

# First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday's Scripture:

Psalm 3

Judges 4:1-24

Sermon Title:

*Stories of Faith:*

*Deborah, Barak, and Jael*



## A Message From Pastor Kimmy...

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday. On Sunday, as daylight inches across land and sea, Christians will gather, at their own times, in their own places, and with their own traditions, to celebrate their place in God's family.

The tradition began in the 1930s amid clouds of war and great economic uncertainty. In response, World Communion Sunday was imagined as a way to celebrate the call of all Christians – of whatever background and whatever theological tradition. To recollect, remember and celebrate that we are one in Christ. And to be reminded that the table we receive from, and communion at, is God's table – not our own.

And so, on Sunday, we too will gather in unity with believers around the world – to come to the table, to break the bread of life, and to drink the cup of salvation. We gather as people who share a common faith, not so much focused on how much more or less faith we have than someone else but focused on how much stronger we can be when we come together.

We gather in suffering. We gather in celebration. And we gather in hope – remembering that in a broken world, God's grand vision of peace and well-being thrives and continues to course through our veins as we seek to be the Church, the body of Christ, everywhere we go.

As you prepare for worship this weekend, I invite you to reflect on three ideas:

1. What does it mean to come together in God's name, with all our beautiful, God-given differences, to be something more powerful and more amazing than we can possibly imagine?
2. What does it mean to be a community of faith, a community where we care about each other, and we walk together through both good times and bad?
3. What does it mean to be a church where everyone and anyone will always feel like they belong and are loved?

## Birthdays:

9/30 Gary Slagel  
10/2 Carol Royce  
10/3 Melisa Stilson  
10/5 Trace Sweeney  
10/6 Erann Owen

## Anniversaries:

10/2 Andy & Nikki  
Brummond  
10/3 Dave & Donna  
Byerly – 40 years!  
10/5 John & Barb Bullions

*First Look*  
Every Tuesday at  
1:30 pm

Community Cupboard  
Day  
The first Sunday of every  
month

## PRAYERS:

Charles T.  
Liz S.  
Drew H.  
Damian P.  
Bri S.  
Richard B.  
Taunya W.  
Sherry C.  
Nancy B.  
Jean O.  
Dave S.  
Deb S.  
Linda M.  
Our Military

## Fall Bible Studies

Sunday School for ALL ages at 9:00 am

*First Look* with Pastor Kimmy at 1:30 pm Tuesdays

*"Getting Involved with God"* Study with Will Briggs at 7:00 pm  
Wednesdays

Do you have an interest in singing with a *choir*? If so, they meet at 9:45 every Sunday to go over the songs for worship. Donna would appreciate your willingness to be a part of this music ministry.

*Craft Time!* If you have a craft or project you are working on and would like to have the company of other crafty friends, we meet after *First Look* on Tuesdays at 2:30 pm in the Education Wing.

Jim Moe just published a book about his journey on the *Camino de Santiago*! He will be in worship on Sunday, October 10 to share more about his book and then, following worship, Jim will be available in the chapel for further conversation. I hope you'll join Jim to learn more!

*Nursery Help Wanted!* As we seek to be a welcoming place for all people, we are seeking volunteers who are willing to help in the nursery during worship. If you are willing to volunteer for one Sunday, or multiple Sundays, please contact Kimmy asap.

*Prayer Ministry* - In addition to our regular prayer chain, we are hoping to cover members of our community in prayer during particular times, such as a surgery. We are looking for people willing to pray on Wednesday, October 6. Please contact Kimmy Briggs or Donna Byerly to be included on that list. And stay tuned for other opportunities to come!

There will be a brief *congregational meeting* following worship on Sunday, October 10 for the purpose of electing our *Nominating Committee*.

## Love INC Dinner & Pie Auction

Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm

Dinner. Music. Live & Silent Auction. At Judith Shadows Cart Barn. Doors open at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm. Tickets \$25.00. Call us at 535-LOVE or get in touch with Jim Phillips to reserve your tickets.