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A New Season of Opportunities at First Pres:

Fall Programming kicks off Sunday, September 8

Let's kick off a new season of ministry and mission together as we head into fall!

First Pres offers a variety of opportunities for reading and studying the Bible, enrichment, and building relationships.

Learn more about the many upcoming opportunities throughout this issue.

FALL SERMON SERIES: CHOOSING FAITH

Beginning Sunday, September 8 and continuing through October 13, we'll begin a new sermon series "Choosing Faith." The series is based on the book **Everything Good about God is True** by Bruce Reyes-Chow.

You know what you don't believe: about the Bible, the church, and God. But what if someone asked you: "What do you believe?" In this book, ordained Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) pastor and former General Assembly Moderator Bruce Reyes-Chow helps us consider what it means to choose faith. What if we could articulate the gospel of love, kindness, humility, and justice? And what if everything good about God is actually true?

Copies of the book are available from the church (\$10 donation appreciated). Contact Patty O'Brien (pobrien@fpcfw.org or 817.335.1231) or visit the tables outside the worship spaces on Sunday morning to get your copy.

BIBLE IN DEPTH

This popular course is offered twice a week (choose one) on Sunday mornings from 10-10:45 a.m., and Wednesday mornings from 10:45 -11:45 a.m. Led by the Rev. Dr. Robyn Michalove (Sunday Class) and the Rev. Dr. Michael Waschevski (Wednesday Class), a book of the Bible is studied verse by verse. Throughout the study participants grow in their understanding of scripture and its application to their daily life of faith. The fall session begins on Sunday, September 8, or Wednesday, September 11 with a study of First and Second Corinthians.

You may register at fpcfw.org/adulted or by contacting Deneice Allen in the church office (dallen@fpcfw.org; 817.335.1231 ext. 261).

FALL CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Beginning Sunday, September 8, nine adult Church School classes will meet to study and support adults in nurturing their faith and discipleship. Classes meet from 10-10:45 a.m. each week and are led by an outstanding faculty of members, staff, and friends of First Presbyterian Church. Bible study, faith formation, and contemporary issues in church and society form the curriculum. For more information, please contact the Rev. Dr. Michael Waschevski in the church office (817.335.1231, ext. 229 or michaelw@fpcfw.org) or visit fpcfw.org/adulted.

CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER: ALL CHURCH LUNCH

The Congregational Care Committee invites you to a free All Church Lunch on Sunday, September 8 between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the Great Hall. During lunch you will have the opportunity to learn how the Committee serves First Pres members, and ways you can offer your gifts and skills in the ministries of Congregational Care. There is a place for everyone. We hope to see you there!

PRESBYTERIAN 101

Led by the Rev. Dr. Michael Waschevski, Presbyterian 101 is designed for both those new to the Presbyterian Church as well as those seeking to understand the Presbyterian tradition more fully. Over the four sessions, participants will understand the place of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in Christian history, explore major biblical and theological affirmations of Presbyterians, and come to appreciate the polity of our denomination in relation to other forms of church polity. The course meets Thursdays, September 12 to October 3 from 7-8 p.m. Register at fpcfw.org/adulted.

Pastor's Letter



Dear friends,
In this issue of the Penn Street Letter, we celebrate a new season of renewed focus on mission and ministry as summer gives

way to fall. As you can see on every page, opportunities abound for living out our faith together in ways familiar and new.

I have spent a good deal of time this summer reflecting on, and writing about, the life of discipleship. As I continue work on a manuscript - *Engaging Faith: More than Volunteering* - I am looking forward to conversation and reflection on the material with a covenant group at First Pres and hearing from two Adult Church School classes that will engage the material. I would also cherish opportunities for pastoral conversation one on one about discipleship and how we live an engaged and engaging faith. Following is an excerpt from chapter one. As you reflect on your own discipleship and engaging faith, please feel free to reach out for time for conversation together.

As (Jesus) walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea - for they were fishermen. And (Jesus) said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. (Matthew 4.18,19 NRSV)

Follow me. Jesus extends an invitation to Peter and Andrew to be in relationship with him as he goes about teaching, preaching the good news, feeding, and healing. Jesus invites them to be engaged with him. Engaging faith is centered in relationship with Jesus. Engaging faith is following Jesus into the world. Engaging faith is responding to Jesus' invitation to follow him.

