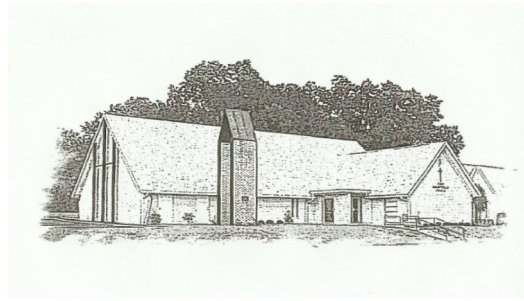




**First
Presbyterian
Church**
Henderson, Texas



903-657-2529

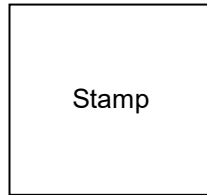
www.fpchendersontx.org



*“Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences”*



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
P. O. BOX 773
HENDERSON, TEXAS 75653-0773**



Connections

First Presbyterian Church
Henderson, Texas

October 2024 Vol. 56:10



Autumn brings to the soul relief,
as hot Summer days, slip to an end
God sent the season for weary hearts
to restore, repair and mend.

Unlike the Autumn trees,
that shed their changing leaves
God sent the season for failing hearts
to adhere, embrace and cleave.

Just as with the Autumn winds,
there comes a new refreshing rain
God sent the season for fraying hearts
to increase, grow and gain.

The Autumn sun is slow to climb,
and dips much earlier into the night
God sent the season for sleepy hearts
to rise, shine and awake in His light.
God gave to us the Autumn season,
so we could have a respite and rest
for it is the season for our beset souls
to see how much we are blessed!

Copyright 2012
Deborah Ann Belka

*“Therefore my heart is glad,
and my glory rejoiceth:
my flesh also shall rest
in hope.”*

Psalm 16:9
King James

The **Fellowship/ Member Care Committee** is currently working on a few luncheons.

One will be in November for Thanksgiving, and one in December for Christmas. We will get those dates out as soon as they are locked in.

Home Communion will be delivered on the first Sunday of November.



A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

John 13:34-35 ESV

If you want to live,
a life to God pleasing
you must love others
even if their deceiving.

You need to love them,
just like Jesus loves you
you must be forgiving
with everyone too.

If you want to live,
a life to God purposeful
you must first have a heart
that is too merciful.

Merciful to the poor,
the helpless and needy
you can no longer be
selfish or greedy.

