

First Presbyterian Church of Fulton



Established 1835 - 718 Court Street Fulton, Missouri
A Matthew 25 Church - Earth Care Congregation

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**WE ARE A MATTHEW 25
CHURCH!**

Building Our Faith.... Through These Waters!

Worship & Reflection This Week!

In-Person Worship At 10:30 am in the Sanctuary!

Sunday, April 21, 2024: The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B

Livestream on YouTube: youtube.com/@fpcfulton

Liturgical Color: White

Usher Captain: Mark Covey

Greeter: Lori Covey

Acolyte: Jill McCaulley

Live Stream/Sound: Shirley Dixon

Worship Leader: Rev. Ed Hankinson



- **First Scripture Reading**

Psalm 23

- **Second Scripture Reading**

John 10:11-18

Children's Moment: Judy McKinnon

Sermon by Rev. Hankinson - *What's Love Got to Do With It?*

From the Hymnal This Week!

#610 O! For a Thousand Tongues to Sing!

#39 Great is Thy Faithfulness

#606 *The Doxology*

#187 Savior, Like a Shepherd Heal Us

Additional Readings for Sunday, April 21, 2024, the Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

- **[First Reading Acts 4:5-12](#)**
- **[Psalm 23:1-6](#)**
- **[Second Reading 1 John 3:16-24](#)**
- **[Gospel John 10:11-18](#)**

Sunday School Opportunities Available for Everyone!

New Adult Sunday School Series Starts This Week!

The adult Sunday School class starts our last series for this program year with a five-week series (April 21 - May 19) on *Matthew 25 - A Bible Study for Prayer and Reflection*. You can access the study at: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/M25-BibleStudy.pdf> but it is not necessary to study ahead. It is fine to just show up Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Church Library as we explore what it means for us as a church and as individuals to live as Christ calls us to live in Matthew 25: 31-46.

DATE	Bible Study Topic
April 21	Welcome & Introduction: Matthew 25 Vision and three areas of focus. PBS documentary
April 28	Setting Matthew 25 in the context of the Gospel of Matthew. We will look at the literary structure of Matthew and the five discourses, or teachings, found in Matt. 25
May 5	Two parables – the 10 bridesmaids and the Master giving talents to his servants.
May 12	Jesus' judgment Importance of structure and the power of systems in creating change.
May 19	Matthew 25 vision focuses on congregational vitality; structural racism; and eradicating systemic poverty. It is our invitation to active discipleship. What are we doing as a church? How can we each respond as individuals?



New Children's Sunday School Format in Place Through Summer Break!

WWU Students will facilitate the Children's & Youth Program as part of the regular 10:30 am Worship Service.

Children of all ages will begin the worship service in the Sanctuary with their parents. Our Young Disciples are an important part of our regular gatherings, serving as Acolytes and conducting the Fishes & Loaves Food Collection as they come to the front for the Children's Moment each week. A Children's Moment Message will

be presented by a rotating group of volunteers.

After the Children's Moment, Brooke Lopez and Keely Diblasi will escort children in grades PK through 8 to the Nursery and Classroom for a brief Sunday School session. Parents may pick them up after the Worship Service in those locations.

Infants and any school-age children who wish to remain in the Sanctuary for the remainder of the service are welcome to do so. They may sit with their parents, friends, or take advantage of the children's area of the Narthex.

High School Students May Choose Adult Sunday School, The Rock, or Both!

The Rock is a safe, inclusive space for Middle and High School youth in the Fulton area to explore the Christian faith. This group just for teens meets each Sunday evening at 715 Nichols St. at 6:00 pm.

This week, Rock participants are invited to help celebrate Pastor Jason, who has just finished his doctorate degree, by attending a celebration potluck lunch at Heartland Church (1410 Mokane) on Sunday, April 14, right after church. Please plan to attend your home church that morning, but then

we'd love for you to head on over and join us for lunch. There will be lots of food, so just show up and bring your whole family!

To find out more, find us on Facebook or email the.rock.fulton@gmail.com .

Prayer Chain Reactivation Under Congregational Care Committee!

The Congregational Care Committee is reactivating the prayer chain, as a means for sharing our prayer concerns. While we are using Pulpit Supply Pastors, we will not be sharing these concerns after worship on Sunday mornings. The prayer chain will allow our Congregational Care Committee to know who might need a card, a visit, a phone call, a meal, or simply a hug.



