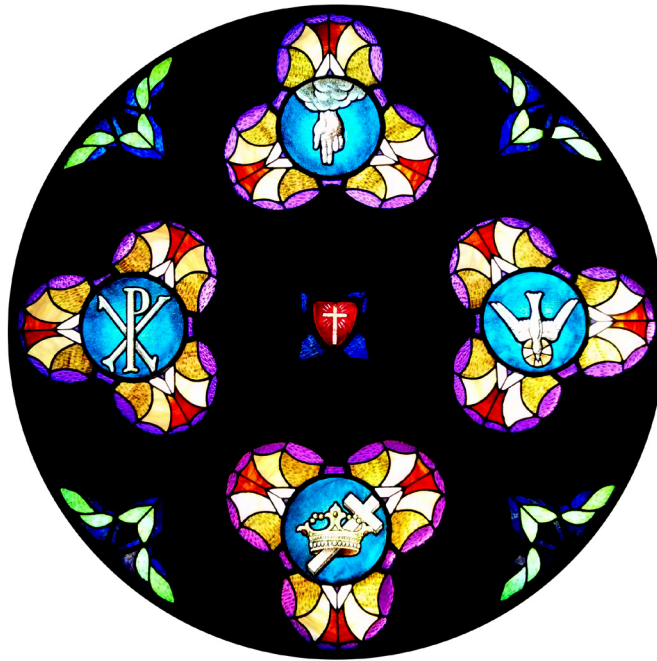


June 1, 2025

First Presbyterian Church

The Seventh Sunday of Easter



Following Jesus, Transforming Life

Mission Statement:

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington is transforming life by glorifying God, following Jesus, and loving our neighbor.

Preaching: Rev. Jim Shroyer
Lay Leader: Bob Watkins
Organist: Shina Heo

The Worship of God

Words in bold are spoken by the congregation.

§ Invites all who are able to stand.

*Please silence all phones and devices.
Please fill out the Friendship Pad in your row.*

Gathering

Prelude Oh, How Blest Are They Healey Willan

The Light of Christ

Prayer for Preparation

*Holy God of every time and every place, you gather us to hear of Jesus.
Help us see your infinite life in our own community and in all of creation,
we pray in your holy name. Amen.*

Welcome and Opening Prayer Rev. Jim Shroyer

Call to Worship

God has ascended amid shouts of joy,
The Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.
Sing praises to God, sing praises;
Sing praises to our King, sing praises.
For God is the King of all the earth;
Sing to him a psalm of praise.
God reigns over the nations;
God is seated on his holy throne.

Introit My Being Sings to You Alfred Fedak

§ Hymn 650 O Beauty Ever Ancient ANCIENT BEAUTY

§ Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, day by day we have failed to believe in your presence and your promised forgiveness.
We have not trusted in your power to give the riches we cannot see.
We have not honored our brothers and sisters as heirs of your desired peace.
We have not forgiven others or ourselves.
Forgive us and give us the wisdom and faith to be your body on earth,
that we may rejoice in the presence of your saving bounty, to the glory of your ascended Son.
Amen.**

§ Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel! **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

§ Gloria Patri MEINEKE

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Proclaiming

Psalm 47

Responsive Reading

Refrain

Clap your hands, O faith - ful peo - ple!
Shout to God a song of praise!

Clap your hands, all you peoples; **shout to God with loud songs of joy.**
For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, **a great king over all the earth.**
He subdued peoples under us **and nations under our feet.**

Refrain

He chose our heritage for us, **the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**
God has gone up with a shout, **the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.**
Sing praises to God, sing praises; **sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

Refrain

For God is the king of all the earth; **sing praises with a psalm.**
God is king over the nations; **God sits on his holy throne.**
The princes of the peoples gather **as the people of the God of Abraham.**
For the shields of the earth belong to God; **he is highly exalted.**

Refrain

Children's Time

Children, age 3 to fourth grade, are invited to go to Kids For Christ (KFC).

