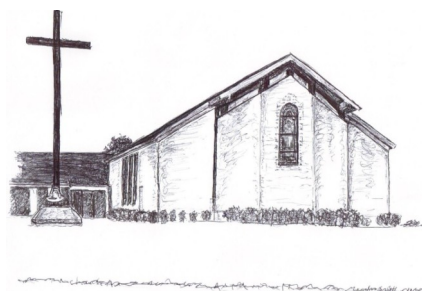


Presby News

APRIL 2017



FROM THE PASTOR . . .

"What a wondrous time is spring, when all the trees are budding; the birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming. That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it. It's fresh like spring, you want to sing--you want to pass it on. I wish for you my friend this happiness that I've found. You can depend on Him, no matter where you're bound. I'll shout it from the mountaintop. I want the world to know. The Lord of Love has come to me--I want to pass it on." Those are the words of "Pass It On", one of the songs in Tell It Like It Is, a musical that was real popular in the late 1960's.

Everything just seems so fresh in the spring, don't you think? It sort of breathes of new beginnings and of fresh starts. And with it happening right in the middle of the Lenten season, a time of repentance, contemplation, and renewal, it just all blends together with the rhythm which God has set into the world of nature.

Our celebration of Ash Wednesday was especially meaningful to many of us this year with the informal soup, salad, & dessert in connection with the spiritual use of the ashes.

I'm so glad that we had two services, one at noon and one in the evening to make it possible for as many who so desired to come.

Another high hour for our church was the farewell luncheon we had in honor of Mrs. Liz Magee. My, how we are going to miss her. But how we wish the very best of God's blessings to rest upon her as she makes her new home in League City, Texas. As soon as we have her contact information, we will publish it so we can stay in contact with her. As she continues to hold us in her prayers, let us lift her up to the Father as well.

We now look forward with great anticipation to the celebration of Resurrection (Easter) Sunday on April 16. Aaron and his faithful group of choir members from Northwestern plus some others he will be including will inspire us with heavenly sounding music based upon the very earthy & redeeming seven last words of our Lord Jesus Christ spoken from the cross.

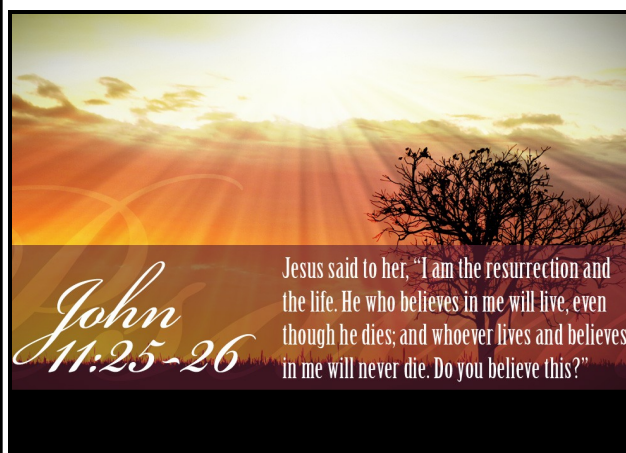
How fortunate we are to have Aaron and his capable leadership along with the talented musicians from Northwestern who are willing to share their God-given talents with us.

As part of our observance of Easter Sunday, the Pastor's Advisory Committee is planning a brunch that will be held from 9:45-10:45 before morning worship. When the menu was being prepared, I assure you that you will not want to miss out on all of the goodies that will be there for your enjoyment. So, don't worry about breakfast Easter Sunday. Just get dressed and come on down to church and ENJOY!!!

Elsewhere in this issue, you will see an opportunity to provide a scholarship and/or transportation for one of our fine young people to go to a Summer Arts Camp. I hope that you will respond as the Lord leads you!

May the Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless us as we open our hearts and lives to Him--for Him to use us however He wishes. Remember, let us be faithful in praying for each other!

Jim



SPECIAL DATES

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| April 2 | Brookdale Worship/Communion |
| April 9 | Palm Sunday |
| April 13 | Maundy Thursday |
| April 14 | Good Friday |
| April 16 | Easter Sunday |
| April 17 | Session Meeting |
| April 18 | Healthworx Meal |

*9:00 am Every Saturday—Ladies' Prayer Group
Dr. Heath in office on Thursdays 10 am to 2 pm*



Minutes of Stated Session Meeting

First Presbyterian Church, Alexandria, Louisiana

February 20, 2017

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

Members Present: Jim Hockensmith, Bill Higgins
Treasurer: None
Elders Excused: Elizebette Kennedy
Guests Present: Jim Heath, Stated Supply; Jane Conerly, Moderator

A quorum was present.

Finance Report:

The financial statements for January, 2017, were distributed to the Session. The January, 2017 bank statements were reviewed and initialed by Session members.

Motion: That the Session approve the January, 2017 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 January 16, 2017.

Motion: That the Session approve the minutes for the Stated Meeting of the Session for January 16, 2017.

Moved: Bill Higgins Seconded: Jim Hockensmith
Motion: Carried

Clerk's Report: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SESSION ACTIONS:

Congregational Life/Christian Education, Evangelism, Worship & Missions Committee Report: By Jim Hockensmith - None

Personnel Committee Report: By Bill Higgins

DeAnna Brister, Pianist, has asked for a unpaid leave of absence due to health concerns.

By common consent the Session members approved this request.

Property Committee Report:

The Session reviewed Paul Cantrell's estimate to repair the leaks around the hallway windows.

Motion: That the Session approve the first option on Paul Cantrell's estimate, which will cost \$1,032.00.

