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OF FULTON, MO

MATTHEW 25 CHURCH

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Worship & Reflection This Week!

Livestream on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/@fpcfulton
Sunday, November 8, 2026: The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (*Year A*)
Liturgical Color: Green
Usher Captain: Graham McCaulley
Acolyte: Lydia McCaulley
Greeter: Whitney McCaulley
Live Stream/Slides: Comfort Adusi

Sound: Shirley Dixon
Liturgist: Tim Wilkerson
Worship Leader: Rev. Carol Pierson
First Scripture Reading: Psalm 37:27-28a
Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:1-13

From the Hymnal This Week!

Hymn of Praise--# 614 "Great are You, Lord"
Hymn of Discipleship -# 771 "What is the World Like"
Hymn of Response--# 298 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"
Hymn of Sending--# 748 "Hymn of Sending"

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Additional Readings for the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading -Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Psalm -Psalm 78:1-7
Second Reading -1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel -Matthew 25:1-13



FPC Children and Youth Sunday School Fall Semester

Children & Youth Sunday School will be offered on the 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sundays of the month during our regular 10:30 am worship service. This week we turn to the ***Follow Jesus - Welcome All!*** unit expressing acts of welcome and hospitality as offerings of gratitude and faith in action before
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moving into the Advent season during which our young disciples will use their talents to provide a dramatic telling of the Nativity Story as part of a worship service during the Season of Advent.
Please join our Sunday School teacher, Miss Alexis Reno, this week at 10:30 am as we examine our faith and how to put it into action in our community!

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED OFFERINGS FOR ALL!

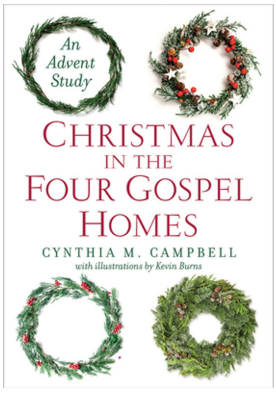
On Your Own....

The Mitford Series by Jan Karon...

The Mitford Series remains available for anyone who did not get a chance to check out and read one of these wonderful books by Jan Karon. As we move into the Advent Season, watch this space for this year's Advent Devotional and how you can receive your own copy to read daily!



For Wednesday Morning People....



Wednesday Morning Bible Study

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group meets each Wednesday at 11 am.
October 21 through November 11 Pastor Carol will take us through ***"Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes"*** by Dr. Cynthia M. Campbell. How might a house look for Christmas based on what each Gospel says about it? In *Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes,* beautiful illustrations from architect Kevin Burns reimagine each of the four Gospels as a house, which the church visits at Christmas. In each section, Cynthia M. Campbell reflects on the distinctive perspective of the birth of Jesus or the incarnation offered by each Gospel. Suitable for individual or group study, *Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes* creatively reimagines the season and inspires new and exciting reflection for Advent.
This book is available from Pastor Carol for $10 or you may go to amazon.com to order!



Women of Faith Resumes Meets Each Second Saturday of the Month!

Take a short break from Saturday morning chores to be with friends. This group especially for women will gather in the church library at 10:00 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month to enjoy an hour of fellowship, Bible study, and discussion of outreach projects.

Next Meeting is Saturday, November 14th!

Snacks will be provided; please bring your own beverage. Contact Mary Powers (314-277-5440) with questions

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Missouri Union Presbytery's November Prayer Corner

Amazing and Gracious God,
We give you thanks and praise! You are visibly answering our prayers. Slowly, we are seeing more signs of your action in our world. We know you have been moving all along, so perhaps we are simply more aware. We have congregations who are receiving new pastoral leadership. We have churches gathering to discuss creative ways to provide nurture and support in new ways for each other and our Presbytery is healthy, loving and open to the movement of your Spirit. Continue to lead us by your Spirit, to lift up leadership within and outside our bounds. Continue to bring us pastors to serve our congregations well. Strengthen and fill those who are already serving here with joy.
Amen



A Thank You From Pastor Carol...

"Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for your kind and supportive words during Pastor Appreciation Month. I appreciated your cards and the Amazon gift card. Your expressions of care and generosity are greatly appreciated. Blessings, Pastor Carol"
May grace abound,
Reverend Carol Pierson





November is a Month of Gratitude!

November is a month of gratitude—a time to give thanks for God's blessings and share them through acts of faith both in our church and in the community. At First Presbyterian Church, your time and talents help us live out our mission as a Matthew 25 Church and an Earth Care Congregation.

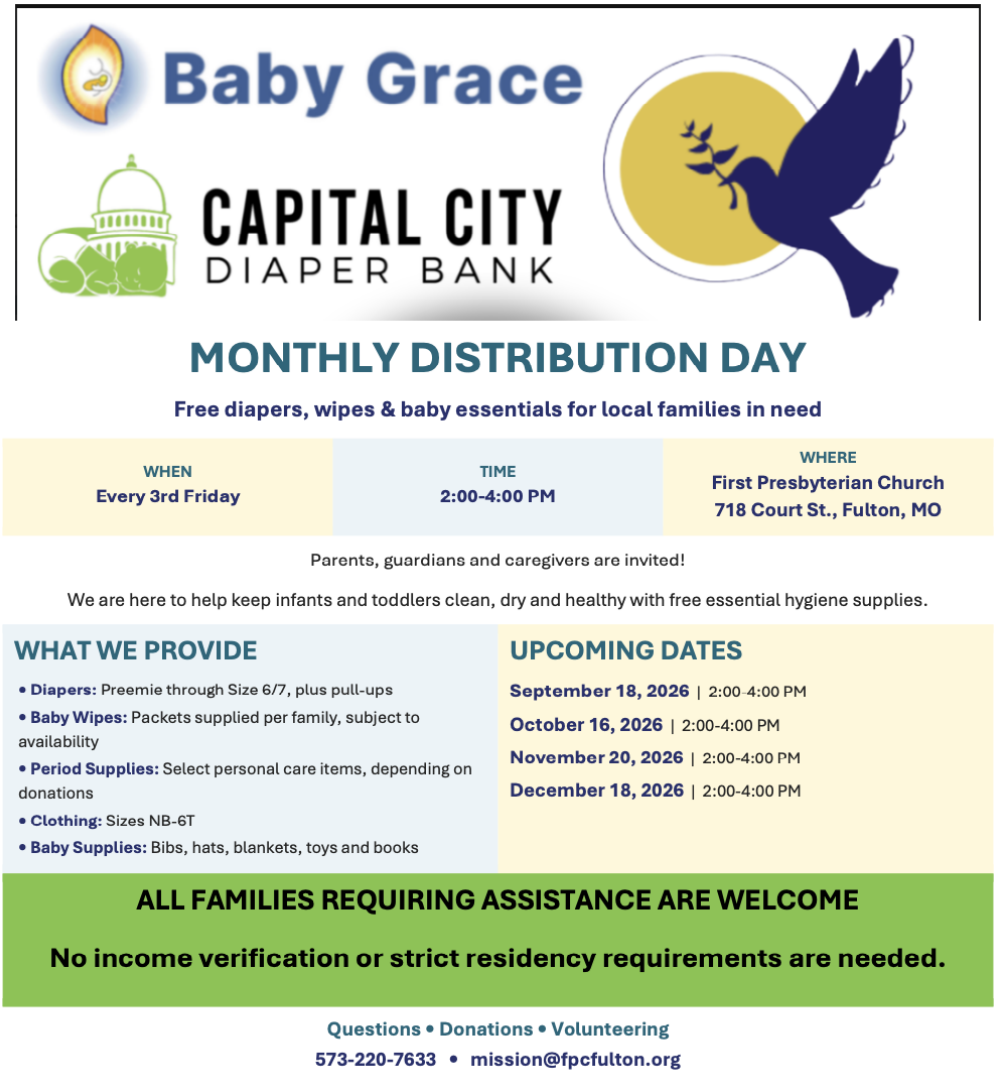
When you help with Baby Grace, serve at Open Table, donate to the Blessing Box and participate in food drives for SERVE you express your gratitude to God. Whether you volunteer to shovel snow when winter calls or water plants in the heat of summer - all are acts of service and gratitude for the gifts God gives us. Likewise, when you answer the call to support worship as an acolyte, communion server, usher, liturgist, or sound board operator, you are sharing your gifts with others as a tribute to God. When you answer calls to help with seasonal events and when you make that extra trip across the Sanctuary to welcome a newcomer, you are living out your faith. Every kind act makes a difference.

