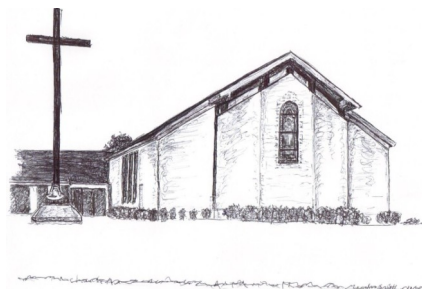


# Presby News

AUGUST 2016



## FROM THE PASTOR . . .

Practicing **gratitude** is so important in the **living** of the Christian life!

It is easy for us to take so many of God's good gifts for granted and to forget that **He** is the **source** from whom all blessings come.

I would like to **thank** Him for allowing me to serve as your pastor. I consider it a **great** privilege to be available to you for any pastoral concerns which you may have at **any** time.

**Thank** you for allowing me to fill your pulpit Sunday after Sunday to proclaim the **Word of God** to **you** as the **people of God**. For your prayers for me as I do so and for your worshipful attitude and careful listening, I am so **grateful**.

God has richly **blessed** our church, too, by enlarging our Sunday morning worship attendance. We **praise** Him for leading more people to worship with us more regularly. Also, we are **encouraged** by some who are visiting with us so often as well.

I am **grateful**, too, for the **cordial, friendly, and warm** atmosphere which seems to be reflected as we intermingle and fellowship with each other both before and after the morning worship.

And have you noticed more **young** people attending? How **grateful** we are for their presence. May their number **grow**! And may the Lord give us guidance in providing for **their** **needs** to be met.

Please join me in **thanking** God for working in our church and in asking Him to continue to do so. Let us, also, **submit ourselves** to Him for Him to use us in any way He chooses to do so to **advance** the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ! It is with **grateful hearts** that we all serve Him as members of His body here at First Presbyterian Church. How **blessed** we are to be a part of **His redeeming work** in Alexandria, Louisiana!

--Jim



### SPECIAL DATES

August 7 Brookdale Worship

August 15 Session Meeting

August 16 HealthWorx Meal

*Wednesday Night Meals/Fellowship Suspended  
until September 7*

*Choir Rehearsal Will Continue.*

*Dr. Heath in office on Thursdays 10 am to 2 pm*

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." (Phil 4:6)*

## Minutes of Stated Session Meeting

### First Presbyterian Church, Alexandria, Louisiana

June 20, 2016

The Session met in the church library, 357 Windermere Boulevard, Alexandria, Louisiana. Jane Conerly called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and led in prayer.

Members Present: Bill Higgins, Jim Hockensmith, Elizebette Kennedy  
Treasurer: Jim Smolenski  
Elders Excused: Jack Ready  
Guests Present: Jim Heath, Stated Supply; Jane Conerly, Moderator; Greg Erwin, Behl Fund Co-trustee and lawyer; Mr. Cangelosi, Capital One Bank Representative; Jan Hilborn, Behl Fund Administrator

A quorum was present.

#### Finance Report:

The financial statements for April and May, 2016, were distributed to the Session. The April and May, 2016 bank statements were reviewed and initialed by Session members.

**Motion:** That the Session approve the April and May, 2016 Financial Reports.

Moved: Jim Hockensmith      Seconded: Bill Higgins  
Motion: Carried

#### Approval of Minutes:

The Session reviewed the minutes for the Stated Meeting of the Session for April 18, 2016.

**Motion:** That the Session approve the minutes for the Stated Meeting of the Session for April 18, 2016. The Session did not meet in May, 2016.

Moved: Jim Hockensmith      Seconded: Bill Higgins  
Motion: Carried

**Clerk's Report:** Approved as presented.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SESSION ACTIONS:

##### Congregational Life/Christian Education, Evangelism, Worship & Missions Committee Report: Jim Hockensmith

- The Session agreed to continue to provide meals for HealthWorx each month. The following have volunteered: June Meal: Mike Vickers; July-Meal: Jim Smolenski; August Meal: Elizebette and Robert Kennedy.
- Jim Hockensmith will talk with Aaron Rogers about the drum set proposal.
- The Session agreed to allow Aaron Rogers to get a free estimate and inspection of the FPC sound equipment by Nugent Music and Audio in Pineville. The session will review the estimate and make a decision regarding any equipment upgrades.

##### Personnel Committee Report: Bill Higgins

Bill Higgins noted that Carolyn Sterne's (FPC Administrative Assistant) employment anniversary is coming up on June 25.

