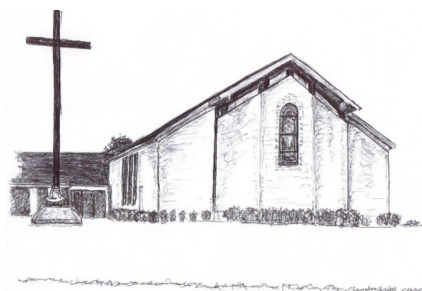


# Presby News

OCTOBER 2017



## FROM THE PASTOR . . .

**Thank you very much** for allowing me to take two weeks vacation every six months. I did take a nice trip to Central Texas to visit with one of my very best friends. We enjoyed debating theological questions, eating good food, and listening to the music of the band he is a member of called "The Good Ole Boys." My friend plays the bass and does a really fine job!

Besides the trip, I enjoyed some quiet days for just resting and relaxing. It was a **really good vacation!** Thanks for making it possible.

This last Wednesday evening at 6:30 P.M., **we had our first prayer service.** We had a really good time talking about intercessory prayer and sharing our prayer concerns--**as well as actually praying** about those concerns.

As your pastor, **I would like to encourage you** to make every effort possible to attend this mid-week service. I know that some of you do not like to drive late in the evening and that is understandable. Perhaps, some of you who do could offer to bring those who do not like to drive.

**What a blessing it is** when God's people gather together for the sole purpose of praying for those in need, our church, our nation, our world, and any personal concerns we would like to share. God is a caring Father **who delights in hearing** from His children. **And what a blessing we receive** when we join our hearts together in lifting our requests to the throne of grace as the church, the local body of believers.

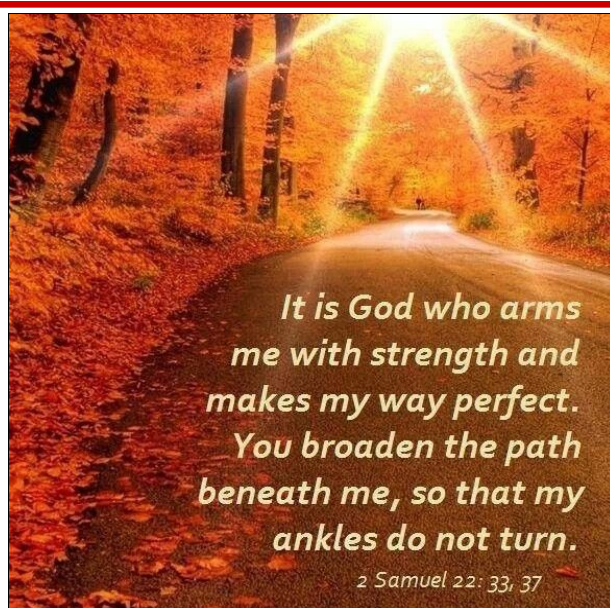
I believe that if we give priority to this venture in prayer and are faithful and consistent in honoring our Lord in this way, **we will begin to see healthy changes** in our church.

When we pray, we put ourselves in a position of listening to God and allowing Him to **change us and transform us** into more Christlike persons. We become **more sensitive to His heartbeat** and the values of His Kingdom. The atmosphere of our church becomes **more permeated with the breath of the Holy Spirit.**

**Please plan to join us** this coming Wednesday evening! Your life will **be enriched** by so doing. And the lives of **others, our church, and the Kingdom of God** will be enriched!

As always, let us **hold each other up in prayer.**

Jim



### SPECIAL DATES

October 1	Brookdale Worship
October 1	Communion ( <i>Every First Sunday</i> )
October 9	Columbus Day
October 13-14	Presbytery Meeting, FPC, Hammond
October 16	Session Meeting
October 16	World Food Day
October 17	Healthworx Meal
October 24	United Nations Day

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



## Minutes of Stated Session Meeting

First Presbyterian Church, Alexandria, Louisiana

August 21, 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: Annelize Benade, Bill Higgins, Jim Hockensmith, Elizebette Kennedy  
Treasurer: None  
Elders Excused: Elizebette Kennedy  
Guests Present: Jane Conerly, Moderator

A quorum was present.

### Finance Report:

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

**Motion:** That the Session approve the July, 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 July 17, 2017. One correction was made as follows: "Thomas Victor Borrel, III and Barbara Woolam were baptized on July 16, 2017."

**Motion:** That the Session approve the minutes for the Stated Meeting of the Session for July 17, 2017, as corrected.  
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:

The Session received information from the Presbyterian Mission and a letter from Dr. Carin van Schalkwyk.

#### Personnel Committee Report: By Bill Higgins

Bill Higgins reported that there were currently no new contacts for a pianist. Dr. Ben Yang continues to be the temporary pianist, and the Session expressed their gratitude for his assistance.

#### Property Committee Report:

- Jim Hockensmith will contact someone about checking the roof of the church for hail damage.
- A toilet seat is broken in the Youth Wing women's toilet. Jim Hockensmith will take care of the replacing the seat.

