



# First Presbyterian Church of Hanford

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*Making disciples of Jesus Christ who go to make disciples of others*

## FIRST PRESS

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### **"Feed the Right Wolf"**

**Pastor Tim Brown**

An elderly grandfather was having a conversation with his grandson. The grandfather said, "A fight is going on inside me. It is a terrible fight between two wolves. One is evil – it is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego." He continued, "The other is good; he is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith. The same fight is going on inside you, and inside every other person, too."

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf will win?" The wise grandfather responded, "The wolf that wins is the one you feed."

It is hard to trust God in every area of our lives. And often, we feed our fears rather than our faith. As a result, our fears grow. Fear can remove faith, but faith can remove fear. Faith isn't pretending our problems and difficulties don't exist, nor is it simply blind optimism. Faith points us beyond our problems to the hope we have in Christ. True faith involves trust...trust in what Christ has done for us, and trust in God's goodness, mercy, providence, and sovereignty. A dear friend of mine often reminds me, "Tim, the situation you are facing may have taken you by surprise, but not God. He already has the solution. Your job is to surrender everything to Him, trust Him, and obey."

Once we realize God is in control and He holds us in His loving hands, we can meet life's dangers and uncertainties with confidence. After all, if we can trust God for our eternity, can't we also trust Him for our today?

The Bible says, "The Lord is on my side; I will not fear" (Psalm 118:6). "The Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly" (Psalm 84:11). "God will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast because they trust in you" (Isaiah 26:3)

No situation is beyond God's control. We have no need to fear the future for God is already there. So, the question we must ask is, "Which wolf inside of you will I feed today?"

*"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God." – Corrie Ten Boom*



Dear Church Family,

How can I express my gratitude to those who worked so hard moving furniture out, ripping up carpet, moving furniture back in, and those who cleaned while my brother-in-law, Tim, laid new flooring for my return home?

How can I tell those of you who came to Modesto to visit me, and then to the rehab in Tulare, brought flowers, plants, sent cards and those of you who took care of Isaac and fed our dogs "Thank you"? It just doesn't seem adequate.

We enjoyed so many delicious meals along with visits. There wasn't a day that we were lacking. Isaac didn't want the meals to end! Bless you all!

To those of you who surrounded Isaac with love and compassion, during this difficult time not having his Mom or Dad. I do not know who you are, but I am grateful to you.

Most importantly, it is the prayers that were said on our behalf that have brought us to where we are today. Many have said that I am a miracle, and I believe it's because of God's healing power. We continue to lean on Him for the strength that only He can provide.

With grateful hearts,

Rowena and Isaac

**Reminder!** Deacons hope you can bring clothing and nonperishable food to help those in our community who are in need. Collection baskets are available in the church hallway outside the Fellowship Hall.



# Church DEACONS

Kings Gospel Mission is one of the community organizations that First Presbyterian Church supports. It is a beacon of hope in our community for those experiencing homelessness. With a mission to provide shelter, support, and guidance, Kings Gospel Mission operates five shelter homes - two catering to women and three to men. These shelters offer more than just a roof overhead; they provide a transformative three-month program aimed at helping individuals rebuild their lives. Even when all the beds are taken, they open their doors to those homeless that may need to drop in for a shower or an evening meal.

To foster self-sufficiency, residents in the program are required to participate in the operation of Kings Gospel Thrift Shop where they earn their room and board. They also have the opportunity to participate in regular Bible studies that are provided by local churches.

Monthly food donations, which we participate in, play a vital role in ensuring residents have access to nutritious meals. A convenient drop-off point for grocery donations is available, with a list of most-needed items prominently displayed, at the entrance to the fellowship hall. Fresh produce, in particular, is highly valued, offering residents essential vitamins

If you have fruit trees or a garden that produces an excess of fresh produce, please consider donating to this cause. However, since these items are perishable, instead of leaving them on the shelf, please contact Jeanne Rich at 559-362-8799 to arrange delivery. This assures that produce is delivered promptly, reducing waste and maximizing its impact.

King Gospel Mission's commitment to empowering the homeless is making a tangible difference in the lives of those in need. As a church let us continue to support them and uplift them by our prayers and donations as a means of extending the love of Christ.

