



The Vine

“O God of Hosts, look down from Heaven, and visit this vine which, we trust, Thy right hand hath planted. Watch over, protect, and defend it. Nourish it with the dews of divine grace, and cause it to grow and spread and flourish...”
 Also refer to John 15:5 — “I am the vine, ye are the branches ...”

Sunday, Apr.11

10 AM Worship *Among You Is the Living God*
 Rev. Franklin Fant preaching

5:30-7:15 PM Youth Bible study /dinner

Elementary children will not meet.
 (Will resume April 18 at 4:30 PM)

The sanctuary flowers are given by
 Charles & Sherry Wilson
 in memory of their parents,
 Frank and Vonnie Parker
 & Herchel and Mary Ellen Wilson.

Prayer Concerns as of Apr. 6

At home Judy Couser, Mary Burris, Betty Aiton, Cathy Neal, Walker Martin, Hack Brown, Nancy Finneran, Kathy Burriss, Linda Murphy, Carl Coker, Tommy Hörger
Presby. Home (801 Musgrove St, Clinton, 29325) June Dean, Marie McCracken Martha Franks Center (1 Martha Franks Dr, Laurens) Nancy Cook Smith

Extended Prayer list

Mark Dolny, stepson of Linda Dolny (11/20)
 Drenda Taylor, friend of Alyssa Pinson (11/20)
 Susan Roberts, sister-in-law of Connie Parker (10/20)

Sanctuary Flowers

Apr. 18 **WESTMORLAND**, Jim & Lee
 Apr. 25 **WHITLEY**, Jean
 May 2 **WILKIE**, Paul & Linda
 May 9 **WILKIE**, Paul, Jr. Mother's Day
 May 16 **DOWNEY**, Teresa
 May 23 **WILSON**, Candi
 May 30 **BENSON**, Chris & Ronda



Vine Helpers (11:30 Wed.)

April

7-Gail Robinson
 14-Diane Milam
 21-Lonnie and Rita Bixler
 28-Janice Stroud

May

5-Jeanette George
 12-Marilyn Buchanan
 19-Peg Basche
 26-Drucie Martin

Usher team-Apr 11

Acts

Byron Parker**
 Gail Parker
 Ralph Patterson
 Erskine Thomason
 Tommy Thompson
 Paul Wilkie, Jr.

Usher team-Apr. 18

Romans

Bill Childers**
 Patsy Adams
 Gary Crow
 Ron Richard

Usher team-Apr. 25

Corinthians

John Swofford**
 Sloan Mahon
 Charles Milam
 Robert Thomason
 Jim Todd IV
 Charles Wilson



Circle 2
 will meet,
 Sunday, April 18,
 at 5 PM.

Attendance Easter Sunday: 141

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



All Ladies of the Church

Please mark your calendar for May 24. It will be our Birthday Celebration for our circles; however, this year is different. We want **ALL** ladies to come whether you belong to a circle or not!! So put your cooking aprons up and join us at Roma's for a fun evening. Prizes, etc. Details will be forthcoming. Susan Todd

Preparing for Youth Sunday!

Calling all 6th to 12th grade students!

Join us this Sunday from 5:30 – 7:15 pm for dinner, our lesson, and our first meeting to prepare for Youth Sunday! Youth Sunday is on May 2, and we have plenty of roles for each of our youth. If your student is not able to join us this Sunday but they want to be involved on Youth Sunday, please reach out to Will DeLaney at will@firstpreslaurens.org.

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Infants-2 years: Infant room
2 yr olds - 5K: Toddler room

Ken's Komments

HELP NEEDED! **YOU** are needed in the Chancel Choir. If you can carry a tune in a bucket, bring your bucket to choir rehearsals, Wednesday evenings at 6:30- 7:30pm in Hunter Hall, masked and distanced. Please come. Remember, come and "Sing your sins away!"

Our opening hymn this Sunday is the bright resurrection hymn "Easter People, Raise Your Voices." It is sung to the familiar tune, REGENT SQUARE, or "Angels from the Realms of Glory." The text was written by William James in 1976 for the services at Metropolitan Methodist Church in New York City, where the author was pastor. It was sung at the opening of the 1980 General Conference of the United Methodist Church. Because of Jesus Christ's Resurrection, we are Easter People! This hymn celebrates Christ's victory and ours over sin and death.

March 2021 Financial Statement

Budgeted Income	\$ 127,657.02
<u>Actual Income</u>	<u>\$ 126,109.74</u>
Difference	\$ -1,547.28

Budgeted Expenses	\$ 127,657.11
<u>Actual Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 105,783.24</u>
Difference	\$ 21,873.87

Balance (Income less Expenses) \$ 20,326.50

THANKS
FROM THE
HEART

For those who don't know, today is my last working day here at First Presbyterian. I just want you to know what a pleasure it has been to get to know each of you and to be able to sit in this position of honor. I have so many good memories from my time here. Thank you for everything and for being the kind and gracious people you are.

Thank you also for the beautiful flowers and gift cards. You all are a treasure.

With love,
Christie