When Jesus calls and we respond, we are disciples of Jesus. Sometimes our response is quick and immediate, like it was for Peter and Andrew. Sometimes our response is halfhearted, distracted by competing demands on our time, attention, and loyalties in the midst of living our complicated lives. Sometimes our response is well-intentioned and sincere, yet we feel isolated and alone in living it out.

The good news is that Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves. Jesus loves us more deeply than we can fathom. Jesus is faithfully walking with us every step of our journey. Not only that, but Jesus also gifted us with the Church - his own creation - that we may encourage and support one another in our discipleship. Jesus promised to be with us always, even to "the end of the age."

In gratitude for Jesus' call to each of us and all of us to be his disciples in and through First Presbyterian Church. What a gift and what a joy!

Michael

First Presbyterian Church's Session

2024 CLASS OF ELDERS

Mary Elizabeth Austin
Sarah Clingman
Lillie Doze
Randall Johnson
Martha Newman
Ralph Reece
Claire Schmid
Dawn Shepard
Austin Stubblefield

2025 CLASS OF ELDERS

Brian Cunningham
Jimmy DeFoor
Mary Susan Farrar
Vic Letbetter
Linda Northern
Lynda Richey
Amy Ryan

2026 CLASS OF ELDERS

Julia Bradley
Al Comeaux
Emily Hadley
Jane Mathis
J.B. Smithson
Jay Stepp
Brian Wharry

Submissions

Submissions for the next issue of the Penn Street Letter are due Wednesday, September 18. Submissions for the weekly Penn Street Online emailed newsletters are due the Wednesday prior to each week's issue. Please send to Pam Burkholder at pamb@fpcfw.org.

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August Session Highlights

First Presbyterian Church's Session met on Sunday, August 18 and reviewed the following items:

- Approved a First Presbyterian Church Fort Worth scholarship fund coming in 2025
- Learned fun facts about Mo-Ranch all church retreat
- Approved Early Education Center scholarship fund
- Received an update on potential Ukirk (college ministry) partnership with Grace Presbytery and TCU



people first at
First Pres

Each month we'll highlight First Pres staff team updates, including new hires, anniversaries, and more.

SEPTEMBER SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

We celebrate the following members of our team on their years of faithful service with First Pres:

September 1: Leah Wyckoff, WOW (Worship on Wednesdays) Coordinator, 15 years

September 2: Emma Henry, Youth Ministry Intern, 1 year

September 4: Chris Bartley, Senior Director of Engagement & Programs, 6 years

September 5: Riley O'Lena, Assistant Teacher (2s), 1 year

September 14: Mindy Samples, Director of Early Education Center (EEC), 9 years

September 21: Jayne McFarland, Ministry Assistant, 31 years

September 22: Robyn Michalove, Associate Pastor of Mission & Family Ministries, 20 years

September 26: Christina Rains, Lead Teacher (Infants), 8 years

September 27: Michael Waschevski, Senior Associate Pastor, 25 years

September 28: Lauren Dorough, Youth Ministry Intern, 1 year

Want to join a fantastic team?

Know someone who does?

First Pres is hiring!

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SEPTEMBER Calendar Highlights



Below are some highlights of special events happening in September. For a complete calendar, visit fpcfw.org.

SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

- 8 a.m. Worship in the Chapel
- 9 a.m. Worship in the Great Hall
- 10 a.m. Church School for all ages (begins September 8)
- 10 a.m. Bible In-Depth (begins September 8)
- 11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary & Livestream
- 11:20 a.m. Younger Children's Choir (begins September 8)
- 12:15 p.m. Older Children's Choir (begins September 8)
- 1:15 p.m. Children's Bells (begins September 8)
- 2 p.m. Spiritual Formation: Shalom (begins September 8)
- 3:30 p.m. Youth Choir (begins September 8)
- 4:30 p.m. High School Bells (begins September 8)
- 4:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group (begins September 8)
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Dinner (begins September 8)
- 6 p.m. High School Youth Group (begins September 8)
- 6 p.m. Middle School Bells (begins September 8)

MONDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9 a.m. Formula & Diaper Ministry at Community Crossroads
- 9 a.m. Hot Breakfast & Choice Pantry at Community Crossroads
- 10 a.m. Wellness: Tai Chi
- 11:30 a.m. Clothing & Sack Lunch Distribution at Community Crossroads
- 3-6 p.m. Cooling Station at Community Crossroads (until September 16)

WEDNESDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

- 10:45 a.m. Bible In-Depth (begins September 11)
- 11:30 a.m. Food & Clothing Ministry at Community Crossroads
- 11:30 a.m. Sack Lunch Distribution at Community Crossroads
- 5:30 p.m. WOW! Worship and Dinner at Community Crossroads
- 6 p.m. Grace Notes Rehearsal
- 7 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. High School Bible Study

THURSDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

- 11:30 a.m. Food & Clothing Ministry at Community Crossroads
- 11:30 a.m. Sack Lunch Distribution at Community Crossroads
- 7 p.m. Presbyterian 101 Class (begins September 12)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

- All day Church offices, Early Education Center, and Community Crossroads closed for Labor Day

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- 11 a.m. Betsy's Book People Book Group

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- 10:30 a.m. PW Tuesday Together and Lunch

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 10 a.m. Circles of Christ 5th Anniversary Brunch Celebration

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 7 p.m. Duo Organ Concert

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- 9 a.m. Preschool Family Tot Yoga & Breakfast

Be Inspired



Fall Programming kicks off Sunday, September 8

FALL MISSION DISCUSSION: POVERTY IN THE MIDST OF PLENTY

Join Robyn Michalove, Associate Pastor of Mission, for six bi-weekly sessions on grappling with power and privilege through the lens of the biblical narrative and participatory exercises. This discussion will meet on September 8 and 22, October 6 and 20, and November 3 and 17 from 4:30-6 p.m. in Room 230. Learn more and register at fpcfw.org/upcomingevents.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION: SHALOM

Desmond Tutu wrote a book, *God Has a Dream*. And in it, he echoes MLK, saying, "God says to you, 'I have a dream. Please help me to realize it. It is a dream of a world whose ugliness and squalor and poverty, its war and hostility, its greed and harsh competitiveness, its alienation and disharmony are changed into their glorious counterparts. When there will be more laughter, joy, and peace, where there will be justice and goodness and compassion and love and caring and sharing.'"

MLK called the dream, "the beloved community;" Desmond Tutu, "Ubuntu." The Old Testament calls it "Shalom;" the New Testament, "Eirene."

This 8-week course led by Carol Toombs will trace God's dream of shalom as introduced in Genesis and fulfilled in Revelation, exploring the richness of shalom blessings and the urgency of human responsibility in co-creating it. The course will examine how, through covenants, law, prophets, Jesus Christ, and the early church, God's dream was both kept alive and revealed in ever greater depth.

The course runs on Sundays, September 8 through October 27, from 2-4:30 p.m. Learn more and register at fpcfw.org/spiritualformation.

READ THE BIBLE IN 9 MONTHS

Over the past several years, hundreds of adult members and friends of First Presbyterian Church have completed the Reading the Bible in 9 Months program developed by Sr. Associate Pastor Michael Waschevski. Daily readings from September-May are arranged in such a way that the connections between the books of the Bible and the overarching themes and story cycles of scripture come together to reveal the unity of the Bible.

The reading plan for the 2024-2025 Reading the Bible in 9 Months program is available now. To receive a copy, please email Deneice Allen in the church office (dallen@fpcfw.org) or visit fpcfw.org/rb9m.

FIRST CONNECTIONS CLASS

First Connections class is an opportunity for new members and guests to learn about First Pres and opportunities for discipleship and engagement. Even if you have been at First Pres for a while, come for a refresher, and enjoy getting to know our new members and guests. All are invited, and all are welcome!

• Sunday, September 22, 10 a.m. Meet Pastoral Staff

Join an informal gathering with pastoral staff. Explore the questions you have always wanted to ask a clergy person but were afraid to. What is the difference between predestination and double predestination? Why do we forgive debts and debtors instead of trespasses and trespassers? All reasonable inquiries will be addressed.

