're talking about sex, money, politics, family dynamics, or our work... our faith and life intersect all the time.

In this first section of the series, we'll take a couple weeks to talk about sex. And yes, it's okay to talk about sex in church... in fact, it's very important that we create space to do so. Remember what our dear Fred "Mr." Rogers said, "Anything that's human is mentionable, and anything that's mentionable is manageable." Let's meet at the Intersection of Faith and Life!

April

- 4/7: This is My Story Sunday
Testimony Service
- 4/14: Focused & Filled, Luke 9:1-17, Guest preacher, Pastor Bethany Cseh
- 4/21: At the Intersection of Faith and Life: Spirituality and Sex
- 4/28: At the Intersection of Faith and Life: Spirituality and Sex

May

- 5/5: Youth Sunday
- 5/12: Jonah: A prophet on the run; 1:1-16
- 5/19: Jonah: A lot can happen in three days; 1:17-2:10
- 5/26: Jonah: Reluctant obedience; 3:1-10

June

- 6/2: Jonah: I knew it! 4:1-4
- 6/9: Jonah: Not the happy ending I wanted, 4:5-11
- 6/16: Jonah: Something Greater than Jonah; Matt 12:38-41
- 6/23: Fruit of the Spirit: Intro, Galatians 5:22-25, John 15:5
- 6/30: Fruit of the Spirit: Love

The Book of the Prophet, Jonah

We all know about Jonah. Even folks who've never read the Bible, know enough about Jonah to talk about him being swallowed by a "whale." But there is A LOT more to this reluctant prophet's story. He ran from God. He resented his enemies. He lied. He had a terrible attitude. But then he *eventually, finally, mostly* surrendered to God's will. But it took being swallowed. Jonah is the anti-hero and thank God for his story, because often we are too. But this story isn't all about Jonah... it's also about God. The God who simply doesn't give up on us, no matter what.

The Fruit of the Spirit, Galatians 5:22-25, John 15:5

Anybody want to see more love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control in your life? In the book of Galatians, Paul uses a gardening metaphor to help explain how God plants the 'Fruit of the God's Spirit' in our lives to help us learn to love and serve the Lord more faithfully. We're going to do a deep-dive into this spiritual fruit, seeing what we might learn about tending the soil of our souls. What might God grow in your life this summer?

July

- 7/7: Fruit of the Spirit: Joy
- 7/14: Fruit of the Spirit: Peace
- 7/21: Fruit of the Spirit: Patience
- 7/28: Fruit of the Spirit: Kindness

NEW ADULT EDUCATION CLASS:

An Introduction to the Enneagram (Part 1)

TAUGHT BY DAVE WHITE, LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH THERAPIST | APRIL 14, 21, 28, MAY 12

In a world full of personality assessments, the Enneagram stands apart for the meaningful way it describes our behavior (and the basis of that behavior) and offers spiritual practices that help us live more faithfully. Pastor, Tim Keller, said, "We cannot know God without knowing ourselves, and we cannot know ourselves without knowing God. The two kinds of knowledge are interdependent—they rise or fall together." We will spend four weeks in April and May coming to know ourselves and our God even more. Dave will unpack the background of this ancient personality inventory, providing a narrative orientation to the nine Enneagram types, and help you begin to understand the Enneagram as a tool for spiritual growth. The structure of this class lends itself to being present for all 4 sessions. Meaning, if you pop in and out, you'll miss something important.

Dinner at Vinny's

SANDWICH MAKING



2024

WHEN: WEDNESDAY @ 3:30
WHERE: CHURCH BASEMENT KITCHEN
CONTACT: TAFFY @ 801-673-0457

- JANUARY 10
- FEBRUARY 7
- MARCH 13
- APRIL 10
- MAY 8
- JUNE 12
- JULY 10
- AUGUST 7
- SEPT 11
- OCT 9
- NOV 13
- DEC 11

June 9th

CHURCH PICNIC

Food, Fellowship and Fun



Liberty Park (900S, 700E)
Rice Terrace Pavilion
in the NE corner of the Park



MAY 5TH

YOUTH SUNDAY

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
CLASSES WILL
BREAK FOR THE SUMMER
AFTER MAY 12TH



Weekly Happenings

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Get Curious

We'll be learning and playing through the life of Jesus this quarter, digging into the questions of why Jesus, what does a friendship with Jesus look like for us, and how does Jesus connect to the Old Testament stories we learned about this fall.

