

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# SENIORS MINISTRY MESSENGER

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### Psalm 145:3-4

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,  
and his greatness is unsearchable. One  
generation shall commend your works to  
another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

### From the Heart of Pastor Bryan Bult

Ephesians 4 is a scripture I keep going back to for pastoral recharging. There, Paul tells his friends, 7 "...to *each one of us* grace has been given as Christ apportioned it." (italics mine) This means from the youngest member to the oldest, all of us are granted a manifestation of God's serving grace for building up the church. Since I get to minister to *and with* seniors, I rejoice in the wealth of gifts I see in you (serving, hospitality, letter-writing, giving, nurturing, and compassion, just to name a few). And not only are you endowed with abilities to serve and build up the Body of Christ, you look for opportunities to employ those abilities. Please keep enriching the whole body with your service, especially for the sake of our covenant children. Our upcoming Spaghetti Soirée affords a unique opportunity to do so. You have acquired the hard-won wisdom that only comes from decades of trial and error. Experiencing the ebbs and flows of congregational life over the years has instilled discernment you need to skillfully employ your gifts. Our ascended Lord has been generous to his church, and its seniors.

"This is why it says:

"When he ascended on high,  
he took many captives  
and gave gifts to his people." (Eph. 4:8)  
Praise God!

## Mar/Apr 2022

### Seniors Ministry Staff

Rev. Bryan F. Bult ..... Assoc. Minister to Seniors  
Janet B. Altman ..... Seniors Ministry Coord.

### March Gatherings

- 1 1:00 PM Seniors Ministry Committee
- 5 9:00 AM Encouragers Breakfast
- 9 1:00 PM Encouragers Steering Committee
- 16 1:00 PM Barnabas Min Prayer/Note Writing
- 18 9:00 AM Presbytery Senior Connect Day
- 24-26 LIGONIER CONFERENCE IN ORLANDO
- 28 5:30 PM CIA Steering Committee
- 30-Apr 3 225+2 CELEBRATION: A BEGINNING

### April Gatherings

- 5 1:00 PM Seniors Ministry Committee
- 9 9:00 AM Encouragers Breakfast
- 13 1:00 PM Encouragers Steering Committee
- 17 EASTER
- 20 1:00 PM Barnabas Min Prayer/Note Writing
- 21 11:00 AM Encouragers Tour of State House
- 25 8:00 AM Seniors Ministry Men's Breakfast
- 25 5:30 PM CIA Steering Committee



## First Presbyterian Church Authors & Their Books

### Derek W.H. Thomas

LET US WORSHIP GOD: Why We Worship the Way We Do (240.1)

JOB: The Storm Breaks (223.1)

HEAVEN ON EARTH: What the Bible Teaches about Life to Come (237)

HOW THE GOSPEL BRINGS US ALL THE WAY HOME (227.2)

### Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer

ALIVE: How the Resurrection of Christ Changes Everything (232)

### Dale Ralph Davis

SUCH A GREAT SALVATION: Judges (222.3)

STUMP KINGDOM: Isaiah 6-12 (224.1)

THE WORD BECAME FRESH: How to Preach from Old Testament Texts (221)

### Cynthia Stanley Clarke

WHY THE CHURCH'S BULL STREET WALL CONTAINS AN EXTRA COLUMN (285.3)

### Kenneth B. Wingate

A FATHER'S GIFT: Lessons from Proverbs (223.7)

RUN WITH ENDURANCE: The Triumph of Faith (Hebrews) (228.1)

RICH GRACE IN POOR SOIL: Growing in the Master's Grip (234)



### Daniel J. Janosik

JOHN OF DAMASCUS: First Apologist to the Muslims (297)

THE GUIDE TO ANSWERING ISLAM (297)

### Jay Schabacker

SCIENTIFIC CHALLENGES TO EVOLUTIONARY THEORY: How These Challenges Affect Religion (213)

DID THE HEBREW EXODUS TRULY HAPPEN? (222.12)

### Dennis D. Morgan

FIGHTING FOR PEACE: Combating Conflict with Character (253)

### Sinclair B. Ferguson

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LET'S STUDY MARK (2005-2013) (226.3)

DANIEL: The Preacher's Commentary, Vol. 21 (224.5)

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE: A Doctrinal Introduction (248)

### John R. De Witt

AMAZING LOVE: The Prodigal Son (2000-2005) (225.3)

JUS DIVINUM: The Westminster Assembly & the Divine Right of Church Government (230.2)

### Michael Blackwell

CROSS EYED: Theologia Crucis (Fiction)

### Det Bowers

IN BUSINESS ON PURPOSE (254)

### Wilmot B. Irvin

JACK'S PASSAGE (Fiction)

### David B. Calhoun

THE GLORY OF THE LORD RISEN UPON IT: First

Presbyterian Church, Columbia, South Carolina (1795-1995) (285.3) Archives and

[www.firstprescolumbia.org](http://www.firstprescolumbia.org)  
OUR SOUTHERN ZION: Old Columbia Seminary (1828-1927) (285.3) Archives

### Judy Doudoukjian

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE MUSIC OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (1995) (285.3)

### Mark E. Ross

LET'S STUDY MATTHEW (226.2)

### Glen C. Knecht

THE DAY GOD MADE (1983-1997) (240.1)

### Warren M. Wardlaw

THROUGH TIMES OF CHANGE: First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, South Carolina (Denominational Change in 1983 to ARP) (285.3) Archives (Pink Label)

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(Not an Exhaustive List)

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# couples

## IN ACTION

FELLOWSHIP • PRAYER • SERVICE

### Dinner for Six or Eight

Thirty-eight couples signed up to participate in Dinner for Six (and in some cases, Eight). Ten groups have been formed with one couple in each group designated as the lead couple. The plan is for the 10 groups to each share a meal in February, March and April. The goal is to see new friendships formed and established friendships strengthened as we break bread together from home to home, or even in a restaurant.



### Daylight Saving Time Begins March 13

Daylight Saving Time will resume the second Sunday in March at 2:00 AM. This is a good time to replace smoke alarm batteries and heating/cooling unit filters (regardless of where you live). Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour, and enjoy the extra daylight in the evening.

Glenside, PA. Dr. Duguid will bring two messages in the sanctuary and there will be breakout sessions and lunch. Reservations are needed, but there is no cost to attend or for lunch. Contact Janet Altman with any questions.



Be sure to listen to recent conversations that Troy Cash, Pastoral Intern, had with Eddie & Sabrina Benton, and John & Libbie Hooker.

# ENCOURAGERS

FELLOWSHIP | PRAYER | SERVICE  
Singles 50+ Years Old

### Tour of State House Followed by Lunch

On Thursday, April 21, at 11:00 AM, the Encouragers will tour the South Carolina State House. We will then enjoy a "self-guided" tour of the grounds, followed by lunch at a nearby restaurant. There is no cost for the tour. Lunch will be "Dutch treat."



In August of 2020, the Birthday Brigade began "taking the party" to the homes of members 95 years of age and older. Our first honoree was Earle Tyler, and our most recent was Dan Christmus.

Thirteen members of First Presbyterian will celebrate 95 or more trips around the sun in 2022. If you would like to participate in "taking the party" to these dear members, please contact Janet Altman.



CATAWBA PRESBYTERY

# SENIOR CONNECT DAY

Friday, March 18

9:00 AM-2:30 PM

This is the 3rd consecutive year First Pres has hosted the Senior Connect Day for churches in the Catawba Presbytery. Our keynote speaker is Iain M. Duguid (PhD, University of Cambridge), professor of Old Testament at Westminster Theological Seminary and pastor of Christ Presbyterian Church in