This November, choose a way to turn your gratitude into sharing your time, talents, and treasure. Together, we share God's love with our neighbors.

A Report From The Mission Committee...



Next Baby Grace Open House: Friday, 11/20 from 2-4 pm!



Donations to Book Fairy are Still Needed!

Thank you to all who have donated books, bookshelves, baby hats and pajamas, and their time spent helping to prepare books for distribution throughout the community!

The Fulton Book Fairy project is taking off and with that comes a need for more donations!

Donations needed:



-BOOKS! Especially for younger readers and board books.
-Wooden crates to carry books to locations where bookshelves cannot be housed permanently.
-Bookshelves
-Bookends
-Baby items, such as handmade hats, or blankets and or pajamas
-Nothing needs to be new. All can be gently used.

To make a donation, contact: Susan Fogelsong, susanfolgelsong5@gmail.com

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Walk Humbly with God | 2026 Christmas Joy Offering Video



It's Time for the Christmas Joy Offering...

Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we lift up past, present, and future leaders of the church. God has blessed the church with incredible leadership in every time and place, but those leaders often need to be supported by their communities as well. This Offering provides support for at-risk children, youth and young adults, leadership development for people of color, Presbyterian church workers and their families in their time of need and leadership development and education for communities of color at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

This year's theme is: Walk Humbly With God. Please enjoy the video provided above to learn more about the Christmas Joy Offering as you consider your donation for this year.





FILLING THE LITTLE RED WAGON ....

CANNED FOOD IS NEEDED AT THE SERVE FOOD PANTRY!

FPC has learned that there is a high need for canned foods at this time. Here are a few suggestions for giving.

High-Protein Canned Goods

- **Canned meats:** Tuna, salmon, and chicken provide essential nutrients and are often the most requested yet least donated items.
- **Canned beans:** Black, pinto, kidney, and garbanzo beans (chickpeas) offer great fiber and protein.
- **Canned meals:** Hearty stews, chili with meat or beans, and chef's stews make quick and filling meals.

Canned Fruits and Vegetables

- **Canned vegetables:** Choose low-sodium or no-salt-added options like corn, green beans, carrots, and peas.
- **Canned fruits:** Select fruits packed in 100% juice or water rather than heavy syrup.
- **Tomato products:** Diced tomatoes, crushed tomatoes, and tomato sauce help families build base meals.

Soups and Sauces

- **Canned soups:** Pick vegetable, chicken noodle, or bean soups with lower sodium levels.
- **Pasta sauces:** Marinara or meat-flavored sauces pair nicely with donated pasta boxes

Special Note: *When selecting items for donation, look for pull-tabs. Pop-top cans help people who may not own a can opener or have limited kitchen access. You can also create meal kits by pairing items together, such as canned chicken with rice or pasta with tomato sauce. Please don't forget*

to check expiration dates to ensure items are well-shelf-stable and have not passed their printed sell-by dates.

LET'S FILL THE WAGON EACH WEEK!

FPC is an Earth Care Congregation!

Scripture makes it clear we are to care for the earth on behalf of God:

"The Lord God put the man in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it." - Genesis 2:15

Earth Care Congregations make a four-part response to the Call to Restore the Creation:

◦Our worship and discipleship will celebrate God's grace and glory in creation

◦Our education will encourage and support each other in keeping and healing the creation

◦Our facilities will be managed, maintained, and upgraded to respect and cherish all creation

◦Our outreach will encourage community involvement and public policy to protect and restore the earth



There are Many Ways to Put Your Faith into Action at FPC!