Anthem

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Bradley Ellingboe

*Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
Bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the word around: loaves abound!*

*Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone.
Teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the word around: loaves abound!*

*Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God Immanuel everywhere!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the word around: loaves abound!*

New Testament Reading

Acts 16:16-34

New Testament page 136

Sermon

EARTHQUAKES! Also, Spittle...

Rev. Shroyer

Responding

§ Hymn 630

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

Offering our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives

Offertory

With Praises Ring

Barbara Kinyon

Ring of Praise Handbell Ensemble

The Table

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Lord's Prayer sung

Words of Institution

The Bread and Cup

Eat the bread as it is served. Hold the cup to drink together. While passing the elements, you may say, "the body of Christ, broken for you," and, "the blood of Christ, shed for you."

Prayer after Communion

Sending

§ Hymn 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

The People Respond—Amen!

Dan Locklair



The Lord's Prayer

for the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Arlington, Texas

Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be thy name; _____

Thy king - dom come; Thy will be done on Earth as it is in heav - en.

Give us this day our dai - ly bread; for - give us our debts as we for - give our debt - ors;

Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil:

For Thine is the king - dom, and the pow - er, and the glo - ry, for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

O Beauty Ever Ancient 650

Capo 3: (D) (G) (Em) (C) (G) (Em) (A) (D)
 F B^b Gm E^b B^b Gm C F

1 O beau-ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,
 2 O beau-ty in cre - a - tion, in world of sound and sight,
 3 O beau-ty that is move - ment in liq - uid line of grace,
 4 O beau-ty of the Spir - it where love is shin - ing through,

(G) (Em) (F[#]7) (Bm) (G) (Em) (A) (D)
 B^b Gm A7 Dm B^b Gm C F

di - vine and Ho - ly Pres - ence, my be - ing sings to you,
 O beau - ty in the si - lence, in dark - ness as in light,
 O beau - ty that is still - ness in love - ly form or face,
 O beau - ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,

(D) (G) (Em) (C) (G) (C) (Dsus)(D) (G)
 F B^b Gm E^b B^b E^b Fsus F B^b

in grat - i-tude, in wor - ship my be - ing sings to you!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Both Psalms 29:2b and 96:6a encourage us to “worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,” yet celebrating the beauty of the holy God is not an end in itself but involves a call to oppose unjust ugliness. The beauty that draws us to God also urges us to work for mercy and justice.

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Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul - er of the

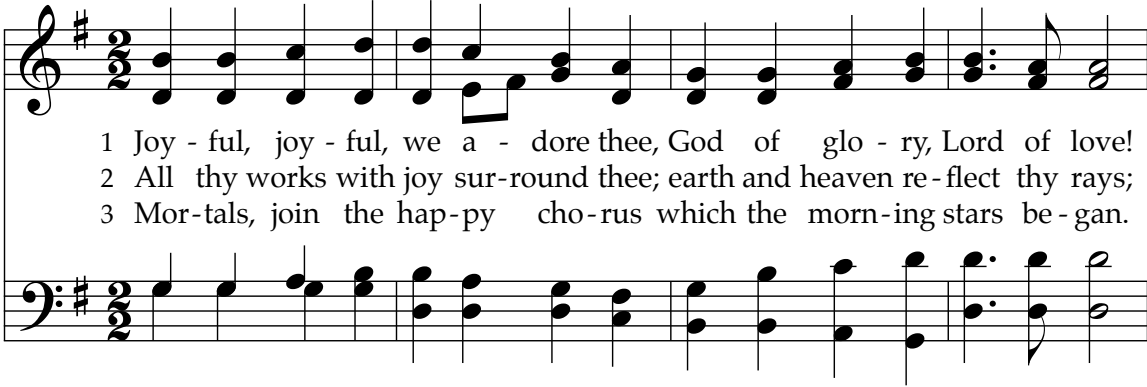
na - ture, O thou of God to earth come
 wood - lands, robed in the bloom - ing garb of
 moon - light, and all the twink - ling, star - ry
 na - tions, Son of God and Son of

down, thee will I cher - ish, thee will I
 spring. Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is
 host. Je - sus shines bright - er; Je - sus shines
 Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -

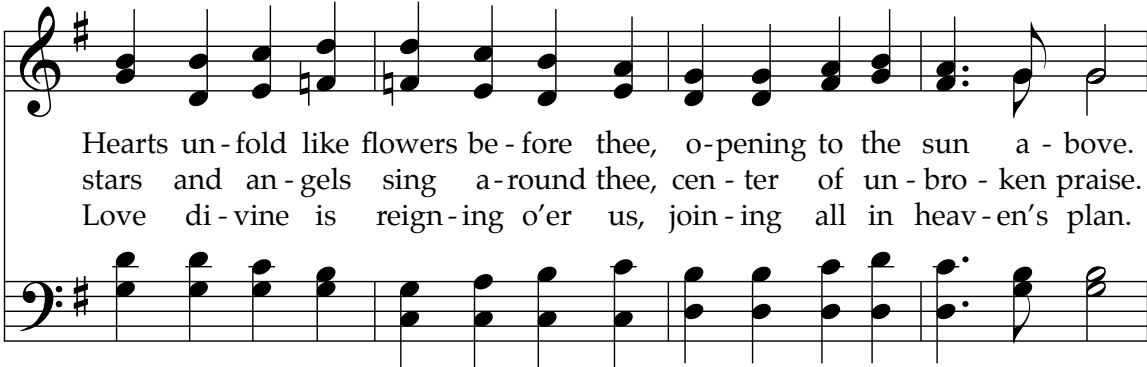
hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
 ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Franz Liszt used this melody for a "Crusaders' March" in an oratorio, but this hymn had nothing to do with the Crusades. No record of the German text exists before the middle of the 17th century or of the Silesian folk melody before the first half of the 19th century.

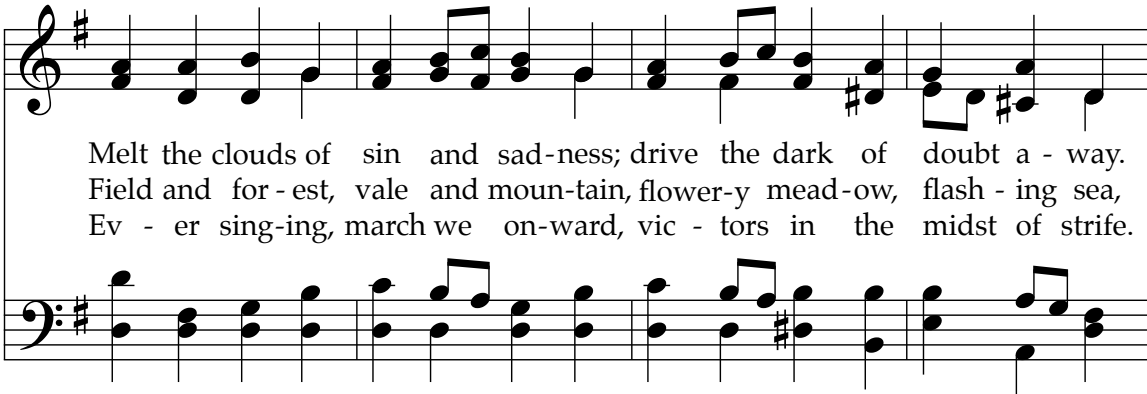
611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



