

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21, 2021

1ST PRES CELEBRATES THE ADDITION OF:

Walker McCoy Couch & Wilson McDaniel Couch, born on February 4th to parents Caroline and Luke Couch.



COVID COMMISSION REPORT

OK, you've had Covid, you've been vaccinated, cases are down, I guess you don't need a mask? WRONG! Masks are mandatory (cover mouth and nose), social distancing is a must, keep washing hands frequently (practice good health habits). The greatest danger we face, in addition to new strains of the virus, is the danger of feeling we can "let up", be less vigilant, or things are "normal". They are not! This is still a very serious epidemic and the fight continues. Remain vigilant, protect yourself and others. Follow protocols and remain responsible. Because the trends are continuing downward, the Commission is allowing an increase in the size of gatherings in addition to regular Sunday worship (11:00 AM Sanctuary) and beginning March 7 (9:00 AM outdoors) to groups of 20 while keeping the parameters of masks required, spacing practiced, no eating or meals at meetings, limited duration, and space available. If interested in meeting on-site, the leader of the group should contact don@1stpresbyterian.com, or jcope@1stpresbyterian.com to schedule your time/place to meet.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Each week we offer an **11:00 AM service in the Sanctuary** (masks required, socially distanced) with overflow in the Chapel. The service is always [livestreamed](#) and recorded so you can join it at 11 AM or watch at your leisure.

With a one-week delay, the message can be heard at 11 AM on WGOW Radio (102.3 FM) or online at www.wgow.com.

We are excited to start offering an **Outdoor Worship Service* at 9am beginning March 7th**. The service will be led by a worship team singing traditional hymns set to newer tunes and more recently composed songs.

Masks and social distancing are still required.

*In the event of inclement weather, the 9am Worship Service will be moved into the Sanctuary and Children's Church will move to the Assembly Room on the 2nd Floor of the Elementary wing, with masks and social distancing. More information is available at <https://1stpresbyterian.tpsdb.com/EmailView/15301>.

ALSO COMING TO SUNDAY MORNINGS

Children's Church will be available at both the 9am and 11am Worship Services beginning March 7.

- Pre-registration and check-in will be required.

Youth Sunday School will meet from 10-10:45 beginning March 7.

- Pre-registration and check-in will be required.

Nursery (0-3 yrs) begins **Easter Sunday, April 4**

- Pre-registration and check-in will be required.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR TIM TINSLEY

A memorial celebration of Tim's life will be held at noon on Feb. 27 at Park Cities Presbyterian Church in Dallas, TX. Livestream will be available at <http://pcpc.org/live/memorial-services/>. We will also have a prayer time for the family from 11:30 -12:00 in the Sanctuary followed by the livestream service on the large screens.



NEW STAFF POSITION

We are excited to announce that Jessica Bayless has accepted the position of 1st Pres Director of Communication and Community Coordinator. This is a new position at 1st Pres that will begin on April 1st. We're looking forward to the organizational standards that she will put in place so that our church can communicate more effectively. We appreciate Jessica's dedication during her years working with the youth ministry and know that she will be greatly missed. She wishes you all to know that "*Walking alongside your families has truly brought me much joy, and it has been an honor seeing Jesus at work in the lives of students. I am very thankful for each of you and am excited to continue being a part of what God is doing at 1st Pres!*"



PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Pastor Search Committee is available for you and earnestly desires any input you would like to give. Committee names are listed below and all of our contact information is available in both the printed and online directories. The information is also listed in the 1st Pres app under resources. Please continue to pray for God's wisdom and guidance through this process. Thank you!

Scotty Brown	Tom Hughes
David Cooper	Paul Laskowske
Leslie Cory	Skip Pond
Steve Dunn	Jerry Stauffer
Nancy Hill	

<https://1stpresbyterian.tpsdb.com/EmailView/15340>

ORGAN CONCERT

It's hard to believe, but First Presbyterian's 49-year-old organ is about to turn 50!

