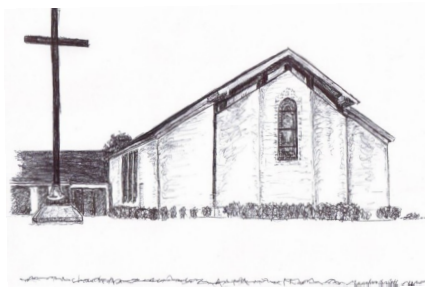


# Presby News

JUNE 2018



## FROM THE PASTOR . . .

Summer seems to already be upon us. We are not accustomed to these high temperatures so early in June, are we? Is there anything positive to be said for the heat we are encountering?

When we stop to think about it, we use the temperatures as metaphors for various actions. For example, we may speak of someone being given "the cold shoulder" to express a rather unfriendly and even rude reception. Or, we may refer to someone being "extremely warm" to express their friendly, kind, and accepting attitude.

When individuals are extremely zealous in their Christian faith, we may say of them that they are "on fire for God." Or if someone has drifted far from the Lord and has lost the joy of their salvation, we may speak of his/her "growing cold in their love for God."

Organizations, businesses, institutions, and churches also develop reputations and are often referred to with these temperature metaphors. For example, a church may be spoken of as warm and friendly or cold and distant. Much of this depends upon how people perceive their being welcomed or greeted by the people who make up the church. I would like to thank you for going out of your way to greet any visitors who come our way. We need to always make sure that they are welcomed by as many as possible and made to feel at home.

So, how do we read our spiritual temperature? Hot? Cold? Warm? Cool? Lukewarm?

And how do we read the spiritual temperature of our church?

What adjustments would we need to make to improve either our individual or our church's temperature?

Paul wrote these important words to Timothy: "For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline."

Could it be that we need to fan into flame the gift of God which is within us? If we do, then we might feel the spiritual air getting warmer in and around us! Maybe we need to get those fans going!

Thanks again for letting me serve as your pastor.

And as always, pray for me as I pray for you.

Jim



## SPECIAL DATES

June 3	Brookdale Worship at 9:00 am Communion Served
June 17	Father's Day
June 18	Session Meeting, 6:00 pm
June 19	Healthworx Meal, 5:00 pm
June 24	PC (USA) World AIDS Sunday

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



## Minutes of Stated Session Meeting

### First Presbyterian Church, Alexandria, Louisiana

April 16, 2018

The Session met in the church library, 357 Windermere Boulevard, Alexandria, Louisiana. Moderator, Sandy Brister, Pastor of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Leesville, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and opened with prayer.

Members Present: Annelize Benade, Bill Higgins, Jim Hockensmith, Elizebette Kennedy  
Treasurer: Jim Smolenski  
Elders Excused: None  
Guests Present: Sandy Brister, Jim Heath, Capital One Bank Representatives: Jan Hilborn, Walker Reynolds, Greg Erwin (on speaker phone)

A quorum was present.

#### Capital One Bank Report:

Capital One Bank Investment Officer, Walker Reynolds, presented an Investment Performance Review of the FPC Behl Fund Investments. He noted that Capital One Bank is transitioning to Hancock Whitney Bank, which will be a smooth transition and everything will continue as usual. Jan Hilborn, Assistant Vice President and Trust Officer, will keep us posted on any new contact information.

#### Finance Report:

The financial statements for March, 2018 were distributed to the Session. The bank statements were reviewed and initialed by Session members.

**Motion:** That the Session approve the March, 2018, 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 February 19, 2018. It was noted that Moderator Sandy Brister would need to ratify any actions taken during the February meeting since she was unable to attend, and no moderator was present.

**Motion:** That the Session approve the minutes for the Stated Meeting of the Session for February 19, 2018, and approve the ratification of the actions taken during the February 19, 2018 Session Meeting by the Moderator, Sandy Brister.

Moved: Jim Hockensmith      Seconded: Bill Higgins  
Motion: Carried

**Clerk's Report:** None

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SESSION ACTIONS:

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

##### Personnel Report: Jim Hockensmith

Aaron Rogers has agreed to serve as FPC Music Director for six months following graduation. He is going to Europe in May with a group of students for an international music competition, but will arrange for someone to take care of the FPC music responsibilities while he is away on May 13 and 27. The Session approved Aaron Rogers' request for time off in May by common consent.