Can You Help With One of These?



- **You are invited to join the First Presbyterian Church Choir!** The choir rehearses regularly on Wednesdays from 7-8 pm under the direction of our church organist Kelley Head. If you would like to know more about our church choir or how you can share your special musical talents in worship, please see Kelly after church on Sunday or send an email to summerhill@att.net.
- **Baby Grace Ministries Provides Supplies for Young Parents.** Volunteers are needed to collect, organize, and display supplies such as diapers, baby wipes, and gently used and new infant clothing, and other baby-related equipment, and also to staff the monthly open house style distribution events. If you would like to help or donate, please contact Mary Osburn.
- **The Worship Committee needs Communion Workers!** On the first Sunday of each month beginning in October, FPC will need a team of helpers for Communion. Workers are needed to prepare and clean-up and Elders are requested to serve. To find out more, contact Worship Committee Elder Shirley Dixon.
- **Volunteer to Help in the Church Sound Booth.** Shaun Speers has created an easy to follow, step by step guide for anyone willing to assist with facilitating the sound for our livestream of the Sunday morning worship service at 10:30 am. *HELP US STAY CONNECTED! Contact Shaun Speers at* shaun.speers@williamwoods.edu
- **Join the FPC Open Table Serving Team!** OpenTable is a non-profit community soup kitchen providing free weekday evening meals from 5-6 pm. It operates out of the John C. Harris Community Center at 350 Sycamore Street. For more information, contact Elder Shirley Dixon for more information.
- **The Blessing Box Needs Your Donations!** Those wishing to support this ministry to our unhoused neighbors may leave donations of portable, non-perishable items such as snack crackers, small pop-top canned food, jerky, peanut butters, granola bars, etc. on the counter in the church kitchen.
- **NAACP Meetings are Held 7:00 pm on the 2nd Monday of Each Month** at the Guiding Light Baptist Church located at 1023 Westminster Ave, Fulton, Missouri. Can you attend to find our more about how our church can live into our Matthew 25 initiatives?
- **Save Egg Cartons & Plastic Grocery Bags for SERVE, Inc.** There is a continual need for plastic bags and egg cartons at the SERVE, Inc Food Pantry. We invite you to save and donate these items. Not only does this help our environment through recycling, it helps fill a need for the food pantry as larger food packages are broken down for distribution to various-sized families
- **Would you like to join the Usher Team?** Volunteers are needed to help carry out our Hospitality Mission. If you are interested in being a regular or fill-in usher, please contact Shirley Dixon to find out more!
- **Would Your Child Like to be an Acolyte?** This is a wonderful way for our young disciples to participate. To find out more about the role acolytes play in our regular Sunday morning worship services, contact Shirley Dixon, Worship Chair Elder.
- **Convert your Moser's Grocery Store Receipts and Best Choice Labels to Building Funds.** All funds raised through the redemption of Moser's Discount Food store register receipts and Best Choice product labels from either Moser's or C&R Market are being donated to the FPC Building Fund.They can be placed in the offering plates on Sunday mornings or left in the church office at other times.
- **Christian Education needs Youth Sunday School teachers.** While we are hiring college students to fill this need, we also need adults from our church who are willing to substitute. To find out

more, contact Christian Education Elder Mary Van Orden.

- **Kitchen Helpers Keep Our Fellowship Meals a Reality!** If you can volunteer by assisting in the kitchen during our regular fellowship meals or bereavment meals, please contact Ramona Dobson or Arlys Kremer.
- **Christian Eduction Seeks Volunteers to Assist with Faith in Action Sunday Afternoons!** Faith in Action Sunday Afternoons is a three-event multi-congregational community event for students entering grades 2 through 9 held on a Sunday after church from noon to 2:00 pm. One event in the fall, one in winter, and one in spring. Each event emphasizes that faith is not only something we believe - is something we live. If you'd like to help, contact Christian Education Elder Mary Van Orden.
- **Are You a Book Fairy at Heart?** If matching donated books with greatful recipients is your jam, Susan Fogelsong can use your help in the FPC sorting room. Interested parties should contact Susan at: susanfoglesong5@gmail.com .