Youth Sunday

On May 5, our kids and students will lead our service. Ushers, greeters, liturgist, worship, teaching- we welcome our children to lead us! If you or your student have an idea of how they'd like to participate, talk to Halen.

Service

We loved serving at the Food Bank together last quarter, and have more opportunities to help make sandwiches here at First Pres. Join us on the second Wednesday of each month from 3:30-4:30 in the downstairs kitchen.



Halen Seevinck
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Kids Ministry at First Presbyterian continues to grow in the best possible ways - new babies and toddlers in nursery and new families in our elementary programs. We're so happy you're here! As we continue to grow, we are looking for additional adults to serve once every 4-6 weeks in Children's Church. If that might be you, sign up to volunteer [here](#).



YUP Event

Twenty of from FPCSLC got together with other Presbyterian churches from around the state for an overnight event at Wasatch Presbyterian

Leger's Annual Fundraiser/Souper Bowl of Caring Project

Former student Farhan Anwar sponsored the FPCSLC student fundraiser again this year. He donated all the food and materials necessary to make it the biggest ever. The students gathered at his shop for an afternoon of sub prep. The proceeds all went to offset costs for this year's **Durango Habitat for Humanity Mission Trip (June13-18)**.

Brighton Snowshoe Hike/Dart Cabin Fellowship

The students went for a 4-mile hike in the snow through the Brighton backcountry. We stayed at the Dart's beautiful cabin for an afternoon of good food and fellowship. They have been hosting us for years. I always look forward to our time together up there with them.

Ping Pong Table Project

We were able to purchase a ping pong table from our non-budgeted line item this year. This was due to the students and I installing all the youth room flooring and doing the painting on our own. We saved a ton of money on labor. They stayed after Sunday school for an afternoon of assembling. Feel free to come down after church for a game or two. We have students that have skills.

White Elephant Christmas Party

We had the students at our house for an afternoon of good foods, fellowship, and trivia. There were some funny gifts. I read scripture from a bible that Nick P. and I found while cleaning out the old library. It was around 150 years old. It was a fun day.



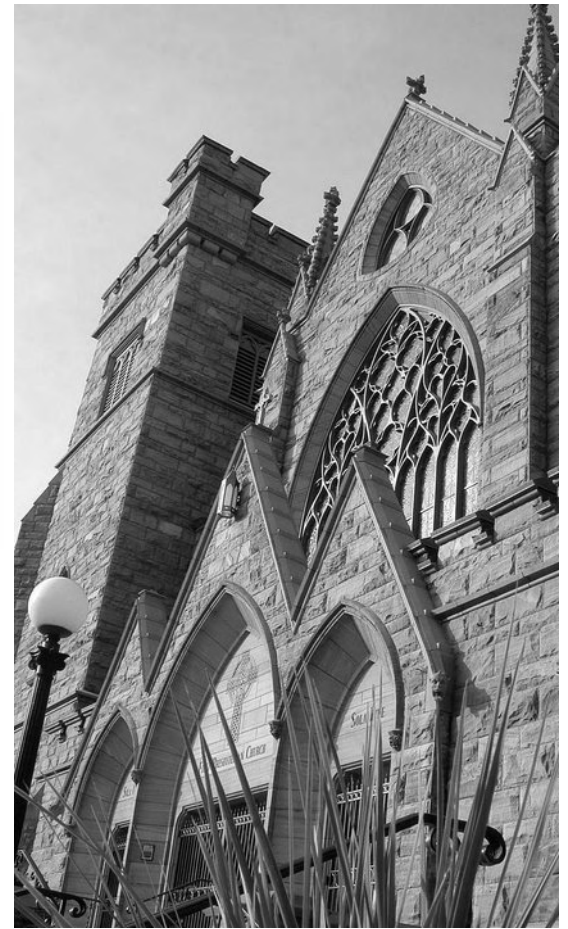
Much Love,
Nathan M. Parrish, Youth Director

