

First Presbyterian Church
721 Church St.
Jefferson City, TN 37760

LECTIONARY

5th Sunday after Epiphany—February 5th

Isa. 40:21–31
Psa. 147:1–11, 20c
1 Cor. 9:16–23
Mark 1:29–39

Ash Wednesday—February 22nd

Joel 2:1–2, 12–17 or Isa. 58:1–12
Psa. 51:1–17
2 Cor. 5:20b–6:10
Matt. 6:1–6, 16–21

6th Sunday after Epiphany—February 12th

2 Kings 5:1–14
Psa. 30
1 Cor. 9:24–27
Mark 1:40–45

1st Sunday in Lent —February 26th

Gen. 9:8–17
Psa. 25:1–10
1 Peter 3:18–22
Mark 1:9–15

Transfiguration of the Lord—February 19th

2 Kings 2:1–12
Psa. 50:1–6
2 Cor. 4:3–6
Mark 9:2–9

Meetings This Month









Stewardship & Finance—February 1st at 6:30 p.m.
Fellowship & Evangelism—February 8th at 6:30 p.m.
Session—February 8th at 6:30 p.m.
Mission—February 8th at 8 p.m.
Christian Education—February 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

Treasurer's Report January 2012

January 1	\$2,973.00
January 8	\$2,976.85
January 15	\$3,769.10
January 22	\$3,688.37
January 29	\$3,127.00

TOTAL	\$16,534.32
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*(We need \$16,955.58 to meet the
monthly budget.)*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Comunion 5</p> <p>Sunday School - 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service - 10:45-11:45 a.m. Souper Bowl Sunday</p> <p>Youth Super Bowl Party at the Whaley's @ p.m.  Melissa Needs</p>			<p> Eva Zirkle</p> <p>Stewardship & Finance @:30 p.m.</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Women's Breakfast @ a.m.</p> <p> Mike Van Bruggen</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m.</p> <p>Choir Dedication Sunday Youth Luncheon Fundraiser 12 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p> <p> Lisa Setson</p>	<p>14</p> <p> Valentine's Day</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Fellowship & Evangelism @:00 p.m. Session—@:30 p.m. Mission — @ p.m.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Directory Pictures to be taken 2:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.  Mike & Pam Kustermann</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Directory Pictures to be taken 2:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Sit 'n Knit Group 7 p.m.  Lucas Kirkpatrick</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Hiking Club 8:00 a.m. Directory Pictures to be taken 10:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m.</p> <p>Fellowship Sunday Grace Notes Flute Choir</p>	<p>20</p> <p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p>21</p> <p> Helen Jolley</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Family Night Supper/ Ash Wednesday Service @:30 p.m.  Harry Finley</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p> Bill & JoAnne Vest</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m.</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>			

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Rev. Andrew C. Whaley, Pastor

From the Pastor's Desk...

The notes of the true Kirk, therefore, we believe, confess, and avow to be: first, the true preaching of the Word of God, in which God has revealed himself to us, as the writings of the prophets and apostles declare; secondly, the right administration of the sacraments of Christ Jesus, with which must be associated the Word and promise of God to seal and confirm them in our hearts; and lastly, ecclesiastical discipline uprightly ministered, as God's Word prescribes, whereby vice is suppressed and virtue nourished. Then wherever these notes are seen and continue for any time, be the number complete or not, there, beyond any doubt, is the true Kirk of Christ, who, according to his promise, is in its midst.

--Scots' Confession of 1560, Chapter XVIII.

Located in our Presbyterian Book of Confessions, the Scots' Confession of 1560 reminds us that what it means to be the Church (they use the word Kirk) in the Reformed tradition is fairly simple. Wherever people come together around the Word of God, whenever they celebrate the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, and where they seek to nourish the faith of one another (I like to think of "discipline" in a way that is less about punishment and more about our common "discipling" of one another), there we have the Church.

What comprises the church, therefore, is rather simple. How these elements are lived out in different historical time periods and in various geographic locations can differ greatly. Much of our Congregational Check-Up is focusing on *how* we are church together, as we discern who God is calling us to be in our particular historical moment.

Our task force continues to process surveys and we are encouraged by the participation of those who have submitted their thoughts. As I write this article, we have received 70 surveys (out of approximately 180 that we sent out) with many thoughtful comments. We sense a positive energy from everyone in the congregation and can tell that there is great hope in what God is doing among us.

To continue our time of discernment, we hope you will join us in conversation as we seek greater clarity about how we move from assessment to articulating particular ministry goals and discerning how to build on our strengths to meet those goals. You will have two opportunities in February to join us for conversation. On **Sunday, February 19th** at **5:30 p.m.** in the evening, you are invited to join us for a simple meal of pizza and salad as we discuss some of the findings from our survey regarding the strengths of our church and how we might utilize those strengths to address some of the growing areas identified by the congregation. We will be having this same conversation on **Sunday, February 26th** following worship with the same food menu provided. Child-

care will be provided at both gatherings.

