

First Presbyterian Church of Rockwood

MESSENGER



Goodbye

It has been a joy and a privilege to serve our Lord and Savior here at First Presbyterian. Our Lord has chosen to end this relationship and have me serve Him in another location. I know this is true because the ordained elders serving on session have voted to end my time here.

They are chosen by the congregation and you have vowed to pray for them as they serve God and this church with integrity, enthusiasm and imagination, leaning on the Lord for His guidance in their decisions.

I ask for your continued prayers as I travel the path God has laid out for me.

God Bless!

Your sister in Christ,
Rev. Grace Hammer

Prayers for Our

Homebound	&	Military
JoAnn Glover		Maeghan Redmon Oviatt
Carolyn Pemberton		Nathan Webster
Jenny Wright		Logan Flanagan
Dot Holmes		

College Students

Jayden Dryman	JJ Webster
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Please let us know if you have a college student we can add to our list.



Studying God's Word

April 7: Springtime, new life, resurrection, hope. God, help me hold onto an Easter focus all season long.

Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31

April 14: The risen Jesus invites us into peace as we touch his scarred body. May we, the body of Christ, share his peace with one another by touching each other's lives with love.

Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

April 21: Good Shepherd, in you I have everything I need. Thank you for guiding me along the path of life.

Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

April 28: I lay my joys and cares before you, Holy Spirit, that you might prepare my heart for worship.

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8





For Your Support!

John Knox Center
Knoxville College
Medical Benevolence
Foundation

Thank you for remembering me in so many ways. Your flowers, prayers, calls and cards give me joy. Hopefully I can give a pattern on how to grow old with the realization that "God is with us". Even with my struggle with lymphedema I feel very thankful to be in my home and to know how to deal with it. God's angels are all around me with the help I need.

Carolyn Pemberton

MARCH ATTENDANCE

<u>Date</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Offering</u>
February 25	14	23	\$ 590
March 3	14	22	\$ 1,984
March 10	11	21	\$ 414
March 17	20	34	\$ 963

FINANCIAL UPDATE-ANNUAL BUDGET

	<u>Thru March 19, 2024</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Receipts	\$ 3,754	\$ 11,447
Expenditures	\$ 10,918	\$ 32,735



1 st David Snodgrass	22 nd Chabli Balcom
4 th Anne Randolph	26 th April Foust Wilson
10 th Caleb Dryman	29 th Abigail Torgler
11 th Justin Phillips	30 th Chris Metcalfe
21 st Cory Dryman	
21 st Arlene Foust	

SESSION REPORT

David Snodgrass, Clerk of Session
March 17, 2024

Session approved an additional \$5,400 of funding towards the refurbishment of the manse in order to have it rented out as soon as possible.

Session voted not to renew Pastor Grace's contract ending at the end of April.

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL



VICTOR'S CROSS

— Also called the conqueror's cross, the victor's cross is composed of the Greek cross, recognized by its four equal arms, adorned with Greek letters in each quadrant. The top left

letters stand for *Jesus* and the top right letters stand for *Christ* (the horizontal lines above them indicate that they are abbreviations). The four letters across the bottom spell the Greek word for *conqueror*.

Mother's Day Booklets

The Mother's Day Memory/Honor booklet will be shared on Mother's Day, May 12th. If you have corrections or additions for the booklet, please give those to Jerry Wallick. Deadline for submission is Monday, May 6th.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Through One Great Hour of Sharing, we become the household of God. We extend shelter to those who have no place to stay, offer compassion to those who have pain—be it physical, emotional or spiritual—and we set a feast, with God, for those who lack access to enough food to eat. A portion does go to disaster relief. God's household filled with love and everyone is welcome.

We will be collecting the offering for One Great Hour of Sharing on Sunday, March 24 and Sunday, March 31.

April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 April Fool's Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Ladies Circle 6:30 pm	12	13 Love Kitchen 4:00 pm
14	15 Newsletter Deadline	16	17	18 Stewardship 7:00 pm Office Closed	19 Fellowship Hall Reserved Office Closed	20
21 Session	22 Office Closed	23 Office Closed	24	25	26	27 Love Kitchen 4:00 pm
28	29	30				

**Contributions to MESSENGER are welcomed and encouraged !
Contact Heather at the office if you have items you would like to see included.**

THE MESSENGER

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APRIL CHURCH EVENTS

11 th	Ladies' Circle
13 th	Love Kitchen
15 th	Newsletter Deadline
18 th	Stewardship
18 th – 24 th	Office Closed
21 st	Session
27 th	Love Kitchen

Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.

Church Office Hours: M-F 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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Hope, Joy and Abundant Peace in Christ

Special dates

SESSION

- Administrative Professionals
Day, April 24, 2024

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Wilma Brummert	Chris Goddard	Kathy Dryman
Brian Garner	David Snodgrass	Rose Schock
Amy Metcalfe		



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