If you would like to be someone who is willing to spend a few minutes praying for the needs of someone, please notify Arlys Kremer by telling her, calling her, or emailing her (preferred method). This will add you to the email group that she will use to notify you of prayer concerns.

If you have a prayer concern, you have several ways to let us know. You can click on the "Prayer Concerns" tab at the top of our website and the link will email our Congregational Care Chair, after you fill in the information. Arlys Kremer is the chair of Congregational Care. You can call Arlys or email her (preferred method). There is also a link to the Congregational Care Committee (found under contacts) on our church website.

Arlys Kremer: 573-864-6120 or congregationalcare@fpcfulton.org

Notice of Called Congregational Meeting - Sunday, May 5th!

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON MAY 5TH.

The Session, by consensus, is calling a Congregational Meeting on May 5th, following the worship service and Pie and Sandwich Luncheon. The purpose of the meeting is to elect our next class of elders to serve on Session, share the steps in our Pastor search process, outline how we will handle the day to day business of the church while we are searching for a pastor, and elect our Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).

- Elders to be elected to serve in the class of 2027 are:
 - Arlys Kremer (an installed elder) to represent the Congregational Care Committee
 - Tim Wilkerson (an installed elder) to represent the Mission Committee
- Elders to be elected to the Pastor Nominating Committee are:
 - Tim Baysinger
 - Joe Davis
 - Shirley Dixon (if she doesn't need knee surgery)
 - Ramona Dobson
 - Mary Osburn

Session Needs Your Input!



Please Complete the Congregational Survey for Pastor Search by Friday, April 26!

Below is a link to a survey that will ask you to rank your priorities as we search for the next pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Fulton. You will also be asked to provide comments you may have about our church's strengths, challenges, and how you would describe FPC to an pastoral candidate.



You can complete the survey by going to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/X359FDR>

or use the QR Code pictured above.

For those who prefer paper copies, there will be a supply of surveys and a collection box in the Lobby.



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**Welcoming New Arrivals Through
Baby Grace Ministries**
God Receives All Children Equally
And, so do we.

Baby Grace Ministries April Open House will be held this Friday and Saturday, 4/19 & 4/21, at First Presbyterian Church of Fulton, 718 Court St.

Young families are invited to browse our collection and take what is needed. There are some guidelines and rules we ask that you follow so that we may help as many families as possible. You will be asked to register when you attend the open house then you may look for clothing and pick up diapers.

You will be given a package of diapers per child (40 diapers in each package) with a package of baby wipes.

3 complete outfits per child (includes a pair of shoes, socks, pants or slacks and shirt or dress, jacket, underwear). Open Houses are held on the third Friday and the following Saturday of each month. **FRIDAY OPEN HOUSE HOURS ARE 2:00 - 4:00 PM.**



2024

JUSTICE and PEACE

Calendar

Each month in 2024, we will send items from PW Churchwide's Justice and Peace Calendar. Feel free to share the information with friends and family, your congregation and/or include it in your PW newsletter.



Want the J&P calendar for the entire year?

[Click here](#) to download the PDF or visit the Justice and Peace webpage at presbyterianwomen.org/justice, where you can also find additional details.

PW Justice & Peace Calendar for May 2024!

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month; asianpacificheritage.gov

2 National Day of Prayer; nationaldayofprayer.org

2–8 Children's Book Week; everychildareader.net/cbw

6 May Holocaust Remembrance Day; ushmm.org/remember/days-of-remembrance/resources/calendar

7 National Teacher Day; nea.org

11 World Fair Trade Day; wfto.com

11 Stamp Out Hunger Day; about.usps.com/corporate-social-responsibility/nalc-food-drive.htm

12 Mother's Day; presbyterianmission.org/story/a-prayer-for-mothers-day

13 J&P Book Discussion Group online, 6:30–8:30 PM (Eastern) on *Transforming: The Bible & the Lives of Transgender Christians* by Austen Hartke. Register at presbyterianwomen.org/justice

15 Palestinian Nakba Remembrance Day; presbyterianmission.org/story/may-15-2022/

19 Pentecost; presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/pentecost

19 Intercultural Church Sunday; pcusa.org/resource/intercultural-ministries-19226

22 International Day for Biological Diversity; cbd.int/idb

27 Memorial Day; presbyterianmission.org/story/may-30-2022

FPC Fulton: We are an Earth Care Congregation!