Besides the marks of the Kirk, I suppose what I find most comforting in this portion of the Scots' Confession, is the assurance that wherever people gather in the name of Jesus, he is there among them. The faithful women and men of this congregation have been gathering in this way for generations, and we hope to continue that faithful practice in our time. What a gift it is that the future of the church, that the guidance for our life together, is not up to us! Instead, we come together as followers of Jesus, to seek his presence in our midst, and to discover the future God is creating. Join with your fellow saints in this time and help us listen for God!

Gratefully,
Andrew

Announcements

WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Our next Women's Prayer Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, February 4th at 9 a.m. at the home of Sue Rhein (1240 Groseclose Road). If you have any questions, please see Sue. We hope to see you there!

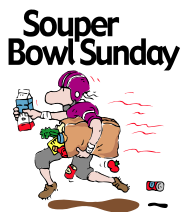


ELDER TRAINING

On Sunday, February 5th through Sunday, March 4th we will be having elder training for current elders on session to take place in Andrew's office. We will begin at 9:30 a.m. instead of the usual 9:45 a.m. time slot. We will be using Joan Gray's book *Spiritual Leadership for Church Officers*; copies are in Andrew's office, and on Feb. 5 we'll be looking at the first three chapters.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

We are participating in Souper Bowl of Caring through our Five-Cents-A-Meal Offering on Sunday, February 5th. The children/youth will collect the offering & are encouraged to wear their favorite team colors! All money given will be sent to Holston Presbytery, and the total amount collected will be reported to The National Souper Bowl Organization. Please plan to give generously!



YOUTH SUPERBOWL PARTY

On Sunday, February 5th the youth group will be meeting at the home of Andrew and Rebecca Whaley (828 Rebecca Lane) at 6:00 p.m. for a Super Bowl Party. The party will last through half time. The youth are asked to bring drinks, chips or dessert to share. A main dish will be provided. If you have any questions, please see Andrew.

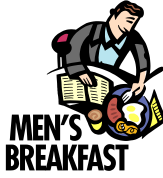


GOING-ON GROUP

The Going-On group will be visiting the R. S. Oaks Water Treatment Plant on Tuesday, February 7th. We will be meeting at the Church at 9:45 a.m. to be at the plant by 10:30 a.m. The tour will take approximately 1 hour. Following the tour we will be having lunch at the Little Dutch Restaurant at 12:00 p.m. Please call Nancy Romine (865-475-9163) by Monday, February 6th, if you plan on attending.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, February 11th at 8 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall.



CHOIR DEDICATION SUNDAY

On Sunday, February 12th we will be having Choir Dedication Sunday. Please plan on joining us in celebrating the wonderful musical talents in our congregation.

YOUTH MISSION FUNDRAISING LUNCH

On Sunday, February 12th, the youth will be hosting a fundraising lunch following worship service for the summer Youth Mission Trip. Roxanne Moser and JoAnne Vest will be preparing lunch (along with the help of others). You are invited to stay & enjoy lunch for a donation (generous, we hope) which will go to help offset the cost of the trip and supplies needed to make repairs on the homes in Sunset Gap. Lunch will include baked spaghetti, salad, bread and dessert plus wonderful company! There is a sign up sheets in the back hall.



NEW PICTURE DIRECTORY

February 16th through the 18th, we will be scheduling sitting times to get your picture taken for our new Church Directory. Look for inserts in your upcoming bulletins. There is NO cost to have your picture taken and your family will receive a free 8x10 picture. Carol Bergman or JoAnne Vest will be contacting you to set up your appointment.

SIT 'N KNIT GROUP

On Friday, February 17th at 7 p.m. we will be having the Sit 'n Knit gathering at Libby Moser's house. If you have any questions, please see Libby.



SMOKY MOUNTAIN HIKING CLUB

The Smoky Mountain Hiking Club will meet on Saturday, February 18: The Other Rocky Top. No, it's not the Rocky Top, but it's a Rocky Top, this one in Cocke County. It's another short hike, and one we haven't done before. It'll be a lot less strenuous than the other Rocky Top. Don't forget to pack a lunch and some water and plan to join us!



GRACE NOTES FLUTE CHOIR



We are pleased to announce that on Sunday, February 19th the Grace Notes Flute Choir will be with us during our worship service. The Grace Notes Flute Choir is a group of professional and amateur flutists based in Maryville. This inspiring group of flutists, including our own Dr. Sue Swilley, is sure to enrich our worship experience together. Be sure and join us for a Special Fellowship Sunday, following their performance.