This meeting will take place at 10 a.m. in Fahrenkamp Lounge, across from the Coffee Cart, near the Great Hall entrance.

• Sunday, September 29, 10 a.m. Life at First Pres

Join members of the Evangelism Work Group for a brief presentation on church life at First Pres, including notes on our history and how we are organized. We will discuss the many ways in which we inspire discipleship through the ministries of the church, how we engage the world, and how you can too. This meeting will include plenty of time for conversation and Q&A.

This meeting will take place at 10 a.m. in Fahrenkamp Lounge, across from the Coffee Cart, near the Great Hall entrance.

• Sunday, October 6, 10 a.m. Trip to Community Crossroads

Board the First Pres bus for the ride to the Community Crossroads Outreach Center, south of downtown, about two miles from the Penn St. campus. This tour will include an overview of the numerous Mission and Outreach ministries at Crossroads, including the dental clinic, food and clothing pantries, formula and diaper distribution and many others. Learn special terms like "First HAND" and "WOW." Unlock the mystery of why we call our neighbors "neighbors."

This tour will depart at 10 a.m. from the Coffee Cart, near the Great Hall entrance. We promise to get you back to the Sanctuary in time for worship at 11 a.m.

• Sunday, October 13, 10 a.m. Penn St. Campus Walkabout

Did you know that First Pres has a movie theater? Have you ever visited the Stripling Conference Room, the church kitchen, the library or the labyrinth? Join members of the Evangelism Work Group for a comprehensive tour of the Penn St. campus. We will visit all three worship spaces, the History Wall and other disciple-inspiring sites. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes.

This tour will depart at 10 a.m. from the Coffee Cart, near the Great Hall entrance.

If you plan to attend any or all of the meetings, please let us know by registering at fpcfw.org/upcomingevents. Please call the church office at 817-335-1231 or email Chris Bartley (cbartley@fpcfw.org) with any questions.

Engage the World



Solar School is coming to First Pres: October 24-27

In April, members of First Pres traveled to Honduras for a solar mission trip. In partnership with Solar Under the Sun and the Presbyterian Church of Honduras, the group installed solar power for ten homes and a church over the course of five days.

Solar Under the Sun is a covenant partner of the Synod of the Sun, a governing body of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Believing that Jesus Christ is the Light of the world, the vision of Solar Under the Sun is to illumine our fellow human beings with hope and life through solar energy by training volunteers to design and install solar power systems in communities that lack reliable electrical power.

As First Pres looks toward future solar panel installation trips, Solar Under the Sun is offering solar school training October 24-27 at First Pres!

Solar School is the training program for Solar Under the Sun. Participants receive training in solar panel design and installation - no prior experience needed! It is a hands-on, interactive program designed to equip team leaders with the necessary skills to form meaningful partnerships with communities in the developing world, assess their need for solar power, and design and install a solar power system. These skills are taught in two separate courses that run concurrently during our Solar School. Learn more and register by September 24 at www.solarunderthesun.org/solarschool.



Community Crossroads Fact Sheet

*This month we served...

1,429 Households groceries

301 Individual's clothing

778 Sack lunches

264 Households pet food

282 Hygiene & cleaning supplies

249 Cans of formula

744 Packages of diapers & wipes

262 New Neighbors

*These statistics reflect July 1-31, 2024



476

Volunteers

1,414

Hours Served



**Circles of Christ
celebrates 5 years!**

**Saturday, September 21
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

Come celebrate the partnership between First Pres and Mount Moriah at a brunch celebration at Community Crossroads (1516 Hemphill). We will enjoy a slideshow with highlights from our fellowship, worship, education, and service times together, and will announce opportunities for the coming year. Everyone is encouraged to bring items for our ministries at Community Crossroads (feminine hygiene items - pads, peanut butter, and backpacks).

**Learn more and RSVP
at fpcf.org/circlesofchrist**

Betsy's Book People resumes in September

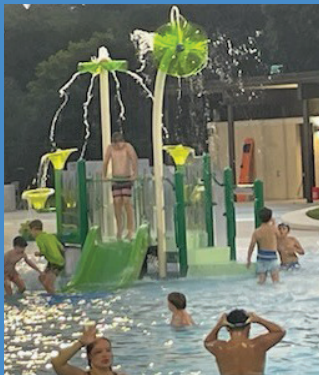
First Presbyterian Church's book group, Betsy's Book People, meets on the second Monday of each month in the Parlor from 11 a.m. to 12 noon, September through May.