Presbyterian Church (USA) - Jesus Calls Us



HELP WANTED WITH POLLINATOR & RAIN GARDENS!



Do you know of anyone interested in native plants? I'm looking for help with our church gardens and my gardens at home. 10 - 20 hours/week. If the weather is bad I have indoor work that can be done.



- Start at \$15/hour, and learn about native plants!
- Part Time - flexible hours.
- Walking distance from campus.
- Must be able to pull weeds and shovel compost.
- Must be willing to get wet and muddy.

Text Judy - 573-220-3053



Young Disciples Fishes & Loaves Collection Every Sunday During Worship!

Our Young Disciples invite you to bring your contributions of shelf-stable and canned food items. They will collect donations and add them to the Little Red Wagon during Children's Moment. Item by item, we help fight systemic poverty by addressing food insecurity.



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Creating Community... Through These Waters!

FPC Church Luncheons! Faith, Fun, Fellowship Abound!

The Next Two Meals Are Ones You Won't Want to Miss!

NEW BEGINNINGS LUNCH on APRIL 21ST FOLLOWING WORSHIP:

Let us gather to celebrate New Beginnings! Bring a new dish to try out on your church family. Bring a new large side dish (or 2) to try out on your church family. Ham and drinks will be provided. If cooking is more of a challenge than it use to be...you can donate toward the cost of the ham.

PIE AND SANDWICH LUNCHEON ON MAY 5TH FOLLOWING WORSHIP:

This lunch comes on the heels of our April luncheon, however, Rudy loves our church lunches, so we are having our May luncheon on May 5th.

Bring your favorite pie to share. Sandwich meat, bread, chips, and condiments along with drinks will be provided.

The May 5th Congregational meeting will follow the luncheon. Please stay to elect elders to Session, to hear about the Pastor Search process, and to elect the PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee). See the newsletter for more information.

Click [HERE](#) for More Information and Camp Registration!

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THE MISSOURI UNION PRESBYTERY

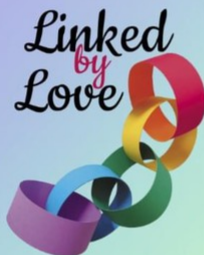


2024 SUMMER CAMP



Try It (June 7-9)

<Preschool-completed 1st grade>
*Adult or parent must attend with the child
\$225/PAIR



CYF (July 8-13)

<Completed 9th-12th>
\$375 per participant

Elementary (July 15-17)

<Completed 2nd-3rd Grades>
\$185 per participant

Junior (July 15-19)

<completed 4th-5th Grades>
\$335 per participant

Chi Rho (July 28- Aug 2)

<completed 6th-8th>
\$375 per participant

FINANCIAL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Registrations close
2 weeks prior to the
beginning of camp.

Registration Link:

<https://mid-americaandmupcamps.godaddysites.com/>



Have questions, contact Audra West -
audraw@fpccolumbia.org or 573-615-6675

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Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group Meets on 3rd Tuesdays!

The Fulton Caregiver Support Group meets monthly on the third Tuesday of the month from 11:00 am to Noon at the First Presbyterian Church, 718 Court Street.

Caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias are welcome to share concerns with each other, learn about the disease and support one another. Find comfort and reassurance about feeling of guilt, frustration, and fear. Learn more about Alzheimer's disease and related dementias and make new friends. You are not alone in the journey.

Join us for the next 1-hour meeting:

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

11am-12pm

Find us on Facebook!

<https://bit.ly/3WayLUK>

LUNCH BUNCH

Wednesdays at Noon
in the FPC Fellowship Hall!

Bring your own lunch and
enjoy a time of fellowship with friends!

Join Us for Lunch Each Wednesday at Noon!

Are you looking for some fun and fellowship as you enjoy a mid-day meal? Are Wednesdays at noon free? Just pack a lunch or stop by your favorite Fulton eatery for some take-out, and head to the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. We gather each Wednesday at noon to enjoy a little lunch time conversation and great fellowship. Everyone is Welcome! We hope to see you at NOON for lunch on Wednesday!



