

First Presbyterian Church of Fulton

God's People Building...Brick by Brick!

August 12 through August 18, 2022!



MATTHEW 25

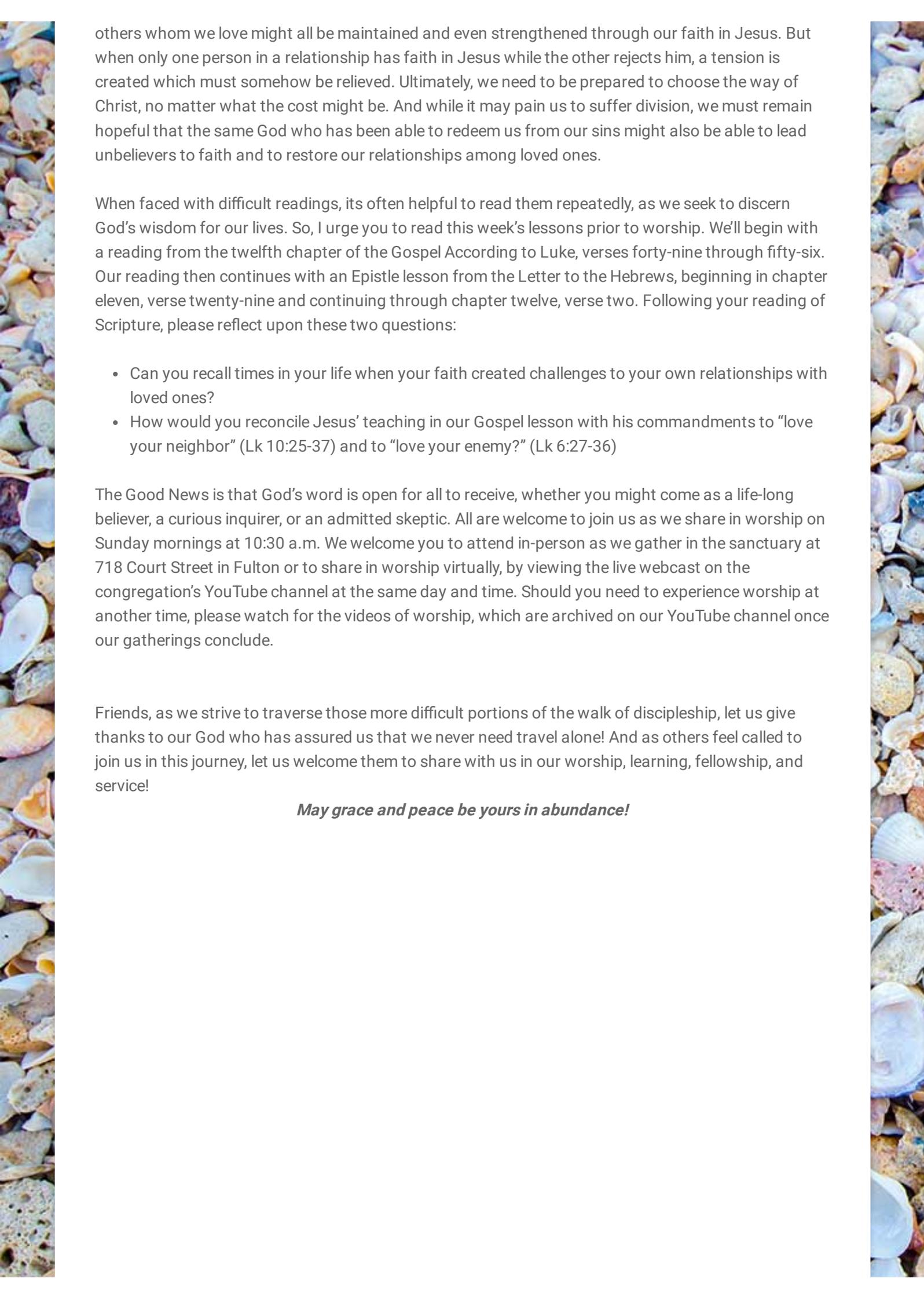
Building ...Our Faith!

This Week Pastor Aaron Asks: "Can you recall times in your life when your faith created challenges to your own relationships with loved ones?"

Greetings, Friends!

As we gather this week, we are challenged to reconsider our understanding of just why it is that Jesus has come among us. When asked why our God came to us in human form, many believers might respond that "Jesus came to institute the reign of God" or that "Our Lord came to offer salvation to the world." But in this week's Gospel lesson, Jesus' own answer comes in the form of some of his most difficult sayings. He says, "I have come to cast fire upon the earth..." (Luke 12:49) He also says, "Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!" (v. 51) Jesus then cautions his disciples and those in the crowd who would heed his warning that this division won't just create separations between them and their enemies. Friendships and even family relationships will be shattered because of his coming.