~ Jeanne Rich



**A Note From:**

***Children's and Youth Director***  
***Sheri Winterowd***

I want to thank you, our church family, for your fantastic support for our big Tri Tip Lunch and Bake Sale Fundraiser that was held on April 7. Thanks to the tremendous efforts of a dedicated group of volunteers, we were able to raise \$2,150 to fund camp scholarships, which help defray the cost of camp for approximately 10 students. This will be a great help to the families who are sending their children to Calvin Crest Christian Camp. If you are interested in sending your child or grandchild to camp, please reach out to me. We are collecting the scholarship applications until May 7, when they are due.

Our Junior High and Senior High students are starting a new study for the Youth Group, which meets on the second and fourth Sunday evenings of each month. The study is called Demolishing Strongholds and is produced by the ministry Answers in Genesis. The goal of this study is to prepare our students to stand firm on the authority of God's Word, while equipping and challenging them to activate their faith. Please pray for each of our students to draw near to God, and to follow Christ and his Word as they grow and develop in this important time of their lives.

I want to encourage each of us to hold fast to the truth of God's word. A favorite verse of mine is Isaiah 40:8, "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever." This reminds us that this life we currently live, which can be so amazing and difficult –sometimes all in the same day–is temporary. Though our lives usually are much longer than the lifespan of grass and flowers, ultimately we are eternal beings and we will live eternally with God in heaven, or for the unbeliever, separated from God in hell. I am grateful for Pastor Tim's encouragement to dig into the word of God and I am working hard to keep up with my daily reading, which is a great blessing. It's never too late to commit anew to reading and studying the Bible!

**Upcoming Events:**

- **May 18**                      Serve Day
- **May 19**                      Church Picnic
- **June 9**                        Promotion Sunday
- **June 24-28**                Vacation Bible School



Join us at the **Church Picnic!**

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**BREAKER ROCK BEACH**

**VBS 2024**  
 4yrs - 5th grade

GOD'S ROCK-SOLID TRUTH IN A  
 WORLD OF SHIFTING SANDS  
 ROMANS 10:5

**June 24 - 28**  
 9:00AM - 12:00PM

# UP COMING



- May 2** *National Day of Prayer*
- May 5** *Communion Sunday, Jolly 1's & 2's to Second Space theater*
- May 6** Church Growth mtg @ 1pm, Deacon mtg @ 2pm
- May 7** Staff mtg @ 10am
- May 9** C.E. mtg @ 1pm
- May 12** *Mother's Day, Worship mtg @ 11:15am, Youth Group @ 5pm*
- May 13** Finance mtg @ 11am, \*Missions mtg @ 7pm
- May 14** Staff mtg @ 10am
- May 15** *1st Press Articles Due*
- May 16** *Session Reports Due, Presbytery meeting*
- May 17** Presbytery meeting
- May 18** *Serve Day*
- May 19** Church Picnic
- May 21** Staff mtg @ 10am, Session meeting @ 6:30pm
- May 27** *Memorial Day (office closed)*
- May 28** Staff mtg @ 10am
- Jun 2** *Communion Sunday*
- Jun 3** Deacon's meeting @ 2pm
- Jun 4** Staff mtg @ 10am
- Jun 9** Worship meeting @ 11:15am, Youth Group @ 5pm
- Jun 10** Finance meeting @ 11am, Church Growth meeting @ 1pm, \*Missions meeting @ 7pm

\* via Zoom



## Summary of Apr. 16, 2024 Session Meeting

### Deacons

- Reported 41 took communion on Maundy Thursday
- Reported 77 and 4 homebound took communion in Apr.
- \$50 each to Kings Gospel Mission, Laundry Love and Meal-on-Wheels

### Clerk's Report

- Reported Active Members as of April. 1, 2024 total—84
- Reported on our projected Askings for POPS and GA
- Elders Ginn and Rajskep were elected as commissioners to POPS on May 16-17, 2024

### Pastor's Report

- Led training and questions on chapters 3 & 4 of the EPC Leadership Training Guide
- Approved Youth Communion for those youth who completed the recent Communion class, with a special communion set for May 5, 2024
- Approved Appointing Sue Kinney and Brian Pelton to the Personnel Committee to serve with Pastor Tim

### Building & Grounds

- Reported they are prioritizing the top 5 of campus projects
- Approve use of 220 Building for Music Lessons by Shirley Lay

### Church Growth

- Approved Fall Festival Event for Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>
- Approved Pizza and Caroling for Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>
- Approved Hymn Sing for Feb. 22, 2025

### Finance

- Approved budgeting \$700 for CPR training for Childcare workers
- Approved 2 Summer Intern Positions using the Pastor Housing fund.