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About Us: First Presbyterian Church of Fulton!

Stay Connected Even When You Cannot Attend Church in Person!

If you would like to participate in Sunday worship, but cannot attend in person, you can now open any web browser and go to:

<https://bit.ly/fpcfultonyoutube> at 10:30 am to participate in real time or any time you choose to view the recorded version



About Our Congregation....

First Presbyterian Church of Fulton, Missouri is a PC(USA) congregation and a member of the Missouri Union Presbytery.

We are a **Matthew 25 Church** invested in Eradicating Systemic Poverty, Dismantling Structural Racism, and Building Congregational Vitality.

As an **Earth Care Congregation**, our worship and discipleship celebrates God's grace and glory in creation. Through education, we encourage and support each other in keeping and healing the creation. Our facilities are managed, maintained, and upgraded to respect and cherish all creation. Through outreach we encourage community involvement and public policy to protect and restore the earth.

The congregation of FPC Fulton is an active participant in the community through our support in word and deed of the following local organizations:

- **Our House: Caring for Callaway's Homeless** through shelter, education, & advocacy.
- **SERVE, Inc.:** providing dynamic services for Callaway County residents including financial assistance, volunteer opportunities for all ages, door-to-door public transportation, a thrift store, food pantry, supplemental school supplies, and Christmas gifts for families in need.
- **Open Table:** Setting the table to provide nourishing meals and a place for fellowship to persons in our community.

We are a **Four for Four Congregation** participating in these special offerings throughout the year: **One Great Hour of Sharing, Christmas Joy, Pentecost, and Peace & Global Witness.** We declare a connection with the ministries of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and join in the efforts of Presbyterians around the corner and around the world to share God's grace and endless love.



What's Next: A Glance Ahead at FPC!

What's Happening in April & May 2024!

- Weekly on Sundays - Worship Service, 10:30 am
- Weekly on Sundays - The Rock, 6:00 pm at 715 Nichols St.
- Weekly on Wednesdays -Choir Practice in the Choir Room, 7:00 pm
- Weekly on Wednesdays - Lunch Bunch, Noon in the Fellowship Hall
- Friday, April 19 - Baby Grace Ministry Distribution from 2-4 pm. Enter through the lobby.
- Saturday, April 20 - Baby Grace Ministry Distribution from 10:00 am to Noon. Enter through the lobby.
- Tuesday, May 21 - Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group from 11-Noon, in the church library.

[Click Here for the FPC Google Calendar!](#)

Office Hours, Giving & Contact Information!

How to Contact Us:

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YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@FPCFulton>

Website: fpcfulton.org

COVID-19 Safety Protocols by the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Fulton.

The wearing of masks when entering the church building is optional. All other COVID-19 Safety Protocols remain in place. This includes the observance of social distance, using disposable Communion elements, and no contact collection of the offering. Our church COVID-19 Safety Protocols extend to all church activities.

How Can I Give?

Checks for pledges and offerings, and documents are normally hand-delivered on Sunday mornings by dropping them in the collection plate located at each door of the Sanctuary. Otherwise, if you are unavailable to attend church, any of these items can be mailed to:

First Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 6037, Fulton, MO 65251

If you prefer online giving, use our new GIVE+ Online giving system through the website or the GIVE+ Mobile app.

How to Contact Our Committees!

Our committees Gmail accounts that can be used to email them suggestions, concerns, and thanks. The addresses are:

- Session Clerk, "clerk@fpcfulton.org"
 - Administration Committee, "administration@fpcfulton.org"
 - Christian Education Committee, "education@fpcfulton.org"
 - Fellowship Committee, "fellowship@fpcfulton.org"
 - Mission Committee, "mission@fpcfulton.org"
 - Congregational Care Committee, "pastoralcare@fpcfulton.org"
 - Property Committee, "property@fpcfulton.org"
 - Worship Committee, "worship@fpcfulton.org"
 - Communications, "communications@fpcfulton.org"
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Welcome to Our Church!



First Presbyterian Church is located at 718 Court Street in historic downtown Fulton, Missouri. Worship services, under the direction of Rev. Aaron White, are held each Sunday morning. For more information, go to: www.fpcfulton.org or find us on Facebook or on Twitter @FPCFulton.

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