The September book is *The Dictionary of Lost Words* by Pip Williams, with a discussion led by Ellen Peck. For the October gathering, we will read *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese, with discussion led by Judy Nelson.

Everyone is invited to attend the group, even if you haven't read the book! For questions or more information, contact Judy Nelson at 817.454.8870 or judytnelson@icloud.com.



A big splash of THANKS to all our members and friends who made the annual All Church Pool Party a blast! Your laughter, cannonballs, and community spirit made the evening unforgettable.



Penn Street Arts presents duo organ concert: September 27



On Friday, September 27, you're invited to an evening of virtuosic music for two organists at 7 p.m. in the First Pres Sanctuary.

Hailed by *Gramophone* magazine as an organist possessing

"rare virtuosity," Yuri McCoy and Bryan Anderson, winner of the 2023 Longwood Garden International Organ Competition, will showcase the sanctuary's two organ consoles with a special "four hands and four feet" duo organ concert.

This event is free and open to the public.

First Pres Kids Music announces New Schedule



First Pres Kids Arts & Music is making some major changes to our schedule this year to better serve the busy families in our church beginning Sunday, September 8. The Younger Children's Choir for ages 4 through 1st grade will continue to

meet throughout the school year following the children's time during 11 a.m. Worship.

Children in grades 2-5 will meet for choir and bells from 12:15 – 2 p.m. for 4 weeks at a time, ending with an opportunity for participating in worship. Each 4-week session will be followed by several weeks with no rehearsals outside of Sunday morning.

Grades K-3 will have an expanded time for singing during Chapel time, that takes place each week during the Church School hour. Our Chapel Singers will meet each time we have Church School throughout the school year. Chapel Singers will also be prepared to participate in worship, even if they are unable to take part in choir rehearsals.

For detailed schedules and information, please visit fpcfw.org/childrensmusic or contact Laura Collins (lcollins@fpcfw.org) or Becca Sawyer (rsawyer@fpcfw.org).

Joys & Concerns

The following prayer concerns are those we have received as of August 20. In an effort to respect the privacy of those listed below, names are only printed once permission from the individual is obtained. Are you in the hospital or dealing with an illness? Let us know by contacting Parish Associate for Pastoral Care Rev. Ashley Drake Mertz or Parish Visitors Matt McGraw or Rev. Lynda Dinsdale. Let us keep the following persons in our thoughts and prayers this month...

Our Loving Sympathy to...

Murray and **Lynda Richey** following the death of Murray's sister, Gail Neal, on August 1. Surviving First Pres family members include Murray and Lynda's daughter and son-in-law, **Carrie and Tim Zhang**.

Kathie Cummins following the death of her sister, Pam Aurin Asbell, on August 8.

Nancy Knight, Bill Knight, and Molly Knight following the death of Nancy's mother, Dorothy Doss, on July 27, 2024.

Mary Salazar following the death of her mother, Amparo Valdez, on July 26. Surviving First Pres family members include grandson and grand-daughter-in-law, **Michael and Leti Salazar**; and great-grandchildren: **Dalia, Alejandro, and Santiago Salazar**.

Our Loving Thoughts and Prayers are with...

Carolyn Mercer, Linda Beckworth, Pat Graham, Martha Brooks, Nancy Gillis, Jo Ann Johnson, Elizabeth McCartney, Ronnie Sherwood, Capt. Rolf Tilley, Pat Richardson, Gail Davis, and Irene Howard, who are recovering from surgery or injury. We also pray for their caregivers.

Dick Coffey, Robert and Dinah Riddle, **Blitz and Austin Phillips** and baby Hardy, **Grace Camacho, Tad Delgado** and parents **Emily and Bryan Delgado, John Patterson, Henrietta Bailey, Larry Kinard, Amanda Deitz, Levi Deitz, June Sprott, Fred Wilson, Frances Blake, Phyllis Propes, Chuck Sullivan, Susie Kuipers**, and **Karl Travis**, who are dealing with illness or undergoing treatment. We also pray for their caregivers.

Our Caring Prayers for Extended Family include...

Rebecca Montoya (mother of **Cheryl Mireles**), Kenneth Jones (husband of **Elise Jones**), Lonnie Goolsby (father of **Kelle Tillman**), Lucy Redrow (daughter of **Leigh Ann and Grant Redrow**), Katie Loudon (sister-in-law of **Jaci Travis**), Michael Kibby (friend of **Mary Brooks**), Anja Dangelimer (family friend of **Lauren Black**), Claudia Masser (daughter-in-law of **Carol Toombs**), Peggy Moore (sister of **Mary Brooks**), Cameron Parmelee (granddaughter of **Sally and Bob Parmelee**), Jack Barber (son of **Liz Barber**), Andy Hedrick (brother of **Patti Bradley**), Jolie Paprskar-Mozingo (daughter of **Joy Paprskar**), Walter Williams (husband of **Rachele Williams**), Caleb James Baker (great-grandson of **Betty Tillman**), Terry James (nephew of **Rachele Williams**), Tahji Hoffman (great-niece of **Rachele Williams**), Paula Perkins (sister of **Susie Kuipers**), Audrey Hart (great-granddaughter of **Bob and Jane Trask**), Ann Welch (sister of **Andrea Frankenfield**), Nancy Hatfield (mother of **Sarah Haddock**), Lynn Prater (daughter of **Harlene Satterfield**); Bill Neil (uncle of **Kenda, Nancy, and Ron Love**), and John DeMore (son-in-law of **June Sprott**).

Prayers for the safety of Pape Russell (grandson of **Barbara Russell**), who is serving in the US Navy. Prayers for the safety of **Diego A. Saldivar** (son of **Becky and Renee Saldivar**), who is serving in the US Navy. Prayers for the safety of Nathan Gunter (nephew of **Russell and Vivian Norment**), who is stationed in Korea.

We pray for safety and peace for those affected by conflict.

We pray for our mission coworkers: Cindy Corell in Haiti, Jed and Jenny Koball in Peru, Cathy Chang and Juan Lopez in Manila. We pray for our partner congregations: Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist in Fort Worth and for the congregations of Buen Pastor, Resurrection, and Cidra Presbyterian Churches in Cuba.



The Congregational Care Committee will recognize all who have been members of First Presbyterian Church for at least 50 years during worship (11 a.m.) on Sunday, September 29. Even if you are unable to attend, you will be close in our hearts and prayers as we celebrate our longevity in the church. Those who have them, be sure to wear your Legacy Member pin. Those welcomed as new Legacy Members will receive their pin during worship. Please join us on September 29 as we celebrate these dedicated members of our church family!



First Presbyterian Church is offering a six-week in-person Grief Support Group beginning Sunday, September 15, from 1:30-3 p.m. This group offers a supportive and encouraging space in which to experience God's presence, comfort, and strength. This group is free and open to members and friends of the church and the community. To register, visit fpcfww.org/careandsupport or contact Deneice Allen in the church office (817.335.1231 ext. 261 or dallen@fpcfww.org).

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Welcome, New Members!

Please join the Evangelism Work Group in welcoming these new members.



Maddie and Michael Gwyn joined First Pres on Sunday, August 11. Maddie is an Optimization Engineer with Horizon Mud Co., and Michael is a Systems Architect with Alcon. Their daughter, Amelia, is seven months old.



Kelley and Clay Henderson joined First Pres on Sunday, August 11. Kelley and Clay have 16-month-old twins, Penelope and Theodore. Kelley is a Mortgage Banker with Truist Financial, and Clay is an Operations Manager with The Reynolds Company.



Lori Gordon, Scott and Wilson Stooksberry joined First Pres on Sunday, August 4. Lori is a Landscape Architect working as a Planning Manager for the City of Fort Worth. Scott is an Attorney with Hill Gilstrap, LLC, and Wilson will be a freshman at Paschal High School this fall.



Glenn and Oggie Whipple joined First Pres on Sunday, August 18. The Whipple family has recently returned to Fort Worth after several years in New Mexico.