



# FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at  
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County  
May 5, 2024

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## TODAY

### QUIET BEGINNINGS...

As we enter the sanctuary each week to gather for worship, we enter in a spirit of prayer and quiet preparation. Remember that your neighbor may be hoping for a quiet moment to center themselves, listen to the prelude, and prepare for worship. Take a breath – leave the busy, noisy, hustle-bustle world at the sanctuary doors and listen - God is ready for you!

### 10:30 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP (in-person and livestream)

Our in-person and livestream congregations share worship together. This worship service is being livestreamed to the internet, you may appear on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

### FOR OUR 10:30 a.m. ONLINE CONGREGATION

The link for worship will open around 10:20 a.m. This Sunday, May 5, is the Sixth Sunday of Easter. The liturgical color is **white**. Pick up a copy of the bulletin so you can join in the liturgy at home. You can find this week's materials on the website: [www.firstpreshc.org](http://www.firstpreshc.org) or in the Friday email.

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**, also called Holy Communion, is included this morning during worship. Everyone who puts faith and trust in Jesus Christ is welcome to share communion. Gluten-free bread is available. Communion Sundays are the first Sunday of every month.

**BY CUSTOM, GIFTS ARE RECEIVED** to the Deacons Compassion Fund on Communion Sundays. This fund serves the needy of our community with essential living expenses like rent, utility bills, groceries or prescriptions. Place your gift in the yellow envelope found in the pew.

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:** All worship begins in the sanctuary.

At 10:30 a.m.: After the Children's Prayer and Lord's Prayer:

Children ages 4-7 may go with Ms. Kathy Moore to Godly Play. Parents can pick up their children following worship in rooms 110 & 113.

Older children, grades 2-5, who normally attend The Worship Bridge will return to their seats to experience a full worship service with their family.

**WORSHIP BAGS:** Worship bags are available to enhance the worship experience for children. Please return everything (except the bulletins) to the bags and return your bags to the basket at the end of the service.

**FLOWERS THIS WEEK** are given to the Glory of God.

### WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS TODAY:

*Liturgist:* Doria (10:30)

*Ushers & Greeters:* Ron, MJ (8:30); Chrissy (10:30)

*Tech Crew:* Matt, Tracy, Jacob, Jonathan, Margot

## PRAYER LIST FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 5, 2024

**Please pray for:** Lea, Dave and Jane, Dylan, Bob, Ken, Stacy, Bob and Sarah Jo, Bob and Carol, Maria, Jim, Ann and Family, Dename and Family, Dan.

**And also for:** everyone living in Charlestown, Encore, Millers Grant, Riderwood and Vantage House; the people of Ukraine.

**Non-Resident Members:** Frank and Betty, Barb

**Friends & Family:** John & Judy, Sumner, Kathy, Peg, Al, Dave, Barbara, Jane, Aaron, Eyler, Matt

**Care Center:** Virgie, Margaret, Paul, Barbara, Lois, Beth

**Upcoming Surgery:** *Nana*

**Recovering from Surgery:** Janet, Steve, Margaret

**Deaths:** *May the peace of Christ be with Woody and Carol and family, in the death of Woody's aunt, Rita, on May 2, 2024.*

*May the peace of Christ be with Wayne and Sharon and family, in the death of Wayne's mother, Terry, on May 2, 2024.*

**Bereaved:** Bob; Joe and Marla and family, Natalie and Jeff, Ron and MJ, Angela and Trey and Family, Ellen and Doyle and family, Eric and Lisa and family

Memorial Service information for David Wilson, former member:

<https://www.williamsfuneralhomes.com/obituary/David-Wilson>

**PCUSA Mission Coworkers:** Jeff and Christi Boyd in Congo, [www.PCUSA.org/jeff-and-christi-boyd](http://www.PCUSA.org/jeff-and-christi-boyd); Jed and Jenny Koball in Peru, [www.PCUSA.org/jed-koball](http://www.PCUSA.org/jed-koball); Leslie Vogel in Guatemala, [www.PCUSA.org/leslie-vogel](http://www.PCUSA.org/leslie-vogel)

*Please contact Pastor Ken Page, [kpape@firstpreshc.org](mailto:kpape@firstpreshc.org) or 602-799-7643 with the prayers and concerns that you would like to share or in case of an emergency. Friends & Family names are listed for 8 weeks unless requested otherwise.*



**We also remember:**

**May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.** We give thanks for the diversity of Asian languages, cultures and religions, and celebrate the distinctive quality of Asian culture as it embraces and practices Christianity and enriches our own experience of the means of grace.