FEBRUARY FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE



Our February Family Night Supper will be on Wednesday, February 22nd, at 6:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be our Ash Wednesday Service. Please bring a dish and join us for an evening of fellowship!



THANK YOU FROM THE STAFF!!

We would like to express our gratitude to everyone in the congregation for the generous Christmas gift. We are touched by your thoughtfulness and extremely appreciative. Thank you!! We wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year!!

—Andrew, Heather, Angie, Madison and Carly



February 2012 Ushers, Greeters, and Nursery Schedule

February 5

Ushers —John and Debby Rinehart
Greeters —John and Sylvia Ribbe
Nursery —Rebecca Whaley

February 12

Ushers —David Noonkesser and Dick Gombert
Greeters —Pat and Mary Ellen Patton
Nursery —Martha Sanders

February 19

Ushers —Doug Dykstra and Ted Folsom
Greeters —John and Debby Rinehart
Nursery —Stacy Kirkpatrick

February 26

Ushers —Phil Williams and Johan Koppiet
Greeters —JoAnne Vest and Carol Bergman
Nursery —Juanita Dykstra

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

LCpl Dennis Pryor IV
2019 Riverglen Forest Dr.
Kingwood, TX 77345

Major Michael Stinnett
9 Lost Valley Dr.
Huntington, WV 25705

Spec. Taylor Belton
1706 SW 8th St.
Lawton, OK 73501

Major Kevin Hornburg
Major Amy Carpenter
13355 Cedarville Way
Colorado Springs, CO 80922

Lt Col. Chris Hornburg
25617 Creek Run Terrace
South Riding, VA 20152

LCOL Boyd Hodges
1670 Great Fork Rd.
Suffolk, VA 23438

If you have a family member or friend who is serving in the Armed Forces, please let us know so that we can add them to our list.



HIKE SCHEDULE-2012

WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US FOR ALL OR SOME OF OUR HIKES THIS YEAR. ALL OF OUR HIKES WILL LEAVE FROM BEHIND FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (DEBORAH STREET SIDE) AT 8:00 A.M. BE SURE TO PACK WATER, A LUNCH, RAIN GEAR, AND, IF YOU WISH, A CAMERA, AND WEAR GOOD HIKING FOOTWEAR.

January 28: Laurel Falls. This is a short (2.6 mile roundtrip) hike, which should be accessible, even in winter weather; in fact, the falls should be even more spectacular if there's snow and ice. It's even a paved trail.

February 18: The *Other* Rocky Top. No, it's not *the* Rocky Top, but it's *a* Rocky Top, this one in Cocke County. It's another short hike, and one we haven't done before. It'll be a lot less strenuous than the other Rocky Top.

March 17: Grotto Falls. This is a 2.6 mile round trip, featuring one of the prettiest waterfalls in the Smokies.

April 21: Porters Creek. This hike has become one of our favorite spring hikes because of the prevalence of wild flowers; also, if you're a first timer on this trail, remind us to show you the official car of the Smoky Mountain Non-competitive Hiking Club as we pass it. The round trip is either 4 mile or 7.2 miles, depending on whether we turn around at Fern Creek Falls or go all the way to campsite 31; it'll be a game day decision.

May 26: Juney Whank Falls. We'll venture to the North Carolina side of the park for a 2.7 mile loop past Juney Whank Falls, a 90 foot cascade; it'll be our first trip to this trail.

June 16: Baxter Creek. This trail runs from Big Creek to the Mount Sterling Fire Tower, a 12 mile round trip. A steady uphill climb, it'll be the challenge hike for the year, and a good warm-up for those who are going to Mt. LeConte in July. The views from the Fire Tower are striking.

July 7: Andrews Bald. This is a 4 mile round trip to a bald which has numerous flame azaleas, beautiful when they're in bloom, which usually is late June to early July. You'll need a camera on this hike.

August 18: Brushy Mountain. This is the *other* trail to Trillium Gap and on to Brushy Mountain; it's a 9.8 mile round trip, steadily uphill, which features gorgeous vistas from the summit.

September 22: Abrams Creek. For this hike we'll venture into Cades Cove, dodge the tourists, and do a 5 mile round trip hike to the most popular waterfall in the park. Afterward we will drive through the rest of the cove.

October 27: Max Patch. This is our most requested hike, and in October the fall colors should be stunning. If you wish, you may walk about half a mile to the bald and then just enjoy the scenery, or you may join those of us who do an approximately 4 mile loop around the patch.

November 17: House Mountain. This is a state park near Mascot; the loop trail is approximately 6 miles, and the view from the top is lovely.

December 31: Big Creek. This is another easy hike to end the year; it's a 4.2 mile round trip past Midnight Hole and Mouse Creek Falls to a bridge over Big Creek, a good spot to stop for lunch.