

First Presbyterian Church of Fulton



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

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Building Our Faith.... Through These Waters!

Worship & Reflection This Week!

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

Sunday, April 14, 2024: The Third Sunday of Easter, Year B

Livestream on YouTube: youtube.com/@fpcfulton

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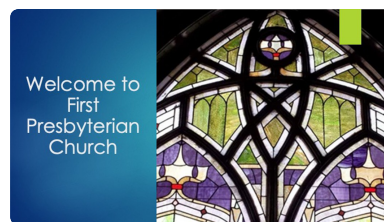
Usher Captain: Graham McCaulley

Greeter: Whitney McCaulley

Acolyte: Elliot Davis

Live Stream/Sound: Shaun Speers

Worship Leader: Rev. Ed Hankinson



- **First Scripture Reading**
[1 John 3:1-7](#)
- **Second Scripture Reading**
[Luke 24:36-48](#)

Children's Moment: Angela Grogan

Sermon by Rev. Hankinson - *Emmaus Experience*

From the Hymnal This Week!

#260 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

#581 Gloria Patri

#606 The Doxology

#157 I Danced in the Morning.

Additional Readings from the Common Lectionary for Sunday, April 14, 2024, the Third Sunday in Easter

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- **First Reading** [Acts 3:12-19](#)
- **Psalm** [4:1-8](#)
- **Second Reading** [1 John 3:1-7](#)
- **Gospel** [Luke 24:36b-48](#)
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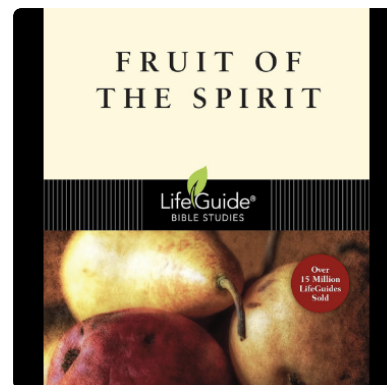
Sunday School Opportunities Available for Everyone!

Adult Sunday School in the FPC Library at 9:30 am Each Sunday!

You are welcome to join us in the library, at 9:30 a.m. for our Adult Sunday School class. Topics for upcoming classes include:

- April 14 Self-Control 1 Samuel 26

This ends the study of the Fruit of the Spirit. Watch for our next topic April 19 newsletter!



New Children's Sunday School Format Begins This Week: Sunday, April 14th!

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 2 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!

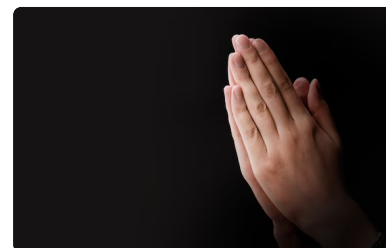
The Rock is a safe, inclusive space for Middle and High School youth in the Fulton area to explore the Christian faith. This group just for teens meets each Sunday evening at 715 Nichols St. at 6:00 pm.

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

**your
input is
needed!**

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.



Presbyterian Mission Agency



“We believe God calls us to act boldly and compassionately so that faith comes alive and the world wakes up to new possibilities.”

April 17 marks the International Day of Farmer and Peasant Struggles.

Farmers are the ones who feed the planet, but surprisingly, they are also among the poorest and hungriest people in the world. According to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), around half of the world's hungry people are from smallholder farming communities, surviving off marginal lands prone to natural disasters like drought or flood.



A pandemic like the one that still rages in some parts of the world, risks devastating “poor rural communities and small-scale food producers who already face challenges such as weak resilience, poor nutrition and limited access to resources and services.” Covid-19 has hampered the ability of farmers to travel, get produce to market, purchase inputs and of course keep producing the food that is necessary for their national food security.

The [Presbyterian Hunger Program \(PHP\)](#) is currently supporting work by our partner CISEGD to assist smallholder farmers in Batibo in the Northwest region of Cameroon to improve nutrition, increase income, and ensure food security.

On this International Day of Farmer and Peasant Struggles, we celebrate the resiliency of smallholder farmers in Northwest Cameroon who are willing to restart their food production after losing everything even while the threat of future violence and Covid-19 looms. And we celebrate our partner CISEGD, whose dedicated staff are committed to doing this important work.

Read the reflection of the Coordinator of [CISEGD's reflection in the Mission Yearbook](#) by clicking this link.

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



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Welcoming New Arrivals Through Baby Grace Ministries With Extended Open House Dates Beginning in March!

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).

Third Friday Open House April 19

2:00 to 4:00 pm

*Enter through Fellowship Hall Doors &
Follow Signs to Distribution.*

Third Saturday Open House April 20

10:00 am to Noon

*Enter through Fellowship Hall Doors &
Follow Signs to Distribution.*

Donations to Baby Grace Ministries determine supplies available for distribution.

To make a donation of consumable supplies such as diapers, wipes, clothing sizes Newborn to 5T, and feminine hygiene products, request a drop off appointment by emailing: mission@fpcfulton.org. **Monetary donations** may be made by sending a check with the words **BABY GRACE** in the memo line to: First Presbyterian Church, PO Box 6030, Fulton, MO 65251.



Creating Community... Through These Waters!

Church Luncheon: After Worship on Sunday, April 21st!

OUR NEXT CHURCH FAMILY LUNCHEON IS COMING!

Let us gather to celebrate New Beginnings! 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.



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, March 19, 2024

11am-12pm

Find us on Facebook!

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



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 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
- Tuesday, April 16 - Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group from 11-Noon, in the church library.
- 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.

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

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"



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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