**Pastor's/Moderator Report:** None

#### New Business:

- The Session discussed Wednesday night Prayer Meetings resuming in September, 2017. Dr. Heath requested that a volunteer be enlisted to lead the September 13 and September 20 Prayer Meetings.
- The Session decided to postpone the Wednesday night Prayer Service until September 27, 2017.

**Motion:** That the Wednesday Night Prayer Services be postponed until September 27, 2017.  
Moved: Jim Hockensmith Seconded: Elizebette Kennedy  
Motion: Carried

Dr. Heath requested vacation time for September 11-24, 2017. He will also submit suggestions for pulpit supply on September 17 and September 24 for Session approval.

**Motion:** That the Session approve Dr. Heath's vacation dates including the Sundays of September 17 and September 24, 2017.  
Moved: Elizebette Kennedy Seconded: Jim Hockensmith  
Motion: Carried

The Session members will approve Dr. Heath's pulpit supply suggestions by email for the Sundays he will be away.

### Additional Business Matters:

The response to the donation boxes for the LSU-A International Students was very good. The Session agreed to have another LSU-A Donation Drive later in the year.

The Session reviewed the letter from Red River bank regarding their new policies regarding two-signature checks. The Session agreed to continue with two-signature checks for FPC business.

Woodland Presbyterian Church in Pineville, Louisiana is hosting a Farewell Reception for Pastor Jane Conerly at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, August 27, 2017. The members of FPC are invited to attend her reception. The Session suggested that the August 27 worship service be shortened so that members of the FPC congregation can attend.

### Adjournment:

**Motion:** That the Session Meeting be adjourned.  
Moved: Jim Hockensmith Seconded: Bill Higgins  
Motion: Carried

The Stated Meeting of the Session adjourned at 6:30 pm with a closing prayer by Bill Higgins. There will be no Session Meeting in September. The next Stated Meeting of the Session will be held at 6:00 p.m., Monday, October 16, 2017. The Session will conduct business through email until the October meeting.

Respectfully submitted:  
Minutes taken by: Elizebette Kennedy

**Starting in September, 2017**

**The Session Will meet**

**Every Other Month**

**as follows:**

**2017: October, December**

**2018: February, April, June,**

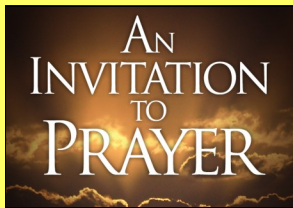
**August, October, December**

# October Responders Schedule

	Usher Narthex	Monitor	Communion Servers
<b>October 1</b>	Robert Kennedy	Jim Hockensmith	<b>Elder Liturgist:</b> Bill Higgins <b>Communion Team:</b> Jack Ready, Jim Hockensmith
<b>October 8</b>	Annelize & Dirk Benade	Dirk Benade	
<b>October 15</b>	Robert Kennedy Elizabette Kennedy	Bill Higgins (May-Oct) Roger Best (Oct-May)	
<b>October 22</b>	Jim Hockensmith Robert Kennedy	Jim Smolenski	
<b>October 29</b>	Robert Kennedy	Jim Hockensmith	



Jace Huffman	10/3
Debbie Ware	10/9
Jim Smolenski	10/29



**COME JOIN US FOR  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
PRAYER SERVICE  
5:00 pm**



**LSUA**  
**International Students**  
**Donations**

Toiletries: soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body lotion, razors, shaving cream, toilet paper, paper towels, shower curtains

Linens & Laundry: twin bed sheets, blanket, pillows and pillow case (twin), bath towels, clothes hangers, laundry detergent, laundry bags

Kitchen Items: water bottles, bowls, cups, plates, utensils, dish soap, can openers, snacks, instant noodles, canned food, drinking water

(Place donations in boxes in Narthex & Church Office)

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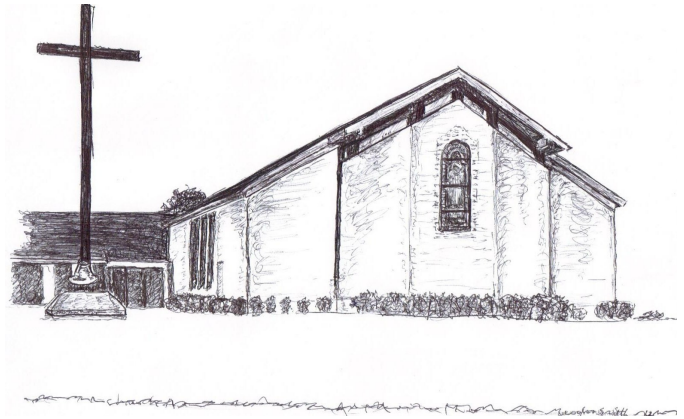
Jim Heath, *Stated Supply Pastor*

Aaron Rogers, *Choir Director*

DeAnna Brister, *Pianist*

Carolyn Sterne, *Secretary*

Charles Bell, *Sexton*



### ***WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE***

5:00 pm Prayer Service

First Presbyterian Church

357 Windermere Blvd.

Alexandria, LA 71303

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

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