# WORSHIP, ARTS AND MUSIC NEWS

## CHOIR REHEARSALS

Handbell rehearsal: *Wednesday, May 8, 2024* at 7:30 p.m.

Chancel Choir rehearsal: *Thursday, May 9, 2024* at 7:30 p.m.

Contact Director of Music Ministries, Dr. Margaret McGillivray,  
[churchoffice@firstpreshc.org](mailto:churchoffice@firstpreshc.org) for more details!

## UPCOMING MUSIC HIGHLIGHTS IN MAY

*Sunday, May 12* – our magnificent TTBB men's chorus on Mothers' Day singing Elaine Hagenberg's *I Want to be a Child of Peace*

*Sunday, May 19* – the combination of our Children, Handbells and Chancel Choir offerings on Pentecost

## GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST

Decorate the sanctuary with red geraniums on **Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024**

Plants are \$7.00 each.

See order form in First Day! Must turn in an order form!

NEXT *Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>* is the deadline to order!

Contact: Jan Agazio at 410-309-0290, [janicebga@aol.com](mailto:janicebga@aol.com)  
or the Church Administrator, Caroline Smith,  
[churchoffice@firstpreshc.org](mailto:churchoffice@firstpreshc.org), 410-730-3545



## ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

**SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION HOUR, 9:30-10:25 a.m.**



**GRAB AND GO COFFEE** is available on Sunday mornings at the Wake Up Station on the second floor across from the Parlor until 10:20 a.m. Get a cup of coffee and head to class! Please return the cups to the drop off bins.

**THE BIBLE IN DEPTH** *facilitated by Doyle*  
Every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor

### How to Do Short Term Mission Well

*Sunday, May 5, facilitated by Brett*

This course will explore mission theology rooted in companionship, how to engage across differences with cultural humility, and how to accompany global neighbors in co-development.

### Being A Christian In Multi-Faith Cultures And Countries

*Sundays, May 12 and 19* at 9:30 a.m. in Branch Hall

*Moderated by Sara and Rev. Laura Hollister Fenton*

What's it like to practice your Christian faith in cultures or countries - the US and beyond - that have many faiths, including where Christians are in the minority? On **May 12**, Zafar and Humaira, and Khalid and Aashe will discuss growing up in Pakistan, where only about 1% of the population is Christian. On **May 19**, Genevieve and Sequoyah, who are Native American (members, respectively, of the Osage and Coharie Tribes), and Akua and Emmanuel, from Ghana, will discuss being a Christian in cultures that incorporate many faiths. They will also discuss the traditions from their culture. Join this unique opportunity to gain new insights from your church friends and develop new understandings.

## WEDNESDAY STUDY GROUPS

**Wednesday Mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor**

***We will not meet on Wednesday, May 8***

**God at Work in Us: The People of Acts**

*Lead by Rev. Dr. David Welton and Rev. Rosemary Noga Welton*

**Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom**

*Beginning May 8 "The Good and Beautiful Life", by James Bryan Smith*

Read: Ch. 1, 'The Good and Beautiful Life.'

*with Rev. Andrea Lee Taylor*

**Register in advance for this and future meetings:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qc-6vqTstGNdMbW4UBdwAfUcwDJiHjXW>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**SUNDAY SCHOOL for children, youth and adults** of all ages takes place every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. There's a class for YOU!

### 2024 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES RECOGNITION

First Presbyterian Church will honor High School Graduates in worship on *Sunday, May 12, 2024*. Please send information about your graduate to the church office, [churchoffice@firstpreshc.org](mailto:churchoffice@firstpreshc.org), and send 5-6 pictures of your graduate to Virginia Callegary, [churchoffice@firstpreshc.org](mailto:churchoffice@firstpreshc.org), by *Sunday, May 5, 2024*.

### YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. in Lyle Buck Hall. The next meeting is *Wednesday, May 22*. Bring your own dinner. All 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome!

Questions? Email DCE Virginia Callegary – [churchoffice@firstpreshc.org](mailto:churchoffice@firstpreshc.org)

## REGISTER NOW FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024

### Seekers in Sneakers

*Monday, July 22 – Friday, July 26, 2024*

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

3 year old – rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders

(open to members and non-members)

\$20 per child/\$50 family max (free for family of volunteers)

To register scan the QR code.

Contact: [vbs@firstpreshc.org](mailto:vbs@firstpreshc.org) or Virginia Callegary, [churchoffice@firstpreshc.org](mailto:churchoffice@firstpreshc.org) if you are interested in volunteering.



## OTHER NEWS

### YOUR TURN

With the Mission Study Team

Come give us input on our church, so the Mission Study can include your perspective! *Sunday, May 26* In Lyle Buck Hall after church. 30 minutes.

# FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## FELLOWSHIP HOURS on Sundays

following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service in Lyle Buck Hall

- \* *Sunday, May 5, 2024* – hosted by Lydia Circle
- \* *Sunday, May 12, 2024* – hosted by Christian Education Ministry Area
- \* *Sunday, May 19, 2024* – hosted by Church Volunteers/DCM – BINGO!
- \* *Sunday, May 26, 2024* – hosted by Deacons

## BINGO PRIZES NEEDED

Discipleship & Caring Ministries (DCM) is now accepting donations for our upcoming Bingo event on *Sunday, May 19*. Look for a bin in the Harris Lower Commons to place your donations.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MOTHER'S DAY "TEA"

*Saturday, May 11, 2024* from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Gather for drinks, appetizers and fellowship on the patio at Victoria's Gastro Pub, 8201 Snowden River Parkway, Columbia, MD 21045.

Bring your mother, daughter, granddaughter, grandma, aunt, and any woman in your life that is important. Please RSVP by Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> to Carol, Debbie Reese, [churchoffice@firstpreshc.org](mailto:churchoffice@firstpreshc.org) or the sign-up sheet on the table in the Harris Lower Commons.

## SPRING GATHERING FOR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PWP)

*Saturday, May 18* from 10:00 a.m. – Noon

Will be held in-person and by Zoom at First Presbyterian of Howard County

To register or for more information, contact Marlene Butler, [mbutler311@yahoo.com](mailto:mbutler311@yahoo.com) or 410-838-4073.

# STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

## OUR FINANCIAL RESOURCES DOING GOD'S WORK

Actual Income as of April 30, 2024	\$295,888.70
Actual Expenses as of April 30, 2024	<u>279,213.46</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,675.24</b>

It takes an average of \$2,277.72 to fund the daily budgeted operation and mission of the church.  
The total surplus/deficit shown above is 7 days ahead/(behind).

## PER CAPITA FOR 2024 - The amount is \$40.00

For more info go to <https://baltimorepresbytery.org/per-capita/>

*Have you paid your per capita?! Thank you to those 63 people who have paid it!*

# MISSION NEWS

## FREE PLANT/TOOL/SUPPLY SWAP & GIVEAWAY

*Saturday, May 11, 9:00 a.m. - noon* at the church. (Rain or shine.)

Drop off is 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 10 and 8:00-9:00 a.m. on May 11.

Everything is free and *you don't have to bring anything to swap*. Beautify your garden, find a home for your green babies, get advice, clean out the garage, save money! Two Howard County Master Gardeners will give brief talks on "Companion Planting" and "Plant This, Not That." Please, no invasives.

**Volunteers needed for May 11!** Please contact [churchoffice@firstpreshc.org](mailto:churchoffice@firstpreshc.org).



# Geraniums for Pentecost

**Pentecost is Sunday, May 19, 2024**

**Help us decorate the sanctuary in red!**

**Please order a geranium!**

**\$7.00 per plant**

**Deadline for ordering is NEXT Sunday, May 12**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Number of plants: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount paid: \_\_\_\_\_

How paid: check \_\_\_\_\_ cash \_\_\_\_\_ PayPal \_\_\_\_\_

Date paid: \_\_\_\_\_

If you place your payment in an offering envelope  
clearly mark it for geraniums. Thank you.