OUR HOUSE:
CARING FOR CALLAWAY'S HOMELESS

HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS & SUPPLY DRIVE

FRIDAY, NOV. 6
10AM - 6PM
FULTON WALMART

SUPPLY SUGGESTIONS LIST AVAILABLE DAY OF EVENT OR ON WALMART EVENT REGISTRY with QR below

ADD'L SUPPLY OR MONETARY DONATIONS MAY BE MADE BY CONTACTING OUR HOUSE OFFICE (573) 642-6065 OR DROPPING OFF AT 829 JEFFERSON ST. (drop off available anytime)

Walmart Supply List

Fee Free Monetary Donations

OUR HOUSE: CARING FOR CALLAWAY'S HOMELESS

Forever Needs

- Monetary donations are a critical need to staying open for those in need – you can donate on our website at www.ourhousecallaway.org, drop a check off in our secure mailbox (Payable to Our House) or mail to 829 Jefferson St., Fulton, MO 65251
- This is NOT an all-inclusive list so feel free to include your own personal touch!

https://www.walmart.com Amazon.com Monetary (Fee-Free)

Walmart

Personal Hygiene:
- ☐ Deodorant
- ☐ Shampoo/Conditioner
- ☐ Shaving Cream
- ☐ Body Wash/Soap
- ☐ Feminine Hygiene
- ☐ Toothbrush
- ☐ Toothpaste

Household Daily Use Needs:
- ☐ Laundry Soap-Liquid is fine
- ☐ Dish Soap
- ☐ Disinfectant Spray
- ☐ Disinfectant Cleaners
- ☐ Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- ☐ Bleach

Seasonal:
- ☐ Hot Hands
- ☐ Gloves / Hats
- ☐ Winter Coats
- ☐ Water Bottles / Bottled Water
- ☐ Umbrellas/Raincoats

Personal:
- ☐ Underwear – Men and Women
- ☐ Socks – Men and Women
- ☐ Towels
- ☐ Pillows
- ☐ Blankets
- ☐ Nail Clippers

Daily Medicinal Adult Needs:
- ☐ Toothache Pain Meds
- ☐ Nighttime sleep aids/Melatonin
- ☐ Pain Relief Patches
- ☐ Nasal Strips
- ☐ Antibacterial Cream

Families/Children Needs:
- ☐ Toothache Pain Meds
- ☐ Infant/Toddler Meds (Fever/Cough/Cold/Teeth/Ears)
- ☐ Pedialyte/Electrolyte Drinks
- ☐ Rash Cream
- ☐ Sensitive Skin Items

Other:
- ☐ Lunchmeat
- ☐ Plastic Utensils
- ☐ Food Storage Containers
- ☐ Lunch bag type foods (something that can withstand weather)

Our House: Caring for Callaway's Homeless

EVENING OF HARVEST & HOPE

FUNDRAISING AND SILENT AUCTION DINNER

Saturday November 21 at 6pm
St Peter Catholic Church
700 State Route Z, Fulton, Missouri

Join us for an evening of gourmet dining

Bid on premier silent auction items

Tickets available now $75.00
Email office@ourhousecallaway.org, contact any board member or scan the QR code below

TOGETHER WE CAN!
Help us keep our doors open as we serve a community in need

The Autumn Feast

— EVENING DINNER MENU —

FIRST COURSE

- **Fresh Garden Salad**
  Crisp seasonal greens, garden vegetables, and artisanal croutons, served with a selection of house dressings.
- **Warm Dinner Rolls**
  Freshly baked artisan rolls served with whipped sweet cream butter.

MAIN ENTREES

- **Slow-Roasted Prime Rib**
  Perfectly aged, herb-crusted prime rib carved to order. Served with a traditional creamy horseradish sauce and rich au jus.
- **Chicken Piccata**
  Pan-seared chicken breast lightly floured and simmered in a vibrant lemon, white wine, and caper reduction.