##### Property Committee Report: Jack Ready (absent)

Jack Ready was not present, but the Session took note of the building maintenance projects which had been recently completed:

- Dishwasher repaired
- Flood Lights replaced in Sanctuary
- Alarm Systems serviced/inspected by Brown's Security
- Hardware repaired on the wooden doors in the Sanctuary
- Roof damage due to low-lying tree limbs repaired

#### Pastor's/Moderator Report: Dr. Jim Heath

- Dr. Jim Heath expressed his thanks and gratitude to the Session members and appreciation for their prayers and support.
- The Session outlined the steps needed to become a church member for Dr. Heath, emphasizing the fact that potential new members are required to meet with the Session for approval.
- Dr. Heath discussed reinstating the Wednesday evening prayer/fellowship meetings.

**Old Business:** None

#### New Business:

The Session members reviewed a request from Aaron Rogers to take time off on Sunday, July 3, 2016.

**Motion:** That the Session members approve the request for Aaron Rogers to take time off on Sunday, July 3, 2016.

Moved: Jim Hockensmith      Seconded: Bill Higgins  
Motion: Carried

The Session members reviewed a request from Brookdale to use FPC as an emergency shelter in case of a fire or flood as long as they have insurance coverage. (Jim Hockensmith will handle the signing the necessary paperwork in behalf of the Session.)

**Motion:** That the Session members approve the request from Brookdale to use FPC as an emergency shelter in case of fire or flood as long as they have insurance coverage.

Motion: Bill Higgins      Seconded: Elizebette Kennedy  
Motion: Carried

#### Adjournment:

**Motion:** That the Session Meeting be adjourned.

Moved: Jim Hockensmith      Seconded: Bill Higgins  
Motion: Carried

The Stated Meeting of the Session adjourned at 7:20 pm with a closing prayer by Dr. Jim Heath. The next Stated Meeting of the Session will be 6:00 pm Monday, July 18, 2016.

Respectfully submitted:

Minutes taken by: Elizebette Kennedy

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Wednesday Night Fellowship  
Will resume on  
September 7, 2016

# August Responders Schedule

	Usher Narthex	Monitor	Communion Servers
August 7	Vacancy Helen McDaniel (March-Oct)	Jim Hockensmith	Elder Liturgist: Bill Higgins Communion Team: Wynn Ware & Elizebette Kennedy
August 14	Annelize & Dirk Benade	Dirk Benade	
August 21	Bob Kennedy Elizebette Kennedy	Bill Higgins (May-Oct) Roger Best (Oct-May)	
August 28	Jim Hockensmith Vacancy	Jim Smolenski	



## Anniversaries and Birthdays

Jim Hockensmith	8/5
Mac & Georgia McBurney	8/7
Lacie Ellington	8/18
Dee Arnold	8/19
Barry & Sharelle Herndon	8/19
Wynn & Debbie Ware	8/19
Elizebette Kennedy	8/22
Mac McBurney	8/25
Sharelle Herndon	8/31

## Sunday Solo Series - August 2016

### Want to be involved in the worship service?

Congregation members and student musicians are invited to participate in the Sunday Solo Series. Please sign up at least 1 (one) week prior! (Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex.) Be sure to make an appointment with Aaron to discuss music, and set up a rehearsal time.

Choir Practice will resume August 9 at 7:00 p.m.

*All rehearsals are open, and you are encouraged to get involved!*



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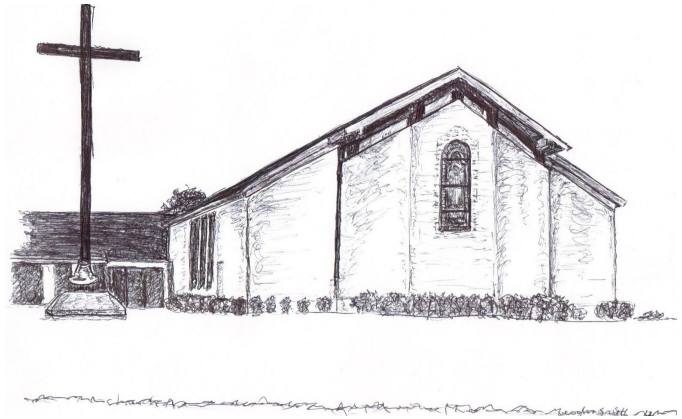
Jim Heath, *Stated Supply Pastor*

Aaron Rogers, *Choir Director*

DeAnna Brister, *Pianist*

Carolyn Sterne, *Secretary*

Charles Bell, *Sexton*



### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE**

*(Meals & Committees/Fellowship  
will Resume September 7)*

5:45 pm	Meal
6:30 pm	Fellowship/Committees
7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Will Continue)

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**Come experience God's love at First Presbyterian Church**

Sunday School—9:45 a.m., Worship—11:00 a.m.