##### Property Report: Jim Hockensmith

Repairs are completed on the roof and building (rotten wood and moulding).

**Motion:** That the Session approve all building repairs as completed.

Moved: Bill Higgins      Seconded: Annelize Benade  
Motion: Carried

#### Pastor/Moderator Report: Jim Heath

Dr. Jim Heath thanked the Session for his continued service to FPC. He stated that he has some concerns regarding the future of the church. He felt the needs of the people who are here are being met, but the number of people here is dwindling. He suggested the Session consider enlarging the vision for the church beyond those who are currently attending. The Session and Dr. Heath discussed options for church growth. Dr. Heath asked permission to explore a consultant firm to assist with a solution and report back to the Session.

#### Old Business:

The Session agreed by common consent to continue preparing **HealthWorx** meals as a part of the FPC Community Ministry on the third Tuesday of each month. Mike Vickers has volunteered for April 17 and Jim Hockensmith will prepare the meal for May 15.

Jim Hockensmith agreed to continue to conduct the **Brookdale Worship Service** on the first Sunday of each month.

#### New Business:

##### Willowood Townhome Association Meeting:

Allen Cripps requested the use of the FPC Fellowship Hall for the Willowood Townhome Association Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

**Motion:** That the Session approve the request from Allen Cripps to use the FPC Fellowship Hall for the Willowood Townhome Association Meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 24, 2018.

Moved: Jim Hockensmith      Seconded: Bill Higgins  
Motion: Carried

##### The Calvin Connection Proposal:

The Session discussed the Calvin Connection proposal presented by Aaron Rogers. The Session will contact Aaron to discuss his proposal. It was noted that FPC has a limited number of "under 30" members.

##### FPC Security:

FPC security was discussed. Currently, the church secretary locks the doors while she is in the office. The Session will continue to explore all options to ensure the safety of the congregation.

##### May & June Elder Liturgist Change:

Elizebette Kennedy and Bill Higgins are trading months for serving as Elder Liturgist. Elizebette Kennedy will serve in May, 2018, and Bill Higgins will serve in June, 2018.

##### Adjournment:

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

Moved: Jim Hockensmith      Seconded: Annelize Benade  
Motion: Carried

The Stated Meeting of the Session adjourned at 7:45 pm with a closing prayer by Moderator Sandy Brister. The next Stated Meeting of the Session will be held at 6:00 p.m., Monday, June 18, 2018. The Session will conduct business through email until the June meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizebette Kennedy

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## June Responders Schedule

	Usher Narthex	Monitor	Communion Servers
June 3	Robert Kennedy	Dirk Benade	<b>Elder Liturgist:</b> Bill Higgins <b>Communion Team:</b> Annelize Benade, Jim Hockensmith
June 10	Annelize & Dirk Benade	Jim Hockensmith	
June 17	Robert Kennedy Elizebette Kennedy	Bill Higgins (May-Oct) Vacancy	
June 24	Jim Hockensmith Robert Kennedy	Jim Smolenski	



June 10

Dee Sutro

June 26

Aaron Rogers



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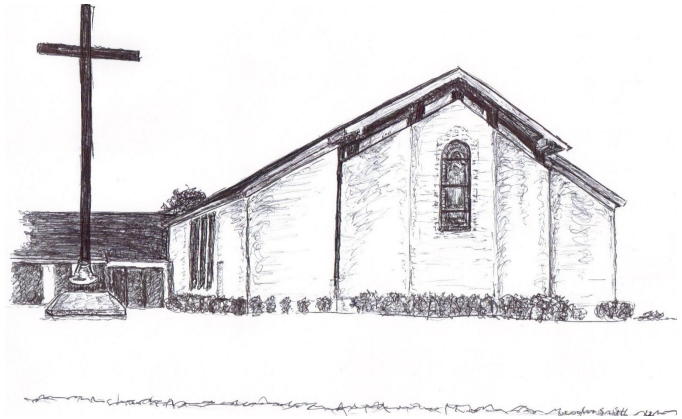
Jim Heath, *Stated Supply Pastor*

Aaron Rogers, *Choir Director*

Vacancy, *Pianist*

Carolyn Sterne, *Secretary*

Charles Bell, *Sexton*



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

3:00 pm Prayer Service

First Presbyterian Church

357 Windermere Blvd.

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

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