

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2020



COVID-19 COMMISSION REPORT

While small adjustments are being made to allow smaller groups to meet on-site, the majority of protocols remain in place for safety and efforts to stop the spread of the virus. We are reminded to wear masks (mandatory), continue social distancing, washing of hands and utilizing sanitation stations. The 9 AM outdoor, and 11 AM Sanctuary worship services continue on-site and the 11 service is [livestreamed](#) and recorded for your convenience. Adult Sunday school classes are not on-site as yet, but several are meeting via Zoom and if you are not in a class but would like to be, let us know and we will get an invite to you. There are some limited youth activities but no child care or Sunday school for now, and we are still waiting for coffee/Coke fellowship, other large gatherings, choir, or church dinners. We will celebrate The Lord's Supper this Sunday using individual contained "fellowship cups". If you cannot attend, but wish to celebrate communion in your home, contact the church (423-27-1206) and we will come to you.

MASKS OR FACE-SHIELDS

The question has been asked concerning masks vs face-shields. In speaking with the medical professionals, masks are far better. In fact, face-shields do relatively nothing to protect either the wearer or others. Face-shields protect the eyes, but should be accompanied with a mask. A face-shield supports the use of a mask, but is not a substitute. Wearing a face-shield? Add a mask. Also face masks which have valves are not acceptable because they only protect the wearer and not those around them.

ELECTION RESULTS

The results of last week's congregational meeting are:

Elders

Darrin Hassevoort & Mike Kramer

Corporate Board

George Clark, Mitch Everhart, Mark Hill, & James Woods

Pulpit Committee

Scotty Brown III (E)	Nancy Hill
Steve Dunn (E)	Martha Queen
Jerry Stauffer (E)	David Cooper (E-Emeritus)
Paul Laskowske (D)	Tom Hughes (E-Emeritus)
Skip Pond (D)	

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

We are encouraged to "pray without ceasing" and hope you do. There are also special occasions to pray corporately. Franklin Graham announced a *Prayer March through Washington, DC* for this **Saturday, September 26**. Knowing it is unlikely to be in attendance, we encourage everyone to pray for our country, its leaders and direction. We are challenged by the passage in II Chronicles 7:14 – "If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and

seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." You can watch the livestream [Prayer March 2020](#) anywhere you have internet access.

Another group of Christian leaders, including Os Guinness, are encouraging Christians everywhere to recognize **Sunday, September 27** as *Repentance Sunday* and asking for prayer knowing from Scripture that when a nation is experiencing division and calamity, the church's responsibility is to turn to God, repent of our sins and return to our "first love".

WORLD MISSIONS

In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.—John 16:33



69th WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE

SAVE THE DATES: October 11-14, 2020

Just two weeks away from our first ever virtual World Missions Conference. See you there in person and/or on-line!

Sunday

9:00am **Outdoor Worship Service (Connector Lot)**

11:00am **Worship Service (Sanctuary-[livestreamed](#))**

Monday thru Wednesday

8:30am **Good Morning World**

7:00pm **World Missions Tonight**

Tuesday

10:00am **Women's Zoom Event**

Monday and Tuesday

4:30pm **Mission Vision for Children**

Monday and Wednesday

12:00pm **Midday Report**

All events Monday through Wednesday are "live" events accessible via the First Pres APP, YouTube, FaceBook, Vimeo, [1stpresbyterian.com](#), and [fpccworldmissions.com](#). You are encouraged to view the events at the designated times above because *not all events will be recorded and available at a later date*.

Your prayers are greatly needed for the World Missions Team and church staff as they put together this virtual conference. Video production, editing, and scripts are still in process. Please pray for all technical aspects of the production. Most importantly, pray that our Lord Jesus is supremely honored and his people are blessed.

HATTIE MCCALLIE MISSIONARY CLOSET

Wednesday is the last day to donate items!