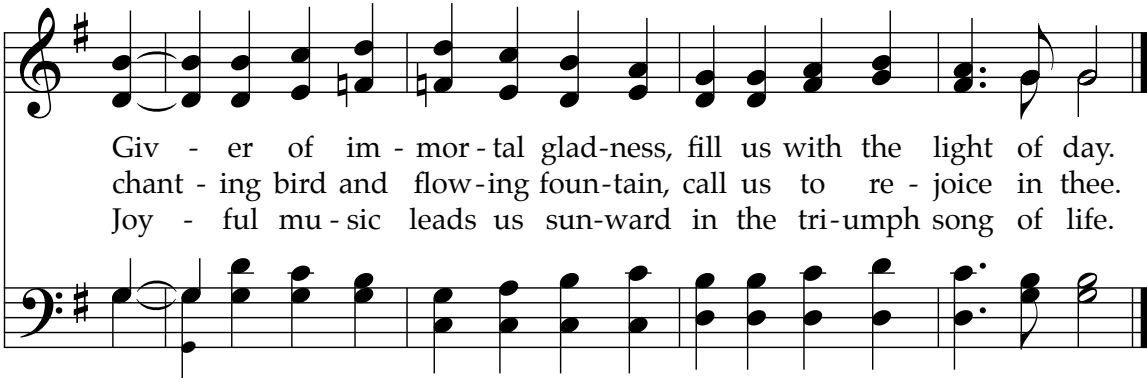
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.



Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pen-ing to the sun a - bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Ev - er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife.

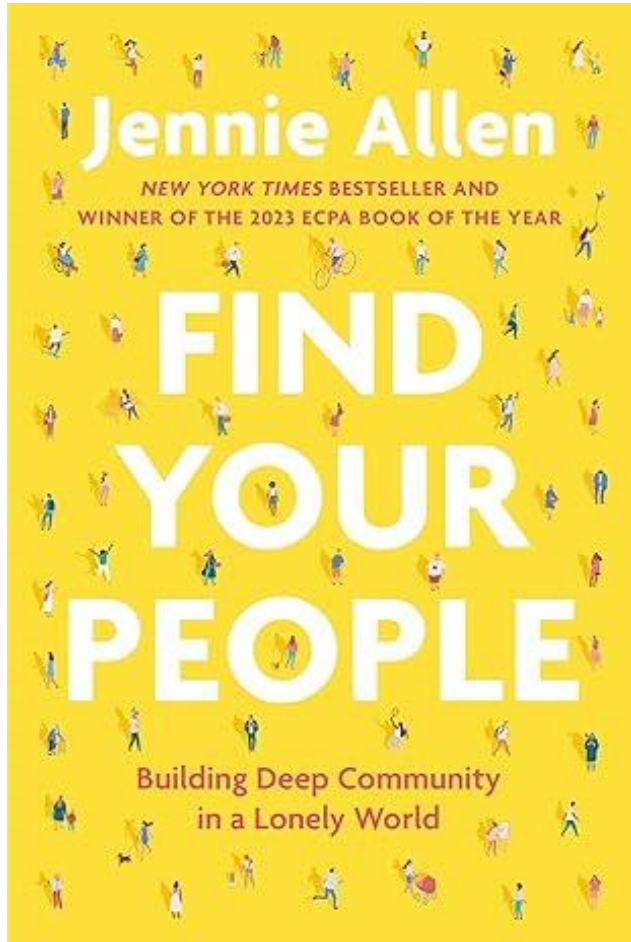


Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

Summertime Literary and Potato Chip Snack Society

A 4-Session Summer Book Club for Women



Session Dates:

Monday, June 23, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, July 7, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, July 21, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, August 4, 6:30 p.m.

First session to be held at:

2807 Zinfandel Ln.

Arlington, TX 76001

Books can be purchased
Wherever books are sold.