Jesus' words of warning are not issued without concern for the loss of relationships. Our Lord so desires that those relationships between fathers and sons, mothers and daughters, in-laws, and



others whom we love might all be maintained and even strengthened through our faith in Jesus. But when only one person in a relationship has faith in Jesus while the other rejects him, a tension is created which must somehow be relieved. Ultimately, we need to be prepared to choose the way of Christ, no matter what the cost might be. And while it may pain us to suffer division, we must remain hopeful that the same God who has been able to redeem us from our sins might also be able to lead unbelievers to faith and to restore our relationships among loved ones.

When faced with difficult readings, its often helpful to read them repeatedly, as we seek to discern God's wisdom for our lives. So, I urge you to read this week's lessons prior to worship. We'll begin with a reading from the twelfth chapter of the Gospel According to Luke, verses forty-nine through fifty-six. Our reading then continues with an Epistle lesson from the Letter to the Hebrews, beginning in chapter eleven, verse twenty-nine and continuing through chapter twelve, verse two. Following your reading of Scripture, please reflect upon these two questions:

- Can you recall times in your life when your faith created challenges to your own relationships with loved ones?
- How would you reconcile Jesus' teaching in our Gospel lesson with his commandments to "love your neighbor" (Lk 10:25-37) and to "love your enemy?" (Lk 6:27-36)

The Good News is that God's word is open for all to receive, whether you might come as a life-long believer, a curious inquirer, or an admitted skeptic. All are welcome to join us as we share in worship on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. We welcome you to attend in-person as we gather in the sanctuary at 718 Court Street in Fulton or to share in worship virtually, by viewing the live webcast on the congregation's YouTube channel at the same day and time. Should you need to experience worship at another time, please watch for the videos of worship, which are archived on our YouTube channel once our gatherings conclude.

Friends, as we strive to traverse those more difficult portions of the walk of discipleship, let us give thanks to our God who has assured us that we never need travel alone! And as others feel called to join us in this journey, let us welcome them to share with us in our worship, learning, fellowship, and service!

May grace and peace be yours in abundance!

Hear the Word: Looking Ahead Toward Sunday, August 14, 2022

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF FULTON



Sunday, August 14th | 10:30 a.m. | 718 Court St.

This Week's Message:

**THE JESUS
WHO DIVIDES**



Worship with us in-person
or on our YouTube channel!

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Worship & Reflection This Week!

In-Person Worship Service in the Sanctuary!

Sunday, August 14, 2022

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost (Year C)

Livestream on YouTube: <https://bit.ly/fpcfultonyoutube>

Liturgical Color: Green

Usher Captain: Graham McCaulley

Acolyte: Lydia McCaulley

Gospel Lesson: [Luke 12:49-56](#)

Epistle Lesson: [Hebrews 11:29-12:2](#)

Sermon by: Rev. Aaron J. White



The Jesus Who Divides

As crowds continued to draw closer to Jesus, he cautions those who would follow him to give careful consideration to what that will mean. His message would polarize families, even turning parents against their children, as some would accept his teachings and have faith in him, while others would reject his word and his mission. As difficult as this work must have been, Jesus understands that his role is to create in the life of each person a moment of accountability.

While we might desire for Jesus to come and bring peace to the world, such peace will be incomplete, so long as there are those who rebel against God and deny the saving work of Christ. Ultimately, each person must decide for themselves whom they will follow. And painful though it may be, when we choose to follow Jesus, it may mean that we are separated from those who reject his way.

Additional readings from the Revised Common Lectionary:

[Isaiah 5:1-7](#); [Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19](#)

Hymns This Week!

Hymn of Praise: #51 To Abraham and Sarah (I Will Be Your God)

Hymn of Reflection: #730 I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

Hymn of Dedication: #846 Fight the Good Fight

Kyrie Eleison: #579 Lord, Have Mercy

Gloria: #581 Glory Be to the Father

Children's Moment: #184 Calm to the Waves

Congregational. Blessing: #742 We Will Walk with God

A Reminder: Please see below for current COVID-19 Safety Protocol.



**"My sheep hear my voice.
I know them, and they follow me."**
(John 10:27)

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS
Sunday, August 21st, 2022
10:30 AM

 **First Presbyterian Church
of Fulton, Missouri**

Mark Your Calendars for September 4th!



There will be a special fellowship meal after worship on this special Sunday. We'll celebrate the baptism of our children as we remember our own. More details to come!



MATTHEW 25

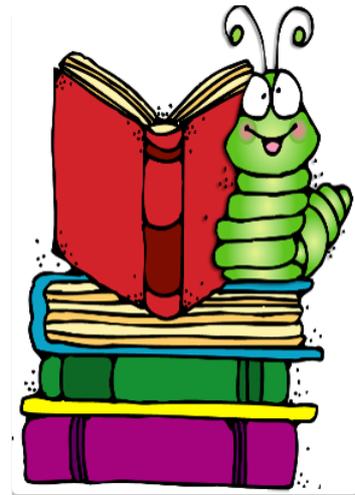
Building ... Community!

Free Books for Children!

There are two tables of FREE books for your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, neighbors and any other children you know. The books were donated by FPS to the Afghan Resettlement Project, who has claimed all they need. Books have also been donated to Servé's Back to School Drive and Oasis Tutoring.

The books range in reading level from preschool to sixth grade. They are intended for children to use to learn to read, but also make great read aloud books for children.

Take as many as you would like!! Located in the back corner of Fellowship Hall.



Our House:
Caring for Callaway's Homeless

**ANNUAL
BBQ
FUNDRAISER
MEMORIAL PARK**

August 21

4-7 PM

**Bring some friends and enjoy
good food for a good cause!**

Congratulations, Assistant Professor Emeritus Angela Grogan!

FPC member Angela Grogan has been named a Westminster College Assistant Professor Emeritus and retired Director of Reeves Library. Please join us in congratulating Angela on this honor that is not often conferred by the college

The Westminster College handbook states: "Professor Emeritus status is awarded to ranked faculty members who retire after 10 years or more of dedicated, significant service to the College."

When asked about her experience, Angela shared the following:

During my 33-year time at Westminster I had the honor and pleasure to serve in a dual capacity as a college staff employee and as a Professional Academic Staff, which is a ranked faculty member position.

This status was awarded after a national search in 2003 when I was appointed to serve as the Director of Library Services. Being a member of the ranked faculty provided MANY opportunities over the years for a variety of service work.

Upon my retirement in May 2021 I was awarded Emeritus status which is typically awarded to full-time teaching faculty. So as professional academic staff I was flattered to be recognized for my contributions and service.

The process for the award begins with a recommendation from the Dean of Faculty to the Faculty Executive Committee which then passes along their recommendation to the President of the College. I am thankful for my co-workers and colleagues who mentored and encouraged me along the



way.

When Angela started at Westminster in 1988 the library had one computer for instruction and computer labs had dual floppy drives! Most research was mediated by professional librarians who used a dial-up connection to search and retrieve citations then pull the journals from the stacks to retrieve the articles. Students used the card catalog to locate books.

Today, the library has more e-books than books and students have easy access to many full-text databases. From assisting with preliminary profiling for the first automated library catalog in 1994 to helping with our transition to membership in MOBIUS, the statewide common library platform in 1998 the library has seen a lot of change. Reeves Library now partners with the Learning Opportunities Center supporting peer tutors, the math and writing labs. Library offices have relocated several times to accommodate other services moving to the library. Recently, the Student Success Center was established on the second floor bringing the academic advising, career development, internships, WCares, Global Education & International Student Services to the library.

Congratulations to Assistant Professor Emeritus Angela Grogan!



A Special Note

Arlys & Carl Kremer would like you to know that their home phone is no longer in use and they prefer you use their cell phones to contact them. If you do not have their cell phone numbers, please contact Rev. Aaron White, who may be reached by email at pastor@fultonpresbyterian.org or by calling 573-590-3136.



Mark Your Calendars for September 11th!

The Rock is a safe, inclusive space for middle and high school youth in the Fulton area to explore Christian faith and have fun with friends. We meet each Sunday evening at 6:00 pm at 715 Nichols St., Fulton, MO.

Everyone is welcome at The Rock!

Welcome Maddy Jenkins!

Join us this Sunday in worship at 10:30 am as we say welcome to our new music director, Maddy Jenkins, on here very first Sunday on the job. Watch for more to come on Maddy in the future. In the meantime, let's give Maddy a warm welcome on Sunday morning!





MATTHEW 25

Building ...Response to Need!

First Presbyterian Church Presents A



718 Court Street Fellowship Hall

Friday, August 19th 8:00am-5:00pm

Shop Early & Pay GREAT PRICES for QUALITY ITEMS!

Saturday, August 20th 8:00am-Noon

Saturday is BARGAIN DAY. All Items are HALF PRICE!



**Help Spread the Word: Click on the Flyer to Download a
Printable PDF!**



Your Help is Needed: Volunteer Today & Plan to Shop Next Weekend!

SET UP ,TAKE DOWN, & PRICING HELP IS NEEDED THROUGH
AUGUST 21ST!

- We will finish setting up for the sale after church on August 14th.
- Final cleanup on August 21st.
- In between, workers are needed to price, move, & arrange items. Sign up in the lobby!

SALE DAY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR BOTH FRIDAY, 8/19 &
SATURDAY, 8/20!

To help in any of the above areas:

Contact Mary Osburn at maryosburn1959@gmail.com to sign up to help!



Presbyterian Mission Yearbook: Read Today's Story Here!

There is a Mission Yearbook story for every day of the year.

To read today's story go to: <https://bit.ly/3BN0KSA>

To read a Mission story each day, bookmark this website:
<https://bit.ly/3bxw9Op>

Or

Use the QR code to Connect!

Do You Know About This New Mental Health Hotline?

National Suicide Prevention Hotline



If you or someone you know is in crisis, please note that beginning July 16th, dialing 988 will route callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and to trained crisis counselors who provide 24/7, free, confidential support. Spread the word about this valuable number. It's as important to know to call 988 during a mental health crisis as it is to call 911 during a medical emergency.



Fishes and Loaves Report: Another Big Collection!

On Friday, August 5th, Owen and Rebecca White loaded the food that has been collected by our congregation during the months of June and July into their mother's car and delivered it to the SERVE Food Pantry. Think about this:

**Your weekly donations combined amounted to
149.45 lbs. of Food
with a designated value of
\$260.04!**

Additionally, they delivered a much-needed collection of egg cartons and plastic shopping bags.

We are so grateful for the hard work of all of our children who have been mission leaders through their weekly gathering of food, and thankful for the support of our congregation, as we work to keep the shelves of our pantry stocked.

SERVE, Inc.'s Food Pantry provides fresh produce, canned and dry goods, as well as frozen foods and meats to clients once a month based on availability. Personal hygiene products, cleaning supplies, household items, baby products and pet supplies may also be

distributed pending availability. Food Pantry assistance is offered to individuals in need, regardless of income.

Each Sunday the children of our church collect donations of canned and shelf-stable food and place it in the Little Red Wagon on the way to their Children's Moment time with Pastor White. Once per month, these donations are delivered to SERVE's Food Pantry for distribution to those in need in our community.

If you would like to participate, but forget to bring your food donation to church, you may "purchase" an item from the tables in the Narthex and Lobby by dropping a monetary donation into the plastic collection jars.

WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE!

THERE ARE MANY PLACES IN OUR CHURCH FOR A SERVANT HEART! CHECK OUT THESE OPPORTUNITIES!

How Can YOU Help?

- Can You Provide Meals for Our House & Others?
- Church Lock-Up Volunteers are Needed! .
- Save Moser's Receipts & Best Choice Labels for our Building Fund!
- NAACP Meetings are Held 6:30 pm on the 2nd Monday of Each Month
- Save Egg Cartons & Plastic Grocery Bags for SERVE, Inc.
- Have you thought of joining the FPC Choir or Bell Choir?
- Spread the Word to All of the Middle & High School Students in Your Life: The Rock is Back!
- Would you like to join the Usher Team?
- Would Your Child Like to be an Acolyte?
- Would you like to learn how to livestream worship services?
- Work with the Property Committee on Periodic Clean-Up & Maintenance Sessions!



AND, SO MUCH MORE!

CONTACT PASTOR WHITE OR ANY MEMBER OF SESSION TO HELP FIND THE BEST WAY FOR YOU TO USE YOUR SERVANT'S HEART & HANDS AT FPC!

COVID-19 Safety Protocols

COVID-19 Safety Protocols by the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Fulton.

Effective November 28, the wearing of masks when entering the church building is optional. All other COVID-19 Safety Protocols remain in place. This includes the observance of social distance, using disposable Communion elements, and no contact collection of the offering. Our church COVID-19 Safety Protocols extend to all church activities.

Office Hours & Contact Information!

Rev. Aaron White is holding virtual office hours at this time. Please call him on his cell phone, (573) 590-3136 or contact him by email pastor@fultonpresbyterian.org.



How Will I Continue Giving During This Time?

Checks for pledges and offerings, and documents that are normally hand-delivered on Sunday mornings can be mailed to:

First Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 6037, Fulton, MO 65251

If you prefer online giving, use our new GIVE+ Online giving system through the website or the GIVE+ Mobile app.

Our committees Gmail accounts that can be used to email them suggestions, concerns, and thanks. The addresses are:

- Session Clerk, "clerk@fultonpresbyterian.org"
- Administration Committee, "administration@fultonpresbyterian.org"
- Christian Education Committee, "education@fultonpresbyterian.org"
- Fellowship Committee, "fellowship@fultonpresbyterian.org"
- Mission Committee, "mission@fultonpresbyterian.org"
- Congregational Care Committee, "pastoralcare@fultonpresbyterian.org"
- Property Committee, "property@fultonpresbyterian.org"
- Worship Committee, "worship@fultonpresbyterian.org"
- Communications, "communications@fultonpresbyterian.org"



Welcome to Our Church!

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First Presbyterian Church is located at 718 Court Street in historic downtown Fulton, Missouri. Worship services, under the direction of Rev. Aaron White, are held each Sunday morning. For more information, go to: www.fultonpresbyterian.org or find us on Facebook or on Twitter @FPCFulton.

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