Please make sure your donations are clean—washed or dry-cleaned. Hanging or in non-food bags is acceptable. Items must have been purchased within the last five years.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BEGINS!

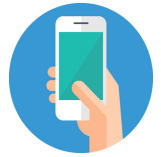
An opportunity to share Jesus with boys and girls around the world is possible if you fill a shoe box. Boxes with directions inside are available in the Connector and on a cart outdoors (during the 9 am service). Completed boxes may be returned to the receptionist desk or placed in the marked box by the Connector entrance. Sunday, November 22nd is the last day to return boxes to the church. Thank you for your help in spreading the Gospel.



1ST PRES IS TEXT FRIENDLY

Text to 423-888-0345:

- APP** to download the 1st Pres app (WM Conference info, 1st Pres calendar, online directory)
- GIVE** for a secure link to 1st Pres online giving (Deacons' Budget, World Missions, Vesper Point, and other ministries)
- BULLETIN** to view this week's worship service bulletin



MIDWEEK REGISTRATION STILL OPEN!

Meeting from 7:15-8pm, through November 18th (except during Mission's Conference – Oct. 14) we are offering an adult elective, *Masterclass: a Seminar on Discipleship*. The seminar is offered in-person (limited spaces due to health protocols) and virtually. [REGISTRATION](#) is necessary to reserve your space OR to receive an email with the necessary Zoom link. If you need additional information, contact Pastor Mike, mike@1stpresbyterian.com.



BALLROOM DANCING CLASSES

Six weeks of ballroom dancing classes will start on **Thursday, October 8**. Classes will be held in the Student Center from 6 to 8pm. The cost is \$100 per couple for all six weeks. You can register [HERE](#), but you need to hurry; the class is limited to twelve couples and is near capacity.

1ST PRES KIDS

Children's virtual Midweek meetings "Gather and Gospel" take place each Wednesday. PreK-K kids are invited to join us on Zoom from 6-6:30pm and 1st-5th graders are invited from 6:30-7pm. We enjoy this time of fellowship including sharing our highs and lows, praying for one another and for our missionaries, and going deeper into our Virtual Sunday School curriculum in all kinds of engaging ways. Have your child join us as we remember on a weekly basis that we are STILL Christ's Church and the Gospel is STILL very good news! Zoom links are included in the weekly Children's Ministry email (you can subscribe, [HERE](#)).

It's not too late to register for Virtual Sunday School! Don't miss this fabulous discipleship opportunity for your children! Contact Misha, misha@1stpresbyterian.com, 423-648-7903, for info.



EXPRESS YOUR SELFIE!

Log in to the app or your 1st Pres online profile (access it [HERE](#)) and upload a selfie. Be fun! Be creative! Be simple or elaborate! Show off your smile and your favorite background. Pics will be viewable in the secure 1st Pres online directory.



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

The updated Church Ministries and Volunteer Opportunities directory: The directory lists all the Church ministries that offer opportunities for volunteering – there are over 60 such ministries – along with the contact person for each ministry. You can find the September 2020 edition of the [1st Pres CMVO directory](#) on the Church's website, under "Serve," from the 1st Pres APP under "Resources," or from your Touch-Point profile. You can download your own copy or have one printed for you. Contact Leslie Cory, lesliecory@comcast.net, or the church office 423-267-1206.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

The 1st Pres Congregational Care Ministry is here for you! If you or someone you know has had a new baby or is ill or hospitalized or could use prayer, a meal, a pastor's visit, a call, flowers, or a card, let us know by calling the church office, 267-1206, any time day or night. Are you interested in being a part of this ministry? Contact Pastor Chris Ehlers, cehlers@1stpresbyterian.com.

Our Congregational Care Ministry is especially available to help senior members or those with special needs during this precautionary period. We can provide assistance with grocery shopping or acquiring necessities like medications and/or toiletries. Please contact Rachel Allred, rachel.d.dyer@gmail.com.

"If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." 1 Corinthians 12:26-27