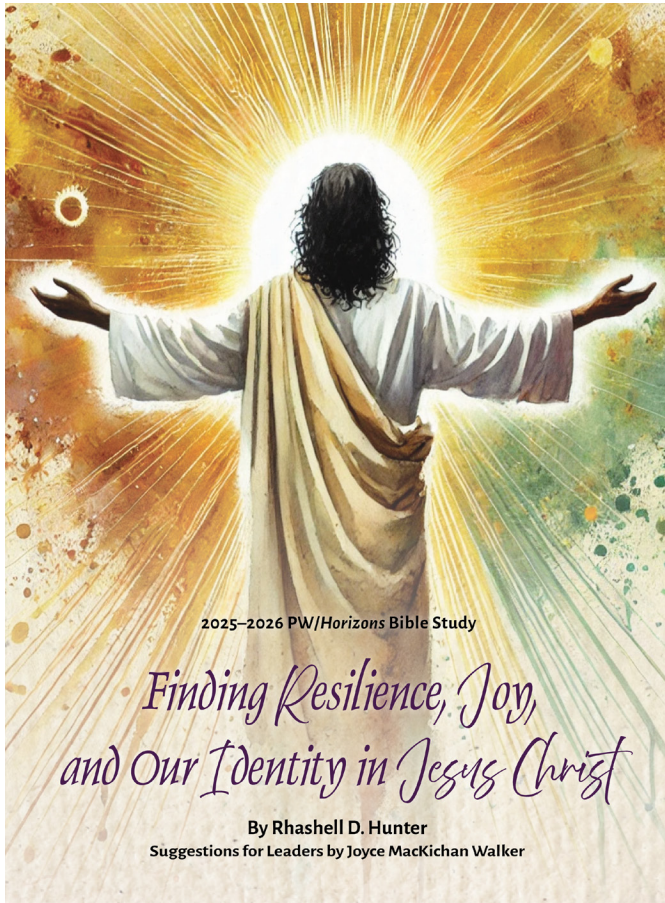
Please bring yours to
each meeting.

One Summer. One Book

You were created to play, engage, adventure, and explore—with others. In *Find Your People*, you'll discover exactly how to dive into the deep end and experience the full wonder of community. Because while the ache of loneliness is real, it doesn't have to be your reality.

Join your sisters in Christ as we gather to explore Jennie Allen's award-winning book (and YES, there will be snacks!!)..

For questions, please email womensministry@firstprestexas.org



Fall Bible Study for Women

The Women's Wednesday Bible Study will begin their new study September 10, 2025. This group meets the second Wednesday of each month, September - May at 1 p.m. At FPCA. Currently meeting in the Fellowship Hall, but this could change. Members volunteer to lead a lesson and/or bring a snack.

This will be the 25th anniversary of this group meeting. It is open to all women. The Study guides will be ordered on July 15, so if you would like to join and have a book, please reply to Debbie Richardson (der817@gmail.com) or Sheri Quick (sheriq@aol.com). Cost is \$14 plus \$1 to help defray the cost of shipping. When the order arrives, an email will be sent on where to pick up your book and make payment (a check or cash).

Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ by Rhashell D. Hunter

In this Bible study, we will explore resilience. This is modeled for us by several biblical characters, gospel and epistle writers, as well as Jesus. So, what exactly is resilience?

Resilience is the ability to spring back into shape and to adapt well in the face of adversity, trauma, tragedy, threats, or stress—such as from family, relationships, health, workplace, and financial stressors. People who survive and thrive well in change are resilient.

The Bible study is also about joy. How do we find joy in a chaotic world? Christian joy may be different from how a lot of people define joy.

Joy is sometimes confused with happiness. For Christians, joy can occur while we are in the midst of difficult circumstances. Joy is the second fruit of the spirit, preceded by love and followed by peace (Gal 5:22-23). Trusting in God when we are in trying times can fill us with glorious joy and peace. We have joy in our suffering, because ultimately our joy is found in Jesus Christ.

We will also seek to rediscover our identity. Identity is more than who we are or who we show ourselves to be. At its core, it points to our humanity. Our core identity is not found in our titles, our positions, our spouses, our partners, or our possessions. For Christians, our identity is found in Jesus Christ.

Spring Festival Lunch

Sunday, June 1

Following the 11:00 service today, the Fellowship Team will serve lunch and welcome you to hear from Stepanie Marsden of the Texas Presbyterian Foundation. She will educate FPCA members on legacy and planned gifts. Now is the time to create a lasting legacy that can inspire future generations, support the ministry of our church, and remain steadfastly woven into the hearts of others. You can make a difference.

Youth & Children's Musical "Judge Julie Truly"

Saturday, June 7 at 2:30 p.m.