The Moller opus was dedicated with a concert on Sunday, February 28, 1971. So we're going to have an hour-long concert on **Sunday, February 28, 2021**, to observe its half century of service. Our own Dr. Judy Glass, having presided over our organ bench for 47 years, will play congregational hymns. She will be joined by David Stultz, a senior studying organ performance at UT-Knoxville. And Bruce Alan Clark, who has been organist at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church for over 40 years. The program will be [livestreamed](#). The usual protocols of distancing and the wearing of masks will be observed.



GIRLS NIGHT IN OR OUT, MARCH 4

Ladies, join us **Thursday, March 4, at 7:00 PM** to hear from Mike and Mary Haberkorn about their adoption journey. Mike & Mary will share their story via Zoom, we'll have a chance to ask them questions & will have a time of small group fellowship and sharing. There are in-person and Zoom options. Registration is required for this event.

Contact: Charlene Hatmaker charMTW@hotmail.com
423-505-7688.



WORLD MISSIONS

The Hattie McCallie Missionary Closet will be accepting donations through February 28, 2021.

Guidelines for giving may be found at fpccworldmissions.com/about-us/give.



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Youth Bible studies have started up this month! Preregistration is required and Covid guidelines will be followed. Parents - if your student is signed up, you should have received details about meeting dates and times. If you didn't receive these details or if you missed registration, please let us know!

Youth Sunday school is meeting on Zoom this week! We will be meeting 10-10:30am to continue our study in the book of John.

For more information about youth Sunday school or youth Bible study, please email Jessica@1stpresbyterian.com or Zach@1stpresbyterian.com.



CHURCH-WIDE PRAYER WALK

A church-wide prayer walk is scheduled for **Saturday, March 13 from (9-10am)** at the Walnut St. pedestrian bridge. Park on the Northshore near Coolidge Park. Prayer cards will be provided. As you walk across the bridge and see friends/members, pray for the city and the unique role 1st Pres plays in being a blessing and witness in our community.

HEARING CENTER

March 3 is World Hearing Day. The theme for this year is: "Hearing for All! Inform. Rehabilitate. Communicate". This is a call to action. Let's begin as a church by assisting those who have difficulty hearing the worship services or Bible teaching. If you are interested in volunteering to serve on the "Hearing Center" committee contact don@1stpresbyterian.com. Let My People Hear!



1ST PRES KIDS

Register for a Lenten kit via the [1st Pres Kids weekly email!](mailto:1stpreskids@1stpresbyterian.com) We've got some great resources to walk you and your family through the upcoming season leading up to Easter Sunday.

Sunday morning ministries this week include a limited capacity Children's Church during the worship service for PreK-1st grade children. Advance registration, a check-in and screening process as well as masks and social distancing are required.

For families of Nursery-age children (infant-3-yrs old), we have prepared 7 spaces on the Fellowship Hall and Nursery levels of the Children's Wing for use during the worship service with the service itself streaming into each space. Due to the pandemic, we are not able to provide staff or volunteers for these rooms at present. There is a formal screening and check-in and check-out process on the Fellowship Hall level of the Children's Wing at the Douglas St. entrance.

Cloth worship bags are prepared each week for children who remain in the worship service. Please remember to return the bags in the plastic "Used Bags" bins after the service.

And don't forget about the virtual Sunday School ministry which is available each week.

For more info on the 1st Kids Ministry, please contact Misha at misha@1stpresbyterian.com.



RAPHA FELLOWSHIP

The Rapha Fellowship is meeting on Zoom Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00, as well as very limited in-person fellowship. Please consider joining us. To get the Zoom link or additional information on the Rapha Fellowship, contact Pam Adams, pam@1stpresbyterian.com.



INTERESTED IN LEADING THE LIBRARY?

Looking for an opportunity to serve at church? We are in need of a librarian to take the place of Terri Parsons who served for a number of years, but wants to turn it over to focus on other interests and needs. If interested contact don@1stpresbyterian.com.



HAVING TROUBLE SCHEDULING A VACCINE APPOINTMENT?

If you are having trouble navigating the labyrinth of getting a Covid vaccine shot, our Care Committee will help you. Need help? Contact Ann Walldorf at ACwalldorf@gmail.com or call (423)756-4005.



STEVE GREEN CONCERT

The Steve Green Concert scheduled much earlier and then pushed back several times due to Covid, has been cancelled indefinitely.