### The New City Catechism

52 Questions  
& Answers  
for Our Hearts  
& Minds

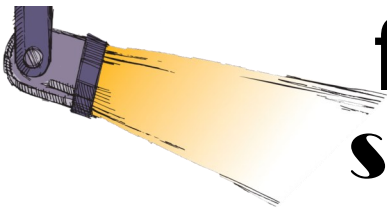
Introduction by  
Kathy Keller



### **What is idolatry?**

*Idolatry is trusting in  
created things rather  
than the Creator.*





## fpc Family Spotlight



### Meet Janet Harader

She did not intend to spend so much time behind a sewing machine after retirement. It has been there... behind a sewing machine... where she has found much of her passion and purpose in life. She is not only sewing clothes for Samaritan's Purse's Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry, but she is also stitching love and hope into everything she makes. "I purchased a sewing machine to do little projects, but when I held up the materials and saw the patterns, I couldn't help but think, 'Some child will wear and enjoy this someday.'" That is just a glimpse into the huge-hearted person who is a friend to many at First Presbyterian.

Janet Harader grew up in Reedley, CA, and graduated from Immanuel High School. She also graduated from Fresno Pacific College (University) with a Bachelor of History and Political Science. After living in Modesto briefly, she moved to Missouri, where she completed a Master's in Library Science. Upon returning to the Central Valley, Janet was the Reference Librarian at the Fresno, Kings, and Tulare County Libraries until she retired a few years ago.

Janet has lived in Hanford and has been a member of FPC since 1989. She has two children. Her son, James, lives in Riverbank, CA, while her daughter, Shannon, lives in Arlington, Texas. Janet has served on many committees and ministries at FPC.

She is a Deacon, Mission Committee member, office volunteer, and the leader of Jolly 1's and 2's, a ministry for single and married adults. Additionally, Janet sings in the choir, helps with the church library, and as noted above, she assists with our Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry.

Besides serving others, Janet also enjoys traveling. Some of her favorite destinations have been Costa Rica, London, China, and South Korea. She is anxiously anticipating an early summer cruise this year to Alaska. She says, "I really love and enjoy our church family. People are so nice and accommodating, and I have made many great friends here." FPC is blessed to have such a caring, tender-hearted servant as a part of our church.



## Music Lessons

Piano	Trumpet
Guitar	Trombone
Violin	Drums
Flute	Harp
Clarinet	Cello
Sax	All instruments

### Thursdays in the 220 Building

2:00pm Guitar

3:00pm Keyboard

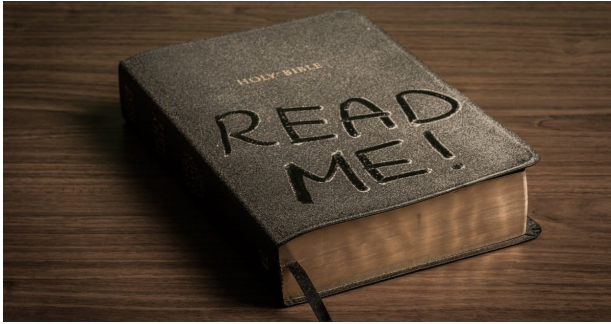
4:00pm Band & Violin Class

Call Shirley Lay for more information

**(559) 760-7857**



## May Reading Plan



### Daily Bible Reading Program

#### *Chronological Plan*

1-Year Plan. These readings are compiled according to recent historical research, taking into account the order in which the recorded events actually occurred. This is a fantastic plan to follow if you wish to add historical context to your reading of the Bible. If the schedule provided is followed, the entire Bible will be read in one calendar year.

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Psalm 133                        | 16. Psalms 3-4, 12-13, 28, 55        |
| 2. Psalms 106-107                   | 17. 2 Samuel 16-18                   |
| 3. 124. 1 Chronicles 13-16          | 18. Psalms 26, 40, 58, 61-62, 64     |
| 4. Psalms 1-2, 15, 22-24, 47, 68    | 19. 2 Samuel 19-21                   |
| 5. Psalms 89, 96, 100-101, 105, 132 | 20. Psalms 5, 38, 41-42              |
| 6. 2 Samuel 6-7; 1 Chronicles 17    | 21. 2 Samuel 22-23; Psalm 57         |
| 7. Psalms 25, 29, 33, 36, 39        | 22. Psalms 95, 97-99                 |
| 8. 2 Samuel 8-9; 1 Chronicles 18    | 23. 2 Samuel 24; 1 Chronicles 21-22; |
| 9. Psalms 50, 53, 60, 75            | 24. Psalm 30                         |
| 10. 2 Samuel 10; 1 Chronicles 19;   | 25. Psalms 108-110                   |
| 11. Psalm 20                        | 26. 1 Chronicles 23-25               |
| 12. Psalms 65-67, 69-70             | 27. Psalms 131, 138-139, 143-145     |
| 13. 2 Samuel 11-12; 1 Chronicles 20 | 28. 1 Chronicles 26-29; Psalm 127    |
| 14. Psalms 32, 51, 86, 122          | 29. Psalms 111-118                   |
| 15. 2 Samuel 13-15                  | 30. 1 Kings 1-2; Psalms 37, 71, 94   |
|                                     | 31. Psalm 119                        |

