

Church Calendar

Sunday

Sunday School for Adults & Youth	9:00 A.M.
Sunday Worship	10:15 A.M.
Sunday School for Children	10:30 A.M.
Coffee Hour Fellowship	11:30 A.M.

Tuesday

Community Bible Study	10:00 A.M.
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Wednesday

Session Meeting (3rd Wednesday)	5:00 P.M.
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Thursday

Thursday Bible Study & Prayer	10:00 A.M.
Outreach to Jail	12:30 P.M.
GriefShare Ministry	6:30 P.M.

Connect with Us

Pastor : Rev. Dr. Grace Howard 812-470-5294
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Organist: Dennis Carr **Pianist:** Monica Collins

Clerk of Session: Walt Brunton **Treasurer:** Jim Bartlett

Administrator: Gwennith Kim **Custodian:** Prisco Sanchez

Session

Bob Bullard (2026)	Chair of Nominations
Janet Johnson (2026)	Chair of Christian Education
Sarah Maria (2027)	Chair of Worship
Jim Bartlett (2027)	Chair of Congregation Care
Charlie Hedges (2028)	Chair of Buildings & Grounds
Bill Henderson (2028)	Chair of Mission

Women's Group Leader

Peggy Luckhurst

Announcements

► Welcome to First Presbyterian church:

We are so thrilled that you are here today! Whether this is your first visit or you're a lifelong member, we hope that you will find God's grace, welcome and love in this special place.

► **Scripture Readers and Ushers:** Please sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

► The River Bend Food Pantry for April

needs **Spaghetti Sauce**. Thank you for your generosity.
More Info: Pat Bartlett & Susan Zollers

► Family Music Concert — All Are Welcome!

Join us for a joyful **Family Music Concert** with **Brent Vernon**, a singer-songwriter, storyteller, and ventriloquist who has shared hope-filled programs across the country. Brent's concerts weave together energetic music, heartfelt stories, and a visit from **Sam**, his beloved ventriloquist puppet—a favorite for children and adults alike.

Brent is also a gifted children's author and illustrator, and his program is thoughtfully crafted to connect with **every generation—from kids to seniors**. Before and after the concert, enjoy a **Children's Book Fair** featuring Brent's beautifully illustrated books. A **love offering** will be received.
Date: Thursday, May 7 **Time:** 6:30 PM
Location: First Presbyterian Church of Mt. Vernon
Come for an evening of music, laughter, and encouragement.
All are welcome—bring a friend

► Vacation Bible School : June 15-17, 5 -7:30 P.M.

Get ready for an exciting three nights of Vacation Bible School as we explore "The Power of Prayer"! We're opening our doors wide to welcome children from our community—and we need joyful, willing volunteers to help make this ministry shine. If you can serve or want to learn more, please speak with Janet Johnson. Let's come together, lift up our prayers, and share Christ's love with the families around us.

► April Birthdays

4/3 Paige Howard	4/9 Harold DeVillez
4/20 Jeffrey Holton	4/27 Lisa Seitz

Our Mission

Grow spiritually, both as individuals and as a congregation.
Share the good news with those around us.
Bring others into communion with Christ.
Act in fellowship, to reach out and support others.

First Presbyterian Church of Mt. Vernon

04-19-2026



**ANSWERED
PRAYER**



**The God who hears us is
the God who renews us.**

"I love the Lord, for he heard my voice."

Psalm 116:1

**"You have been born anew... through
the living and enduring word of God."**

1 Peter 1:23

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3rd Sunday of Easter

Prelude “The Heavens Are Telling” Dennis Carr
- Ludwig van Beethoven

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Grace Howard
Call To Worship Peter Zollers

Leader: We come to worship the God who hears our cries.
People: The Lord has rescued us and restored our lives.
Leader: Through Christ we are made new,
born of God’s living Word.
**People: With grateful hearts,
we call on the name of the Lord.**
Leader: Let us walk before God in the land of the living.
People: Let us worship the Lord with thanksgiving.

* **Opening Hymn** #14 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Invitation to Confession Peter Zollers
Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your redeemed people. We have trusted our own strength, ignored your call, and turned from your ways. Forgive us, restore us, and set our feet again on the path of life. By your grace, make us new through Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession of Our Personal Sins
Assurance of Pardon Pastor Grace Howard

Response to God’s Grace #582
“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

Prayer for Illumination (Unison) Janis Black

Holy God, open our hearts by your Spirit.
Quiet our distractions and help us receive your living Word with faith and gratitude. Speak to us now, and make us ready to follow where you lead. Amen.

First Scripture Reading 1 Peter 1:17-23
Second Scripture Reading Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
One: Remember, God always blesses the reading
and the hearing of the Word.
All: Thanks be to God!

Special Music Praise Team

Blessings for Children

Sermon “Answered Prayer” Rev. Jeff Howard

* **Hymn of Response** #829 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Affirmation of Faith The Ten Commandments

The Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Music at the Offertory “Morning Prayer” Dennis Carr
- P. I. Tchaikovsky

* **Response of Praise** #606
“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of The People & The Lord’s Prayer

* **Closing Hymn** #839
“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”

* **Charge & Benediction**

* **Benediction Response** #547 (v. 3)
“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

Postlude “I Know That My Redeemer Liveth” Dennis Carr
- Stewart Landon

Join Us for Coffee Hour Fellowship

“God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship
in spirit and truth.” (John 4:24)



Table Host:
Susan & Peter Zollers

Join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall for Coffee Fellowship. It is a time to connect, encourage one another, and share life together. Let us welcome one another as Christ has welcomed us (Romans 15:7), and bear one another’s burdens (Galatians 6:2), building a community rooted in love.

Scripture Reader

04/26
Bill Henderson

April Ushers

Charles Hedges
Donna Hedges

The Lord’s Supper - 05/03

Jim & Pat Bartlett



Please, continue to pray for God’s healing touch: Diana Bullard, Janis Black, Jeanne & Dennis Carr, Linda Kuykendall, Scott Pretzsch, Pat Bartlett, Monica and Kelly Collins, Donna Hedges, Stephanie Rider, and others fighting battles of illness.

Ephesians 6:18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.



Thank you for your faithful support of God’s work in and through First Presbyterian Church. There are many ways for you to give, including giving of your time, talent, and financial gift. All gifts—of any size—make a difference.

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