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Let's Read the Bible!

As we begin a new year together; let us make it a priority to read from the Bible every day. As we read, we will experience the familiar and the new. To help in this endeavor, a yearly Bible reading plan is below. Let's covenant to read the Bible in 2025! What a difference it will make in us!

52 Week Bible Reading Plan

	Epistles	The Law	History	Psalms	Poetry	Prophecy	Gospels
Week	(Sunday)	(Monday)	(Tuesday)	(Wednesday)	(Thursday)	(Friday)	(Saturday)
1	Rom 1-2	Gen 1-3	D Josh 1-5	Ps 1-2	J ob 1-2	🗖 Isa 1-6	□ Matt 1-2
2	Rom 3-4	Gen 4-7	J osh 6-10	D Ps 3-5	J ob 3-4	🗖 Isa 7-11	Matt 3-4
3	Rom 5-6	Gen 8-11	J Josh 11-15	D Ps 6-8	J ob 5-6	🗖 Isa 12-17	Matt 5-7
4	🗖 Rom 7-8	Gen 12-15	J osh 16-20	D Ps 9-11	J ob 7-8	□ Isa 18-22	Matt 8-10
5	Rom 9-10	Gen 16-19	J Josh 21-24	Ps 12-14	J ob 9-10	□ Isa 23-28	□ Matt 11-13
6	Rom 11-12	Gen 20-23	Judg 1-6	D Ps 15-17	J ob 11-12	□ Isa 29-33	Matt 14-16
7	Rom 13-14	Gen 24-27	J udg 7-11	Ps 18-20	J ob 13-14	🗖 Isa 34-39	Matt 17-19
8	Rom 15-16	Gen 28-31	J udg 12-16	D Ps 21-23	D Job 15-16	□ Isa 40-44	Matt 20-22
9	□ 1Cor 1-2	Gen 32-35	J udg 17-21	D Ps 24-26	D Job 17-18	□ Isa 45-50	Matt 23-25
10	□ 1Cor 3-4	Gen 36-39	Q Ruth	D Ps 27-29	J ob 19-20	🗖 Isa 51-55	Matt 26-28
11	□ 1Cor 5-6	Gen 40-43	1 1Sam 1-5	D Ps 30-32	D Job 21-22	🗖 Isa 56-61	Mark 1-2
12	1 Cor 7-8	Gen 44-47	1 Sam 6-10	D Ps 33-35	J ob 23-24	🗖 Isa 62-66	Mark 3-4
13	1 Cor 9-10	Gen 48-50	□ 1Sam 11-15	D Ps 36-38	J ob 25-26	J er 1-6	Mark 5-6
14	□ 1Cor 11-12	D Ex 1-4	1 Sam 16-20	D Ps 39-41	D Job 27-28	J er 7-11	Mark 7-8
15	□ 1Cor 13-14	D Ex 5-8	□ 1Sam 21-25	D Ps 42-44	J ob 29-30	J er 12-16	Mark 9-10
16	□ 1Cor 15-16	Ex 9-12	1 Sam 26-31	D Ps 45-47	J ob 31-32	D Jer 17-21	Mark 11-12
17	2 Cor 1-3	Ex 13-16	2 Sam 1-4	D Ps 48-50	J ob 33-34	U Jer 22-26	Mark 13-14
18	2 Cor 4-5	Ex 17-20	Q 2Sam 5-9	D Ps 51-53	D Job 35-36	D Jer 27-31	Mark 15-16
19	2 Cor 6-8	Ex 21-24	2 Sam 10-14	D Ps 54-56	J ob 37-38	J er 32-36	L uke 1-2
20	2 Cor 9-10	Ex 25-28	2 Sam 15-19	D Ps 57-59	Job 39-40	J er 37-41	Luke 3-4
21	2 Cor 11-13	Ex 29-32	2 Sam 20-24	D Ps 60-62	Job 41-42	J er 42-46	L uke 5-6
22	Gal 1-3	Ex 33-36	🗖 1Ki 1-4	D Ps 63-65	Prov 1	U Jer 47-52	L uke 7-8
23	Gal 4-6	Ex 37-40	🗖 1Ki 5-9	D Ps 66-68	Prov 2-3	Lamentations	Luke 9-10
24	Eph 1-3	Lev 1-3	🖵 1Ki 10-13	D Ps 69-71	Prov 4	Ezek 1-6	Luke 11-12
25	Eph 4-6	Lev 4-6	🔲 1Ki 14-18	D Ps 72-74	Prov 5-6	Ezek 7-12	Luke 13-14
26	Phil 1-2	L ev 7-9	□ 1Ki 19-22	D Ps 75-77	Prov 7	Ezek 13-18	Luke 15-16
	Phil 3-4	Lev 10-12	Q 2Ki 1-5	Ps 78-80	Prov 8-9	Ezek 19-24	Luke 17-18
	Col 1-2	Lev 13-15	Q 2Ki 6-10	Ps 81-83	Prov 10	Ezek 25-30	Luke 19-20
30		Lev 16-18	2 Ki 11-15	Ps 84-86	Prov 11-12	Ezek 31-36	Luke 21-22
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	□ 2Tim 1-2	□ Num 9-12	□ 1Chr 15-19	Ps 102-104	Prov 19 Prov 20-21	Hosea 1-7 Hosea 8-14	□ John 7-9 □ John 10-12
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		Num 21-24	□ 2Chr 1-5	Ps 111-113	Prov 25	Amos 1-4	John 19-21
		Num 25-28	\square 2Chr 6-10	Ps 114-116	Prov 26-27	Obadiah	Acts 1-2
		Num 29-32	□ 2Chr 11-15	D Ps 117-118	Prov 28	Jonah	\Box Acts 3-4
		Num 33-36	□ 2Chr 16-20	D Ps 119	Prov 29-30	Micah	\Box Acts 5-6
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		Deut 7-9	□ 2Chr 29-32	□ Ps 125-127	□ Eccl 3-4	Zephaniah	Acts 11-12
		Deut 10-12	□ 2Chr 33-36	D Ps 128-130	Eccl 5-6	Haggai	Acts 13-14
		Deut 13-15	Ezra 1-5	D Ps 131-133	Eccl 7-8	Zechariah 1-7	Acts 15-16
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You have heard; now see all this; and will you not declare it? From this time forward I tell you new things, hidden things that you have not known. (Isaiah 48:6)