List my name in bulletin as: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Pick up plant(s) **after 10:30 a.m.** service on May 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Donate to church to be planted in church gardens
  - Call the church office to make other arrangements

**Please place the completed form in the offering basket,  
or in mailbox #4**

If you have any questions please call the church office,  
410-730-3545 or [churchoffice@firstpreshc.org](mailto:churchoffice@firstpreshc.org)

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## DATES TO REMEMBER FOR ELECTED OFFICERS

*Tuesday, May 28 – Branch Hall*

**Stated Session Meeting, in-person,** begins promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Elders-elect and Deacons-elect meet with the Session for examination, which will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Examination is required by the Book of Order.

*Sunday, June 9 – Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.* in the sanctuary

**Ordination and/or Installation of Elders and Deacons**

*Monday, June 10*

**New Officers begin term of service.**

*Tuesday, June 11 — 7:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.*

**Super Tuesday Meetings**

Newly elected Elders begin work with their Ministry Areas – both incoming and outgoing classes are asked to attend. Super Tuesday Meetings are always the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, except for P3 (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday).

The time of your Ministry Area meeting is either 7:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. and either in-person or via Zoom. The chair will contact you.

*Tuesday, June 20 — 7:00 p.m. – Parlor*

**Deacons Meeting**

First regular Deacons Meeting for new Deacons-elect.

(All new and serving on Board of Deacons).

*Tuesday, June 25 — 7:00 p.m. – Branch Hall*

**Stated Session Meeting**

All new and serving Session members

Session meeting begins promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Thank you for serving!



For more events throughout the week at First Presbyterian Church, please check our website at [www.firstpreshc.org](http://www.firstpreshc.org) for the weekly issue of First Day. Also, check your inbox for the weekly issues of Tidings by Ministry Area.

A Weekly Email is sent every Friday, if you would like to receive it please contact the church office.

To submit news or events for the weekly bulletin **First Day!** please email announcements to: [churchoffice@firstpreshc.org](mailto:churchoffice@firstpreshc.org) by Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

To submit articles for Tidings, the church's newsletter sent out weekly by Ministry Area, please send articles by email to: [churchoffice@firstpreshc.org](mailto:churchoffice@firstpreshc.org) by **Thursday, May 16, 2024 for June 2024 events.** Then watch your inbox every week!

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## Sunday Morning Schedule

- 8:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for Children and Adults
- 10:00 a.m. First Call on Zoom
- 10:30 a.m. Worship – In-person & Livestream
- Nursery Care for ages 4 and under available 8:15–11:45 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m. – Fellowship Hour

FACEBOOK [www.facebook.com/firstpreshc/live](http://www.facebook.com/firstpreshc/live)

YOUTUBE <http://www.youtube.com/c/firstpreshc>

Links can also be found on the Website [www.firstpreshc.org](http://www.firstpreshc.org)

The Church Office is Open Monday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
(The outside doors may be locked, please call upon arrival for entry.)

## Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

COMMUNION

DEACONS COMPASSION FUND

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service – In-person
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service – In-person & Livestream
- Godly Play
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour
- 12:30 p.m. Chilifest & Cornhole Tournament at Centennial Park

## Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00 a.m. Memorial Garden Committee

## Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Pastor-Parish-Personnel Committee

## Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE

- 1:00 p.m. Knitting Ministry
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group
- 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Study Group via Zoom
- 7:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
- PW Coordinating Team Meeting

## Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>

- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

FRIDAY EMAIL WITH SUNDAY BULLETIN SENT OUT

- 1:00 p.m. Bulletins Folded
- 5:00 p.m. Plant Swap Drop-off

## Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

- 8:00 a.m. Plant Swap Drop-off
- 9:00 a.m. Plant Swap
- 10:00 a.m. Lydia Circle
- 2:00 p.m. PW Mother's Day Event (off campus)

## Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES RECOGNITION | MOTHERS' DAY

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service – In-person
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service – In-person & Livestream
- Godly Play & Worship Bridge
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour