

First Presbyterian Church of Fulton

THROUGH THESE WATERS... GOD'S PEOPLE BUILD!

DECEMBER 2 - 8, 2022



A PRAYER FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT...

*God of flood and fire,
you blaze a path for us in the wilderness
and lead us through the depths in safety.
Pour out the consuming power of your Spirit.
Wash over us with truth and righteousness
and fan the flames of justice as we wait
for the coming of Jesus Christ our Savior,
living water and light of the world.*

Matthew 3:1-12 / Year A



MATTHEW 25

Building ...Our Faith!

THIS WEEK PASTOR AARON ASKS: "HOW MIGHT WE BENEFIT FROM HEARING THE STORY OF

OUR LORD JESUS' BIRTH SHARED WITH US THROUGH THE VOICE OF A CHILD?"

Greetings, Friends!

This week in worship, we'll be nourished for the journey to Bethlehem, as we come to the table that has been set for us by our incarnate Lord. We'll hear the story of Emmanuel shared with us through our children's Nativity Play. And we'll celebrate the young disciples who serve as our Acolyte each Sunday morning!

Though our children's message will focus on the traditional Christmas narrative from Luke's Gospel, I would still encourage you to spend time in reflection around our lectionary readings for this Second Sunday of Advent. The Gospel lesson is from the third chapter of Matthew, verses one through twelve. And the Epistle lesson is from the fifteenth chapter of Paul's Letter to the Romans, verses four through thirteen. After reading these passages, consider these questions:

- How might we benefit from hearing the story of our Lord Jesus' birth shared with us through the voice of a child?
- Where in your life are you answering the call to "prepare the way of the Lord," and where are you encouraging others in their own work to "make his paths straight?"

As we wait for the coming of Christ, our worship together this Sunday will provide us with a beautiful moment in which to remember the gift of the incarnation, as it is shared with us through the performance of our young disciples. We hope you'll be able to join us when we gather at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary at 718 Court Street in Fulton. You may also share in worship virtually through the simultaneous livestream on the congregation's YouTube channel. Once worship concludes, the archived videos of our gathering will also be available on our YouTube channel, should you need to experience worship at another time.

Friends, let us come to hear the word of a newborn king proclaimed by the youngest witnesses among us! And whether we are young or old or somewhere in between, may we all share in the work of welcoming all people to come into worship with us, so that they may be made witnesses to the incarnation for themselves!

May grace and peace be yours in abundance!

Hear the Word: Looking Ahead Toward Sunday, December 4, 2022



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF FULTON**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH | 10:30 A.M. | 718 COURT ST.

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE:

**CHILDREN'S
NATIVITY PLAY**

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, December 4, 2022

The Second Sunday of Advent, Year A

Livestream on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@FPCFulton>

Special Liturgical Acts: Lighting of the Advent Wreath (led by the Russell Family)

Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion



Liturgical Color: White

Usher Captain: Tim Baysinger

Acolyte: Jonah Russell

Greeter: Kara White

Gospel Lesson: [Matthew 3:1-12](#)

Epistle Lesson: [Romans 15:4-13](#)

Message:

The Children's Nativity Play

Additional readings from the Revised Common Lectionary:

[Isaiah 11:1-10](#); [Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19](#)

Hymns This Week!

Hymn of Praise: #96 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Hymn of Reflection: #163 Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice*

Hymn of Dedication: #82 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Wreath Lighting: #137 He Came Down

Kyrie Eleison: #578 O Lord, Have Mercy

Gloria: #581 Glory Be to the Father

Children's Moment: #88 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Congregational. Blessing: #91 Come, Come Emmanuel

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

YOUNG DISCIPLES HELP TELL THE NATIVITY STORY THIS WEEK!

This week in worship, our Young Disciples will present a special Christmas Pageant. To celebrate their contributions to our church life, and to allow a quick lunch opportunity for those who wish to move from one community holiday event to another, we're having an After-Worship Soup Lunch.

If you can provide a crockpot of soup or are willing to help serve, please contact Karen Dungan at 573-310-9171 or email dungankaren@gmail.com.

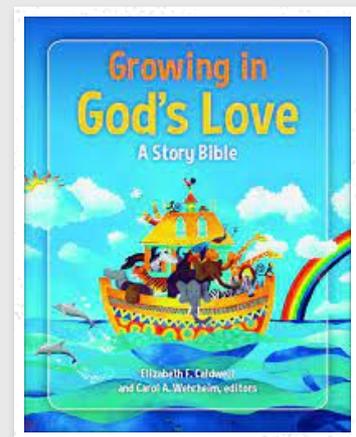
WE'RE "GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE" THIS SUNDAY!

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We'll be continuing our series on "The Birth of Jesus" next week. This Sunday, our children will be gathering in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. for the final rehearsal before they present their Nativity Play during worship.

EACH SUNDAY MORNING AT 9:30 A.M.

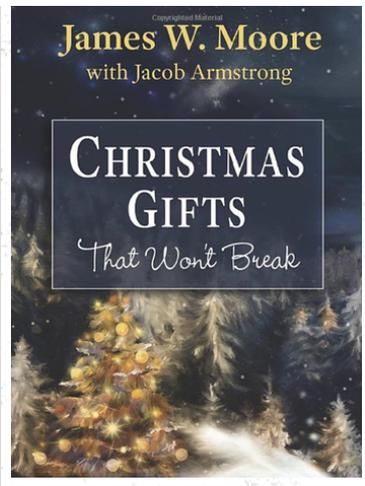
Each Sunday at *Growing in God's Love*, our children (5th grade and younger) gather together to wonder, play, and connect with one another as they develop a better relationship with God. By exploring the stories in *Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible*, we will learn more about who God is and what our relationship is with God. Each of our units is filled with stories from the Bible that dive deep into characters and themes from scripture. If you have any questions, please click here to email Rev. White.



CLICK THE BOOK BELOW TO LAUNCH AN INFORMATIONAL VIDEO!

ADULT ADVENT STUDY EACH SUNDAY THIS SEASON!

During the Advent season Angela Grogan and Lori Covey will be leading the Adult Sunday School class each Sunday at 9:30 am in the church library.



We will be using James Moore's study on "*Christmas Gifts that Won't Break*" which focuses on the four gifts represented by the four outer candles of the traditional Advent wreath: hope, love, joy and peace.

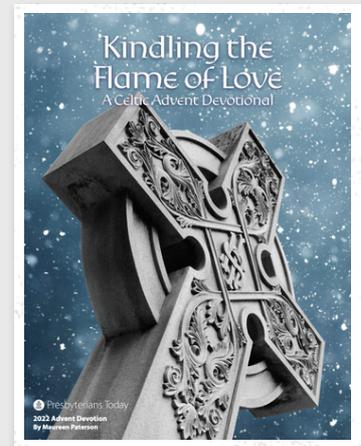
Join us as we reflect on how we can receive and then share the unbreakable gifts God has given us. Copies of the book are available on Amazon or from any of the 20+ vendors with used copies ranging from \$4 - \$8. Kindle copy is only \$3.96.

[Christmas Gifts That Won't Break: Expanded Edition with Devotions: Moore, James W.: 9781501839986: Amazon.com: Books](https://www.amazon.com/Christmas-Gifts-That-Wont-Break-Expanded-Edition-with-Devotions-Moore-James-W/dp/9781501839986)

We have four copies available for \$5.70. See Lori if you'd like to purchase one of the copies we have on hand.

CLICK THE PHOTO FOR THE NEW PRESBYTERIAN TODAY ADVENT DEVOTIONAL!

There was a time when the season Advent echoed that of Lent, encompassing a full 40 days in preparing for the birth of Christ. Presbyterians Today magazine embraces this tradition, inviting you to begin your Advent journey earlier and observe a Celtic Advent. Starting on Nov. 15, the Rev. Dr. Maureen Paterson, associate pastor at the Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church in New Jersey, explores Celtic traditions and introduces you to the saints who modeled trust in God. She anchors her writing in a Celtic prayer, "The Blessing of the Kindling," encouraging us all this season to kindle the flames of love in our lives – love of friend, family and foe.



To download a printable copy of the entire devotional, click on the photo or go to:

<http://bit.ly/3EmYwsJ>



LESSONS & CAROLS AT WESTMINSTER COLLEGE

39th Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols will take place at 5:00 pm. on Sunday, December 4 in the historic Church of St. Mary, the Virgin, Aldermanbury.

The popular annual event takes place each year at the College on the second Sunday of Advent. This year, a record crowd is anticipated and highly celebrated: This is the first time Lessons and Carols will be open fully for the public since before the pandemic. Patterned after the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at King's College, University of Cambridge, England, the service includes the reading of nine biblical scriptures that pertain to the Christmas story. Each reading is followed by a reflective carol.

A number of faculty and staff members, area musicians, members of the local community, and the Churchill Singers – Westminster's 24-member choral ensemble – will have roles at the event.

Like the yearly service at Cambridge, Westminster's Lessons and Carols service begins with the processional "Once in Royal David's City" and features a Churchill Singer who performs the first verse of the song a cappella from the church balcony.

The event will end with Westminster's tradition of the Churchill Singers performing "Joy to the World" after the ninth reading and the congregation joining with the choir in singing "Silent Night."

"Lessons and Carols is a beloved Westminster tradition," explains Churchill Singers Conductor Dr. Natasia Sexton. "The student singers and I look forward to this music every year, and this year we hope to have a capacity crowd join us in the singing of our favorite carols."

FPC CHANCEL CHOIR CHRISTMAS CANTATA DECEMBER 11TH!



The FPC Chancel Choir
Presents a
Christmas Cantata!
A Worship Service in Music
Join the choir on
Sunday, December 11 - 10:30 am
Join us at 10:30 am for this special selection of
holiday music by the FPC Chancel Choir & guests
Under the Direction of
Maddie Jenkins
With
FPC Organist Kelley Head *A Worship Service in Music*



MATTHEW 25

Building ...Response to Need!

**CLICK THE FLYER BELOW TO OPEN THE
SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL FAIR TRADE
MARKET BONUS NEWSLETTER!**

TWO COURT STREET CHRISTMAS CLASSICS!

First Presbyterian Church of Fulton
Invites You to Shop Our...



Shop Live & In-Person in our Fellowship Hall!

Fair Trade products are ones produced under conditions that provide the workers & artisans a fair wage & safe working conditions. This 2-day event includes unique gift items from around the world. It's shopping for a cause!

Friday, Dec. 2: 4:00-7:00 pm

Enjoy an evening of shopping handmade & unique gifts from around the world!

Enjoy an Hour of Holiday Entertainment
with our FPC Organist & Pianist
KELLEY HEAD
Friday, December 2nd from 6:00-7:00 pm

Saturday, Dec. 3: 8:00am-3:00pm

Shopping for a cause continues!

Profits from this event will fund our Matthew 25 Church Initiatives!



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Aaron White, Pastor

718 Court Street Fulton, Missouri www.fpcfulton.org



Court Street UMC
**70th Annual
Christmas Bazaar**
"Cherished Memories"
Saturday, December 3, 2022
9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall - Enter off Nichols Street

Have lunch (*homemade chili or vegetable soup, turkey salad, pimento cheese, hot dogs, pie and cake, and more*), shop, visit, buy, celebrate and see Santa arrive in the Christmas Parade as it goes right by Court Street UMC. Enjoy crafts, baked goods, seasonal treats, RADA knives, Christmas and holiday items, gifts galore, Coolies Buy the Pound and more!

After 70 years, we are retiring the Christmas Bazaar this year, so don't miss this final opportunity to make new *Cherished Memories*.

Court Street United Methodist Church
719 Court Street, Fulton, MO
573-642-5721 www.courtumc.org
Visit our Facebook page

Diane Burr Ludwig, Bazaar Chair, DBLudwig22@aol.com

Visit our friends across the street at First Presbyterian Church for their International Fair Trade Christmas Market on the same day.



Paul Jeffrey

THIS LITTLE ORNAMENT BUYS THE FARM!

The FPC Alternative Christmas Gift!

This year the Mission Committee is offering the opportunity for our church to buy an entire family farm!

By purchasing one of the commemorative ornaments from the tree in the Lobby for only \$10 our gifts will work together to finance all the livestock, tools, and training a family might need to start their own farm. A family farm provides a reliable source of nourishment and income.

Many of the ornaments have been decorated by our young disciples and even more have been decorated by adults members of our church.



The Family Farm Bundle our church will finance includes chickens, goats, piglets, a cow, and equipment & training to promote ongoing food production. Each bundle ultimately reflects local needs to provide the greatest impact.

**Choose a chicken, piglet, goat, or cow ornament and together
WE CAN BUY A WHOLE FARM!**

ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROJECT GIFTS DUE THIS SUNDAY!

Adopt-A-Family Project

Through December 4

*Choose a child's tag from the Angel Tree for SERVE
located in the lobby & the joy of giving begins!*

SERVE suggests that we give each child the following four gifts: **something they want, something they need, something to wear, and something to read.** SERVE usually spends around \$100-\$125 per child when they shop for the children, but the specific amount you spend is entirely up to you!



Please do NOT wrap your Christmas gifts. Please keep each child's gifts separate by simply placing them in a black trash bag with the gift tag securely attached to the bag. **Please also write the ID number on duct tape and place on the bag in case the gift tag comes loose.**

Bring your gifts to the Fellowship Hall by Sunday, December 4th and the Mission Committee will see that they get delivered to the Mueller Center on time.

Our Church has chosen to adopt the Afghan families we have supported through the Fulton, MO Afghan Resettlement Project.

A choice from the tree in the lobby will provide details for one of the Afghan children.

If you would like to adopt a family, but cannot shop, please contact Shirley Dixon at:

sdixon3046@gmail.com

or

573-220-8801

HOMELESSNESS IS A COMMUNITY PROBLEM REQUIRING A COMMUNITY SOLUTION.

How Can YOU Help?



The Mission of Our House is to positively promote understanding, respect and housing solutions for the homeless in Callaway County through committed volunteers and staff providing education, advocacy and shelter. Donations to the

two residential centers can help make the goals outlined in their mission a whole lot easier to reach.

Donations of the following items are needed and welcome.

Just bring your contribution to church on Sunday!

Laundry Soap Pods - Helps eliminate waste and has a long shelf-life.

Space heaters for those with access to electricity

Items to Make Warmth bags (blankets, gloves, snacks, hygiene items, hot hand warmers, etc.)

Toilet Tissue

Paper Towels

SEE OUR TREE IN THE CITY OF FULTON- SALVATION ARMY FIELD OF JOY!



VISIT THE FPC TREE IN THE FIELD OF JOY!

This project is a joint activity sponsored by the City of Fulton Parks & Recreation and the Callaway County Salvation Army. This gesture of the peace, joy, and goodwill has become an annual part of the Christmas light display at Veterans Park, and has raised funds to be used in several community initiatives aimed at reducing the impact of poverty and food insecurity.



YOUNG DISCIPLES WANT TO FILL LITTLE RED WAGON EACH SUNDAY DURING WORSHIP!

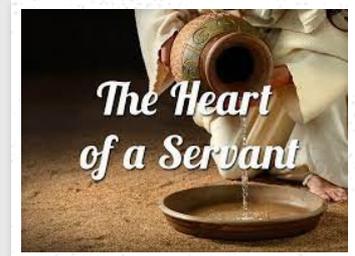
Each week our young disciples collect a Fishes & Loaves offering to benefit the SERVE Food Pantry. There is always a need for shelf-stable boxed food and canned goods as well as egg cartons and plastic bags to help distribute the donations to individual families.

It's east to help:

**Just bring your donations to church on Sunday
and help our children fill the Little Red Wagon!**

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!**



MATTHEW 25

Building ... Community!



The Callaway Singers present

Sounds of the Season

Let's All Join Our
Callaway Singer Friends!

Sunday, December 7

2:00 P.M. - Concert

Tickets: \$10

thebrickdistrictplayhouse.com/events/

Seating is limited. Tickets will be available at the door if not sold out.

The Brick District Playhouse

613 Court St., Fulton, MO

573-342-3388



Scan to purchase tickets.





Are you looking for some fun and fellowship as you enjoy a mid-day meal?

Are Wednesdays at noon free?

Just pack a lunch or stop by your favorite Fulton eatery for some take-out, and head to the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. We gather each Wednesday at noon to enjoy a little lunch time conversation and great fellowship.

Everyone is Welcome!

We hope to see you at NOON for lunch on Wednesday!



FULTON CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP MEETS ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH!

The Fulton Caregiver Support Group meets monthly on the third Tuesday of the month from 11:00 am to Noon at the First Presbyterian Church, 718 Court Street.

Caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias are welcome to share concerns with each other, learn about the disease and support one another. Find comfort and reassurance about feeling of guilt, frustration, and fear. Learn more about Alzheimer's disease and related dementias and make new friends. You are not alone in the journey.

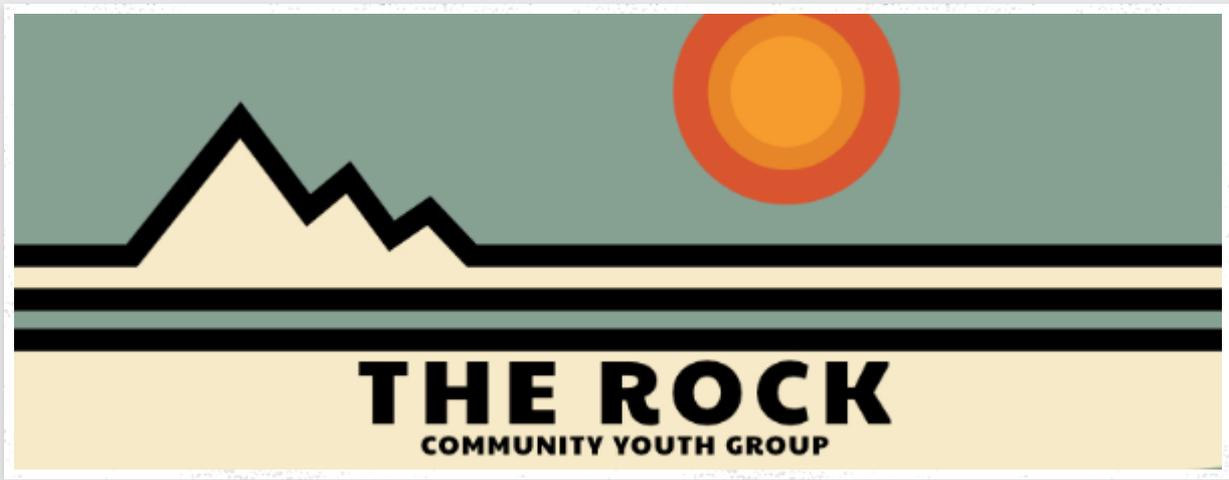
Join us for the next 1-hour meeting:

Thursday, November 15

11am-12pm

Find us on Facebook!

<https://bit.ly/3WayLUK>



NEWS FROM THE ROCK!

Hello!

On this Monday afternoon, we're still full from last night's Progressive Dinner! Not only was the food delicious, but the company was fantastic, too. Your kids are a delight to be around.

Thanks for sharing them with us!

We wanted to let you know about our schedule for the next few weeks.

- Sunday, November 27 - No Rock
- Sunday, December 4 - Regular ol' Rock
- Sunday, December 11 - The Rock Christmas Party
- Sunday, December 18 - No Rock
- Sunday, December 25 - No Rock, Happy Christmas!
- Sunday, January 1 - No Rock, Merry New Year!



- Sunday, January 8 - Regular ol' Rock

If you have any questions, please let us know!

We'll see you then!

The Rock Team



FPC IS NOW EASIER TO FIND ON YOUTUBE!

We Have a New YouTube Handle!

<https://www.youtube.com/@FPCFulton>

To Subscribe:

1. Open any web browser and go to <https://www.youtube.com/@FPCFulton>
2. Subscribe by checking on the red rectangle on the right side of the page.
3. Set notifications by clicking on the bell icon.
4. Be sure to bookmark this page so you can easily find it in the future.

To enable auto-generated closed captioning:

1. Go to the FPC YouTube Channel and select the video you wish to view with closed captions.
2. On the menu bar directly beneath the video window, you will see a gear-shaped icon for "Settings." Clicking on the icon will reveal a series of options, including the ability to turn on "Subtitles/CC."
3. After clicking on this option, you would want to select "English (auto-generated)."
4. To view, click on the side arrow to launch play. Once the video begins to play, YouTube will generate closed captioning.





WHAT'S NEXT: A GLANCE AHEAD AT FPC!

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

- Weekly on Sundays - Children's Sunday School 9:30am
- Weekly on Sundays - Worship Service 10:30 am
- Weekly on Sundays - The Rock for Middle & High School Students 6pm
- Weekly on Wednesdays - FPC Chancel Choir Practice 7 pm
- December 2 - International Fair Trade Market In-Person Sale 4 - 7 pm
- December 3 - International Fair Trade Market In-Person Sale 8 am - 3 pm
- December 4 - Children's Program in Worship Service followed by Soup Luncheon
- December 11 - FPC Chancel Choir Presents a Christmas Cantata during Worship Service
- December 24 - Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, 4:30 pm
- December 25 - Christmas Day Brunch before Worship Service at 10:30 am

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!

How to Contact Rev. Aaron White

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:

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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