TREASURER'S REPORT



I WILL FULFILL TO YOU MY PROMISE AND BRING YOU BACK TO THIS PLACE. FOR SURELY I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU, SAYS GOD, PLANS FOR YOUR WELFARE AND NOT FOR HARM, TO GIVE YOU A FUTURE WITH HOPE.

+ JEREMIAH 29:10-11



Total Income and Expenses for the FPC ministry as of February 29, 2023:

	Budgeted	Actual
Estimate of Giving	\$ 50,000	\$ 45,207
Total Income	100,917	78,484
Total Expenses	121,621	143,370
Monthly Income and Expense	Budgeted	Actual
Estimate of Giving	\$ 25,000	18,045
Total Income	50,458	30,761
Total Expenses	60,811	73,803

Please remember FPC
in your will, trust or IRA.

PER CAPITA....WHAT IS IT?

Per Capita is the amount that every Presbyterian (U.S.A.) church pays for each member listed on its active membership roll. Per Capita helps fund administrative costs for the denomination. Of the **\$42.35** per capita for each active member on our rolls, the Presbytery of Utah receives \$29.55, Synod of the Rocky Mountains receives \$3.00 and General Assembly receives \$9.80. **The 2024 per capita will fund the everyday work of the Presbytery, support churches in the state of Utah, provide support to pastors, and assist in other needs of the congregations.**

EXTRAORDINARY CHURCH EXPENSES

One of our resident squirrels sat on our power line causing the church to lose power and the squirrel to lose his life. Besides the inconvenience to the staff, this caused damage to our HVAC system and our alarm system, necessitating the replacement of several parts. We also had a leak in our Fellowship Hall dishwasher that collapsed a large section of the ceiling in our Basement Fellowship Hall.

Nancy Savage, Treasurer
Email: nancy@fpcsl.org



Pamela's Closet

The PC team was busy with the enjoyable responsibility of collecting and distributing donations during the Christmas Season. The Congregation was incredibly generous! We were able to donate adult clothing to unsheltered people who participated in the annual census. They were all very thankful to receive nice, warm, clothing. We packed up 70 big white garbage-can sized bags of brand-new clothing for children! These were taken to the Catholic Community Services to be distributed to the organizations who need clothing to meet the needs of folks in the community.

Now that spring has sprung, we are busy planning our Summer Shower for infants through teens. Starting at the beginning of April you will see reminders about what to donate for the children in our community. We are calling it a Summer Shower to emphasize the need for warm/hot weather items of clothing. This year we will also provide

everyone with a link to buy needed items on Amazon and have them sent directly to the church. On April 28th the Pamela's Closet team will host the coffee hour and collect your gifts for the children in our community who need our help.

Remember that all year long we collect travel sized shampoo, soap, and conditioner to be donated to The Road Home and given to unsheltered folks who come in for a hot meal and a shower. Please continue to drop those items off in the Pamela's Closet collection container by the doors to the office.

Items Needed:

Diapers, Formula, Baby Wipes, Light weight blankets,
Children's Clothes: 0-18 months (Boys and Girls)
2T - 4-T (Boys and Girls)
Kids 4-8 (Boys and Girls)
Kids 9-12 (Boys and Girls)
Stylish Teen clothes X small to XX large (Boys and Girls)



Team Members: Karen Atwood, Bonnie Cavill, Allison Dupler, Susan Kosa, Sherrie Riley, Isabella Shaffer, Bev Simpson, Sandra Swensen, Carla Williams



Troop 34 meets Wed evenings at 7:00 PM at the Church. All youth are welcome in Scouting and we would love to hear from you. We are recruiting girls to join our new Troop 34 G Girl Troop. This relatively new unit participates in all our Troop 34 activities and allows Troop 34 to serve ALL eligible youth in the community who are interested in Scouting – all the way to Eagle Scout! Please reach out to Dan Zaharias, Shawn Neugebauer, Gina Roper or Greg Woods if you're interested in joining.

Yours in Scouting, Greg Woods, Assistant Scoutmaster Troop 34, greg@gfwoods.com

Greetings! Troop 34 had a very busy winter! The Scouts did a lot of snow camping this winter and are becoming quite experienced at tent camping in cold temperatures. In January, the Troop camped at Rockport Reservoir where we fine-tuned our skills in winter activities including snowshoeing, winter outdoor cooking by stoves and Dutch ovens and preparing camp in roughly 2 feet of snow. In February, the Troop participated in the annual "Klondike Derby" at Camp Tracy (located in Mill Creek Canyon) and camped two cold nights while testing their Scout skills racing on the Yukon trail and competing in several different outdoor skills. In February, on "Scout Sunday," the Scouts were excited to assist with the worship service and served pancakes to members of the congregation. Also in February, the Troop participated in the annual Utah-wide "Scouting for Food" food drive, collecting food at our neighborhood Smith's. In March, the Troop camped at a Yurt (YMCA Camp Roger) in Soapstone Basin in the Uintas. This was a great location for snowshoeing and nordic skiing.

Congratulations to Frederick "Fritz" Neugebauer, Troop 34's newest Eagle Scout! Fritz worked with the Utah County Animal Shelter to improve the quality of life of dogs in the shelter. Eagle Scout is Scouting's highest award, earned by <4% of all Scouts. Troop 34 has several more of our scouts currently planning their Eagle Scout projects to be executed this Spring and early Summer. Let us know if you are able to help!

Troop 34 recently welcomed several Webelos Scouts from Pack 3034 who "crossed over" into Troop 34, and we look forward to Spring in Utah. The youth leaders on the Patrol Leader's Council have planned a fun Spring program focusing on Scout skills, advancement, and outdoor learning. The program will include Nature and the Environment, Orienteering, and Sports.

The Troop is also preparing for a busy summer. In July, 14+ Scouts will be attending summer camp at Camp Hunt at Bear Lake, Utah where we will be honing our waterfront skills and accomplishing a wide range of merit badge activities. In August, the Troop and Pack will visit Yellowstone National Park. In August, the Troop will go on our annual High Adventure Trip backpacking for 5-days (maybe 50 miles!?) in the beautiful Wind Rivers in Wyoming.

The Cub Scouts of Pack 3034 have been quite active during the last several months. Many of you probably saw us at the Kirkin' o' th' Tartan in October. Our Cub Scouts were honored to be in the opening procession. The Cub Scouts who attended each received a special Scouts Scotland Pin to commemorate their experience (Scouts is an International Movement).

Many of you also recently supported the Pack by purchasing wreaths and other holiday items. We had a very successful sale this year and greatly appreciate all of your support.

Before the snow arrived, the Tiger Den (the first graders) had a visit at Red Butte Garden and planted a tree for future visitors to enjoy.

In September, the Lioness and Lion Den (kindergartners), the Bear Den (third graders), and the Webelos Den (fourth graders) had hikes in the local area. Our Webelos Arrow of Light Den (fifth graders) attended a Salt Lake City Council Meeting and conducted the opening flag ceremony.

In October Henry Dienes earned his Arrow of Light and crossed over to Troop 34. The other two Webelos Arrow of Light Scouts (5th graders), Gus Funaro and Briggs Trishman, earned their Arrow of Light awards and crossed over to Scout Troop 34 in February.

Over the past year we have had 18 new Cub Scouts join our Pack. Of these 18, 10 are girls! January and February were busy as well. At the end of January we attended a STEM Fair with an overnight sleepover. February featured Scout Sunday at the Church, the Scouting for Food Drive, and our Blue and Gold Banquet.

The Pack will be offering many camping opportunities for Summer 2024 including a day camp, an overnight family adventure, and a special overnight for our families.

If you have kids in grades K-5, and want to meet other people, learn outdoors skills, help our community, camp, and just have fun, then you should join Pack 3034, YOUR Cub Scout Pack!

We are proud to be the Pack of First Presbyterian and appreciate all of your support!



Cub Scouts meet Tuesday Nights from 6:30-7:30pm during the School Year. Meetings will resume in September. ALL children in grades Kindergarten through Fifth Grade are WELCOME to join us. We also invite parents and other adults to help us with our activities and events. For more information, please contact Michael Stahler, Cubmaster at michael_stahler@yahoo.com.

Happy Birthday!!



April

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| 1: Charlie Knighton, Olivia Koziatek | 13: Parvez Samuel |
| 4: Dawn Armstrong, Rehana Samuel | 15: Diane Hinman |
| 5: Taffy Kosierowski | 19: Zernab Iqbal |
| 7: Ling-Min Aswandi | 22: Ever Christenson |
| 8: LeRoy Cook | 23: Hayes Nielsen |
| 9: Naomi Bagdanov | 24: Michael Miller-Imperiale |
| 10: Margaux Knighton, Hyun Ah Miya,
Micah Chow, Halen Seevinck | 25: Leilani Andrews, Jack Chase |
| 11: Christian Weeks, Gabrielle Faragher | 26: Nancy Buterbaugh |
| 12: Oren Hopkins, Arif Samuel, Eric Wood | 28: Amethyst Mukai-Landis, April Reynolds |
| | 29: Hannah Bagdanov |

May

- 2: Susan Roberts
- 4: Esther Leung
- 5: Oliva Day
- 6: George Calhoon
- 12: Neve Lahy
- 13: Wisdom Agbabi
- 15: Carolyn Chase
- 18: Ethan Gruwell
- 20: Will Jack Arnott, Danella Zaharias
- 21: Shawn Samuel
- 26: Sabu Thomas
- 27: Gail Wilson
- 30: William Bridwell

June

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| 1: Gayle Cook | 14: Sonam Samuel |
| 3: Dax Mascarenas | 16: Ruby Williams |
| 5: Dan Zaharias | 17: Eddy Lenart, Tim Glenn |
| 6: Zachary Mascarenas,
Kristine Rasmussen | 19: Larry Houtz |
| 7: Dean Osborn, Emery Chow | 20: Nic Piercey |
| 8: Bonnie Cavill | 24: Jim Sweeney |
| 9: Roger Durst | 25: Tara Leung |
| 12: Dawn McDowell | 29: Zurmed Samuel |

July

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| 1: Isaac Gruwell | 17: Caroline Mullen, Susan Quaal |
| 2: Louisa Parrish | 21: Susan Bland, Katie Henn
Alice Samuel, David Samuel |
| 5: Heather Knighton | 23: Peyton Harwell |
| 6: Nancy Nelson, Olivia Tshiaba | 25: Paige Piercey |
| 7: Robby Higgins | 26: Clark Williams |
| 8: Wendy Jones | 29: Travis Mullen, Silas Prior |
| 9: Pastor Joe Bagdanov | 30: Melissa Piercey |
| 10: Wayne Simpson | |



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We'd love to include your birthday in the next edition of The Chimes! Email Hope at office@fpcslc.org, and she'll get you set up. If you've already set up your account, we'd love for you to log in, add a picture and update any information that needs updating on your profile. It's a wonderful tool to help us stay connected with you!



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CHARGE & BLESSING

Go out into the world in
peace and love.

Proclaim the good news.

Have courage.

Hold onto what is good.

Return no one evil for evil.

Strengthen the fainthearted,

support the weak,

help the suffering.

Honor all people.

Love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the

Holy Spirit.

Amen.