ACCOMPANIMENTS

- **Garlic Mashers**
  Creamy, russet potato mash infused with roasted garlic, cream, and real butter.
- **Country-Style Green Beans**
  Tender green beans slow- simmered with smoky bacon, onions, and savory seasonings.

DESSERT

- **Warm Cherry Cobbler**
  Sweet, tart cherries baked under a golden, flaky biscuit crust, served warm.
- **Pumpkin Latte Signature Dessert**
  A rich, Spiced pumpkin espresso mousse topped with whipped cream and dust of cinnamon nutmeg.



Do You Have a Prayer Request to the Congregational Care Committee!



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

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Cargiver Support Group Meets Every Third Tuesday!



The Fulton Caregiver Support Group meets monthly on the third Tuesday from 11:00 am until 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 feelings of guilt, frustration, and fear. Learn more about Alzheimer's disease and related dementias and make new friends. You are not alone in this journey.

Check out the Fulton Caregiver Support Group Facebook. Below is a link.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/831596668187295/?mibextid=6NoCDW

Join us at our next meeting on November 17, 2026

Facilitators are:

Rhonda Cundiff 573-826-1050 and Lois Long 573-642-3691573.476.3107

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

2026 JUSTICE & PEACE calendar

NOVEMBER

• Native American Heritage Month; archives.gov/news/topics/native-american-heritage-month or nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov

13 World Kindness Day; randomactsofkindness.org/world-kindness-day

15–21 National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week; pcusa.org/how-we-serve/justice-peace/hunger

20 World Children's Day; un.org/en/observances/world-childrens-day

20 Transgender Day of Remembrance; glaad.org/tdor

25 International Dayfor the Elimination of Violence Against Women; un.org/en/observances/endingviolence-against-women-day

25–D10 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence; unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violenceagainst-women/take-action/16-days-of-activism

26 Thanksgiving; pcusa.org/resource/thanksgiving-prayer

Wearing Your Nametag = Wearing Your Welcome!



At **First Presbyterian Church of Fulton**, we believe in creating a space where everyone feels known, seen, and loved. One small way to do that? **Wearing your nametag!**

💬 It helps visitors feel more at ease.

🤝 It fosters connection and conversation.

❤ It reminds us we're all part of God's family—by name!

So this Sunday, grab your nametag and help make our church a little warmer, one name at a time. See you at 10:30 a.m.!

#FPCFulton #NameByName #ChurchFamily #Matthew25Church #WelcomeOneAnother #FPCMo



Giving & Contact Information-Pastor's Office Hours!

The Church Office May Be Contacted in the Following Ways...

Street Address: 718 Court St, Fulton, MO, United States, Missouri
USPS Address: PO Box 6037, Fulton, MO, 65251
Telephone: +1 573-642-5541
E-mail: communications@fultonpresbyterian.org
Instagram: fpc_fulton
YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/@FPCFulton
Website: fpcfulton.org

Rev. Carol Pierson's Regular Office Hours Are:

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am to Noon

Contact Pastor Carol by phone at: *573- 273-8738 (if no answer, please leave call-back information)*
Contact Pastor Carol by e-mail at: *pastorcarol@fultonpresbyterian.org*
Please Join Us for Worship Each Sunday Morning at 10:30 am.

Contagious Disease 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, Elder Ramona Dobson, "clerk@fpcfulton.org"
- Administration Committee, Elder Graham McCaulley, "administration@fpcfulton.org"
- Christian Education Committee, Elder Mary Van Orden, "communications@fpcfulton.org"
- Mission Committee, Elder Tim Wilkerson, "mission@fpcfulton.org"
- Congregational Care Committee, Elder Arlys Kremer, "pastoralcare@fpcfulton.org"
- Property Committee, Elder Shaun Speers, "property@fpcfulton.org"
- Worship Committee, Elder Shirley Dixon, "worship@fpcfulton.org"
- Communications, Elder Mary Van Orden, "communications@fpcfulton.org"



Welcome to Our Church!

First Presbyterian Church is located at 718 Court Street in historic downtown Fulton, Missouri. Worship services 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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Mary Van Orden
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