Moved: Jim Hockensmith Seconded: Bill Higgins
Motion: Carried

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

Dr. Heath presented a request from Kate Bladen to begin a Saturday morning Ladies' Prayer Group, which would meet in the Sanctuary from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. every Saturday. The Session approved this request by common consent.

Old Business: None

New Business:

By common consent, the Session approved the Installation of Annelize Benade to the Session during a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, March 12, 2017, immediately following the worship service.

Adjournment:

Motion: That the Session Meeting be adjourned.

Moved: Jim Hockensmith Seconded: Bill Higgins
Motion: Carried

The Stated Meeting of the Session adjourned with a closing prayer. The next Stated Meeting of the Session will be 6:00 pm Monday, March 20, 2017.

Respectfully submitted:

Minutes taken by: Jim Hockensmith
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Minutes of Congregational Meeting First Presbyterian Church, Alexandria Louisiana March 12, 2017

The Congregational Meeting of the First Presbyterian Church, Alexandria, Louisiana, was called to order at 11:55 a.m. by Moderator, Pastor Jane Conerly. A quorum was established.

Annelize Benade and the congregation duly answered the required questions in the affirmative. Pastor Conerly declared Mrs. Benade duly installed.

There being no further business, the Congregational Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Minutes Taken By: Jim Hockensmith
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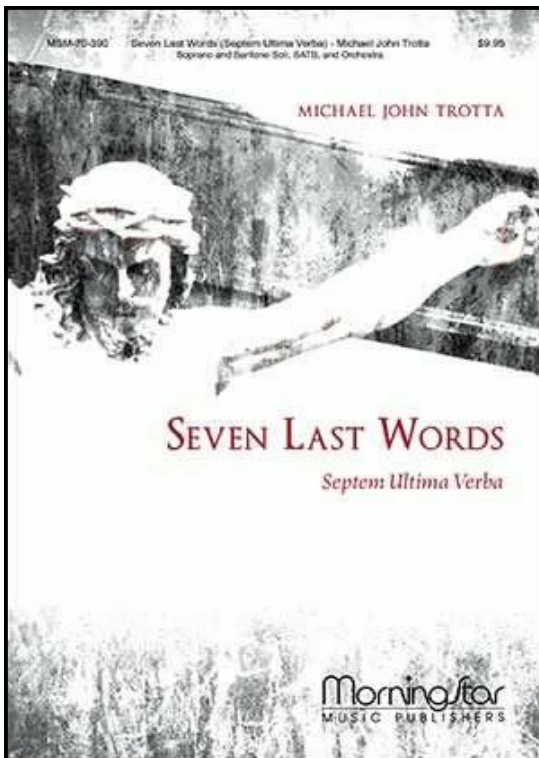
Kylie LaPrairie, Dee Sutro's Granddaughter, would like to attend the 2017 Summer Art Camp sponsored by the River Oaks Square Arts Center, June 12-16 from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm at a cost of \$150.00. She also needs transportation to and from the Art Camp each day. If you would you be willing to donate toward a scholarship to help Kylie attend this Art Camp and/or help with transportation, please contact the church office at 443-7229.

April Responders Schedule

| | Usher Narthex | Monitor | Communion Servers |
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| April 2 | Vacancy Helen McDaniel (March-Oct) | Jim Hockensmith | Elder Liturgist: Bill Higgins Communion Team: Wynn Ware, Elizebette Kennedy |
| April 9 | Annelize & Dirk Benade | Dirk Benade | |
| April 16 | Bob Kennedy Elizebette Kennedy | Bill Higgins (May-Oct) Roger Best (Oct-May) | |
| April 23 | Jim Hockensmith Vacancy | Jim Smolenski | |
| April 30 | Vacancy | Bill Higgins | |



April 1 Bill & Laverne Willson
April 3 Dirk & Annelize Benade
April 4 Dirk Benade
April 15 John Allen



During Morning Worship
On Easter Sunday
April 16, 2017
The First Presbyterian Church
Sanctuary Choir
Will Present
“Seven Last Words”
By Michael John Trotta
Aaron Rogers, Director

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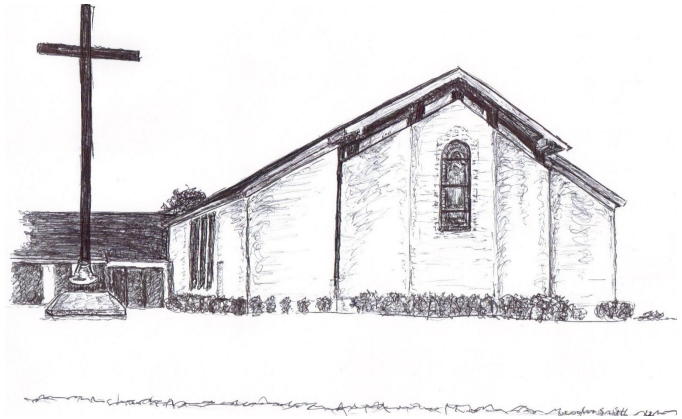
Jim Heath, *Stated Supply Pastor*

Aaron Rogers, *Choir Director*

DeAnna Brister, *Pianist*

Carolyn Sterne, *Secretary*

Charles Bell, *Sexton*



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

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| 5:45 pm | Meal (<i>Suspended</i>) |
| 6:30 pm | Fellowship/Committees (<i>Suspended</i>) |
| 7:00 pm | Choir Rehearsal (<i>Will Continue</i>) |

9:00 am Every Saturday—Ladies Prayer Group

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