## Bookkeeper Job



First Presbyterian Church is now accepting applications for a bookkeeper.

**TITLE:** Church Bookkeeper

**TERMS:** Part-time, up to 16 hours per week, \$17.63, flexible schedule with approval by Pastor & Personnel Committee.

**EXPERIENCE:** Background in financial affairs – budgets, payroll, spreadsheets, financial computer software, QuickBooks experience preferred. Nonprofit experience desired.

**PURPOSE:** To maintain accurate records of all church finances and be responsible for proper handling of all receipts of monies to the church.

**ACCOUNTABILITY:** Accountable to the Pastor, as head of staff, and under the guidance of the Trustees and the Finance Chair. The Bookkeeper also responds to requests from members of the congregation for contribution accounting and to others for designated giving accounting.

**To apply:** Send resume to

**[fpcHanfordApply@gmail.com](mailto:fpcHanfordApply@gmail.com)**

See a full job description on our website

[www.fpchanford.org](http://www.fpchanford.org)

# Faith & Fellowship

## Jolly 1's & 2's

Please mark the following dates on your calendars for upcoming Jolly 1's & 2's events. The dates may be changed if there are too many conflicts in schedules with the dates I have chosen.

**May 5** we will be going to Fresno for the play "On Golden Pond" performed at Second Space Theatre. This play is about "the turbulent relationship between father and daughter. The generation gap between young and old, and a couple navigating the twilight years of a long marriage, all combine in a play that effortlessly illustrates the hilarious, heartbreaking, human moments of which life is made." We will leave the church parking lot by 12:30. You will need to either eat beforehand or on the way to the play as there is no food available at the theatre. Please let Janet Harader know (583-8817 or 367-5658) if you wish to attend so I can reserve tickets and arrange transportation. The play starts at 2:00 and seating is available at 1:30. Cost of the tickets is \$22.00 for seniors and \$25 for people under the age of 62.

**June 2** is the Kings Symphony Concert in the Park. The concert begins at 7:00. I will be out of town, so you are on your own to get to the park to enjoy the music. Some of our church members play in the symphony. This concert is free, but they will have a place to give donations to defray the costs of the performance.

**Other proposed events are:**

June 13 – Kingsburg City Band. More information will be forthcoming when it is available.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING!

June 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>!!!

Every day is an adventure at Breaker Rock Beach! Catch a glimpse of an orca leaping through the surf or watch happy sea lions playing among the rocks beneath magnificent pines. At Breaker Rock Beach, kids will learn to recognize the difference between what the world says is true and what God says is true. Each day kids will be challenged to know that God's truth never changes-even when it's radically different from what some people say!

Please consider helping out this year! There are a lot of great opportunities to serve and have fun along the way!

Contact VBS Director, Lori Porter at 559-362-6762 for more information.

★ Registration is now open! Invite a friend, neighbor or grandchild! ★

You can register today using this QR code



## Exercise class

The FPC exercise class  
M, W & F mornings @ 9:00am in the  
FPC Outreach Building (220 Dewey Street)

# MAY

## Birthdays & \*Anniversaries

1. Rowena Curiel, Charlotte Davis,  
David Gately
2. Julie Baker
3. Janeen Nelson
5. *\*Michael & Nancy Porter*
6. Caleb Mills, Isaac Mills,  
*\*Tim & Debra Revious*
7. Ginnie Herelman
13. Ron Herelman, Michael Montoya
14. *\*Jeff & Joanna Jones*
15. *\*Nick Elvena & Jeanne Rich*
20. Bryce Winterowd
21. Emma Rives
23. Michele King
25. Joanna Jones, Tim Revious
27. Charles Feaver
28. Kierin Adams
30. *\*Ron & Ginnie Herleman*

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Please contact the office with any updates, additions  
or corrections. We don't want to miss anyone  
or list your special date incorrectly.