You're invited to attend FPCA's youth and children's musical, "Judge Julie Truly" based on the biblical story about the friends who lowered their friend through the roof to be healed by Jesus. The free performance is Saturday, June 7th at 2:30 in the FPCA sanctuary and should end by 3:15. Please make plans to attend the show to support these fantastic performers in their performance and in their faith journey!

Vacation Bible School

June 2-6 at 9 a.m. to Noon

Live It Out: Learn to Love Like Jesus
Children 4 years old to 6th Grade

Use the QR Code to Register



Pentecost Offering

This year our Pentecost Offering is received officially on the Day of Pentecost, June 8, 2025. As with all Special Offerings, times before and after this date are appropriate for donations also. On Pentecost Sunday, we join Christians around the world to celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit to the church. Pentecost is usually represented with the color red, which symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit.

The Pentecost Offering unites us to support young people in Christ. Forty percent of the offering stays locally and this year will go to HOPE Tutoring as decided by the Mission and Evangelism Team with Session approval. The other percentage will support General Assembly ministries for youth development.

Stay up to date on the Pentecost Offering on www.pcusa.org/pentecost or twitter.com/pcusa.

Offering envelopes are available outside the sanctuary several weeks before and after the offering. Please use the Pentecost envelopes or designate on your check or other envelope if you are giving to the Pentecost Offering.

Please help aid youth programs in our church as well as our country and world. The Pentecost Offering helps our youth begin life with a strong start and a solid foundation of faith from childhood through young adult.



The Women's Ministry Team invites you to enjoy lunch with your sisters in Christ as we treasure our time together. Space is limited, so please be sure to register early!

Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Rose Garden Tea Room at Gracie Lane, 4720 South Cooper

- FPCA Website (firstprestexas.org) → Ministries → Adult Ministries
- Scroll down to Women's Ministry and register

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 6/1	
Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Lunch for Musical	12:00 pm
Musical Rehearsal	12:45 pm
Monday 6/2	
Vacation Bible School	9:00 am
Music Week Rehearsal	12:45 pm
Tuesday 6/3	
Vacation Bible School	9:00 am
Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	10:30 am
Music Week Rehearsal	12:45 pm
Wednesday 6/4	
Men's Bible Study	8:00 am
Vacation Bible School	9:00 am
Quilting	10:30 am
Music Week Rehearsal	12:45 pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Thursday 6/5	
Vacation Bible School	9:00 am
Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
Music Week Rehearsal	12:45 pm
Friday 6/6	
Vacation Bible School	9:00 am
Music Week Rehearsal	12:45 pm
Saturday 6/7	
Children's Musical Performance	2:30 pm

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

The family of Mary Lou Garrison, the family of Lorna Snyder, the family of Kathy Moore, the family of Lucy Cleaver, Sandra Cook and family, Hendersonville, N. C., mission trip team, Carlos and Jennyfer Zamora and newborn Theodore, Eric and Talita Gottmann and newborn Clark Gustave, Shawn LeBlanc, Charles Arnold, Nancy Brown, Carol Browning, Judy Crowell, Cyprain Engwenyi, Betty Farrell, Ken Floyd, Bobbie Fowler, Ivone Franzolin, Joe and Lila Glenn, Joanne Kirven, Margaret Landolt, Charlie Laney, Pat May and her son Tim Karnes, Brendan and Dannielle McWalters, Judy Reck, Lisa Scrabeck, Tonya Scrabeck, David Spencer, Susie Thurston, Donna Vickers, Nancy Welborne, Patrick Welborne, Sherry and Shelby Wolfe, Danny Womble

Prayers for family in the armed forces:

Christopher Young, Wolfgang Van Wie

Prayers for our home-bound members:

Bettye Burdett, Madge Casselman, Ann Scarr, Betty Snowden, Leonard & Mary Jane Tibbetts, Dee Uhri, Richard Whitenight

Prayers for those who do not know Christ

If you have any congregational care needs, contact Parish Associate, Jim Shroyer at 682-445-0155 or jim@firstprestexas.org

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