If you want to live,
a life to God delightful
even to your enemies
you can't be despiteful!

~~~~~  
Unknown

Memorial Gifts were received in memory of:

Frances Herring (Lynn's sister)  
and

Kay Warren



## THE STAFF

Administrative Assistant – Debbi Ricci  
[hendersonfirstpres@gmail.com](mailto:hendersonfirstpres@gmail.com)

## THE SESSION

Liz Cross  
903-658-1732  
[eebuckner217@gmail.com](mailto:eebuckner217@gmail.com)

Mary Lowe  
903-646-3133  
[barberlowe1@gmail.com](mailto:barberlowe1@gmail.com)

Steve Lowe  
903-658-0323  
[stevel@lowetractor.com](mailto:stevel@lowetractor.com)

Jimmy Chapman  
903-649-0341  
[jimmychapman46@hotmail.com](mailto:jimmychapman46@hotmail.com)

Kathy Porter - Clerk of Session  
903-646-0162  
[kathyporter301@gmail.com](mailto:kathyporter301@gmail.com)

## FINANCE AT A GLANCE



### August 2024:

| IN      | OUT     | BALANCE |
|---------|---------|---------|
| \$7,974 | \$6,374 | \$1,600 |

### July 2024:

| IN      | OUT     | BALANCE |
|---------|---------|---------|
| \$8,695 | \$7,706 | \$ 989  |

### Year to Date:

| IN       | OUT      | BALANCE  |
|----------|----------|----------|
| \$66,629 | \$70,491 | -\$3,862 |

# DID YOU KNOW?

Students in the Philippines must plant 10 trees to graduate



All high school and college students in the Philippines must plant at least 10 trees each year in order to graduate.

A law was passed by the Philippine Congress in 2019 to ensure that at least 175 million new trees are planted each year. The law was entitled the “Graduation Legacy for the Environment Act,” and proponents of the law saw it as an opportunity for the Filipino youth to help tackle climate change and build a greener environment for their generation.

The Philippines is one of the world’s most severely deforested countries with total forest cover dropping from 70% to just 20<sup>th</sup> century, mainly due to illegal logging. Lack of trees exacerbated the risk and impacts of floods and landslides.

**C.E. GREEN TEAM**



Happy October!

The **Worship Committee**, which consists of Mary, Jimmy, Kathy, Liz, and Lynn, continues to work together weekly.

This month we welcome to the pulpit:

**10/06 - Steve Newton**

**10/13 - Jimmy Chapman**

**10/20 - Crosby Fleming**

**10/27 - Evan Dolive**

We are very thankful to Jack Brooks for recording our music on the organ and the ones that operate the organ.

Sunday School starts at 9:45 and worship at 11:00.

We hope to see you on Sunday Mornings!

Happy Fall from the **Building and Grounds** committee!



We've accomplished a few things inside that make life easier for visiting pastors. The A/C was repaired and cool air once again flows in the office. Also we've repaired our stained glass window light display in the narthex with updated LED lighting.

Outside we had to repair a valve that was leaking a lot of

water outside near the entrance to the pastors office.

At the present time we've completed everything that needed attention at the church. We look forward to the cooler weather and the changing of the seasons!

### Council Actions

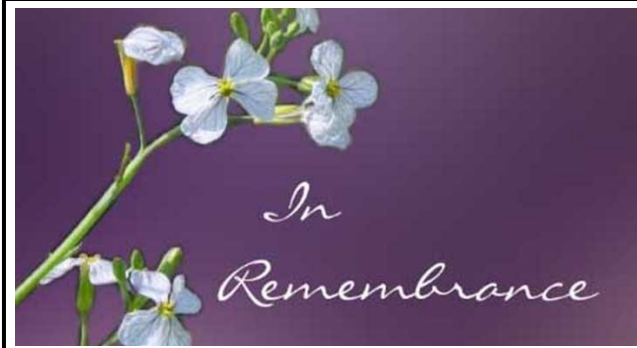
September 19, 2024

- ◇ Prayed and shared joys and concerns together
- ◇ Accepted Committee Budgets
- ◇ Reviewed the Administrative Assistant position and recommended salary increase
- ◇ Made a donation to the Presbyterian Outlook foundation
- ◇ Reviewed charts by Grace Presbytery Budget and Finance Committee which outline the financial position of the Presbytery
- ◇ Heard a tentative report from Church Officer Nominating Committee
- ◇ Selected Communion Elders for October
- ◇ Selected Duty Elders for October

DO NOT BE DAUNTED BY  
THE ENORMITY OF THE WORLD'S GRIEF.

DO JUSTLY, NOW.  
LOVE MERCY, NOW.  
WALK HUMBLY, NOW.

YOU ARE NOT OBLIGATED TO COMPLETE THE WORK,  
BUT NEITHER ARE YOU FREE TO ABANDON IT.



Members and Friends of First Presbyterian Church, Henderson, I thank each and everyone who reached out to me in condolences during the hospitalization and subsequent death of my sister, Frances Herring. She was my next to oldest sister, and the entire family will miss her, as she was like a

second mom to mostly all of us. Her stepson noted that a plant was sent by our church, and John and I were very touched by that, as was the rest of the family. We do consider FPC our family, also. So, thanks for being there for us.

Love,

Lynn and John Tieken



## Outreach

Continuing the **Hustle Kindness** mission, please mark your calendar for Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am when we will hustle the Henderson Fire Department. This will also include the EMS crew that is housed in the department.

The goodies will be equally divided, and a helper will serve the Tuesday and Wednesday crews. Our total number we expect to hustle will be forty-one! This will be fun. Please join us!

The **HIM** pantry shelves need our help. Please remember to bring your HIM food donations on the first Sunday of the month and as often as you can. They are always in need of canned and dry goods. Your help is appreciated.

Respectfully, Liz, Louise, Lynn, Mary, Kathy, Kelly, Jimmy, John, Jan



The **Communication Committee** posts the church service bulletin to the website, keeps the church website updated and the Facebook page active with current postings, collects monthly newsletter submissions, conducts multiple proofreads of the newsletter draft, and signs off on the newsletter for publication and distribution.

If you have something to include in the newsletter, the submission deadline is the third Friday of each month. Please e-mail submissions to Liz and Kathy.

We remain resolute, excited, devoted, and honored to serve the congregation.

The Communications Team



# October 2024



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

|                                                                                                      |                             |    |    |                                                                                                          |                       |    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----|
|                                                                                                      |                             | 1  | 2  | 3                                                                                                        | 4<br>Meals on Wheels  | 5  |
| 6<br>9:45 Sunday School<br>11:00 Worship/<br>Communion with<br>Steve Newton<br><b>Home Communion</b> | 7                           | 8  | 9  | 10                                                                                                       | 11<br>Meals on Wheels | 12 |
| 13<br>9:45 Sunday School<br>11:00 Worship with<br>Jimmy Chapman<br><b>CE Meeting</b>                 | 14<br>10:00 Hustle Kindness | 15 | 16 | 17<br>2:30 L.E.A.N. Meeting<br>6:00 Session Meeting                                                      | 18<br>Meals on Wheels | 19 |
| 20<br>9:45 Sunday School<br>11:00 Worship with<br>Crosby Fleming                                     | 21                          | 22 | 23 | 24                                                                                                       | 25<br>Meals on Wheels | 26 |
| 27<br>9:45 Sunday School<br>11:00 Worship with<br>Evan Dolive                                        | 28                          | 29 | 30 | 31<br>Halloween<br> |                       |    |

Duty Elders for October:

Liz and Mary

Liturgists for October:

6—John H.

13— John T.

20— Kelly

27— Jan