new year is here. The time to change our calendar from 2024 to 2025 has come. "Out with the old; in with the new" is not just a saying, but a reality that we are beginning to experience. Welcome to the announcement of new things! Happy New Year to you and your family!

Looking back on this past year, we have reason to be grateful for the way the Lord has been with us. As a church, we have experienced blessings that have helped us grow in our faith. When least expected; we were surprised by the generosity of many of you in providing to meet needs that were evident. The congregation responded in love while providing essential things for various ministries locally and around the world. From food pantries to shoeboxes . . . mittens to dresses; we have once again demonstrated God's love to those who were the least of these. I believe God has smiled with joy at the way you and I have offered ourselves for His kingdom's outreach. We are not finished!

A new year presents new possibilities for the people of faith. Here at First Presbyterian

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Church, we have a unique opportunity to share God's message of "good news of a great joy." As the prophet wrote, God is beginning to reveal Himself and His plans to all those who are looking for His presence in the world. Hidden things that will soon become evident to us will provide us with the joy of striving with God on behalf of the world. It begins in us and our desire to work with Him in making a difference in the lives of men, women and children. So, prepare yourself for the surprises of God. It will be a blessing to us.

This new year will offer new things. This new year will provide us new challenges. This new year will unfold before us and reveal the call of God for us all. Get ready! Look expectantly! Dream big! God promises through His word to tell us "new things, hidden things." I for one, am looking forward to God's revelation. Knowing His love for us, let us prepare for all the good things He will share with us. A new year is here! Thanks be to God!

Pastor Bill

<u>Memorial Gift Given</u>

A gift was given to First Presbyterian Church from the Marian P. Taylor Trust.



Amy Crookes' mother's oil paintings will be temporarily displayed in the ACTC College Drive Campus Library following the Christmas break. Beginning January 6, 2025 these paintings will be on display for a limited time. See Bettie George with questions.



Note of Gratitude

We, the Staff here at First Presbyterian Church, express our greatest appreciation and thanks for the ways you have blessed us during this past year. We are especially grateful for gifts, goodies, cards and words of appreciation and encouragement over these past days. We are privileged to be apart of this Church family. Our prayer for you is for His blessings to be with you and your family throughout this coming year. (*Nanette, Kara, Glen, Max & Pastor Bill*)



Celebrating Staff January Birthdays

We invite everyone to join in as we celebrate Glen's birthday next <u>Sunday, January 5</u>. We will gather in the Narthex immediately following morning worship. If you would, please give him a card and express your thanks for all he does for us here at FPC. Happy birthday Glen!

From weekly bulletins to monthly newsletters; from emails to text messages and so much in between, we are blessed to have Nanette in our church office. On **Sunday**, **January 26**, we will have the opportunity to say thanks to her as we celebrate her

birthday following morning worship in the Narthex. Please join us in this celebration. Cards are welcome. Words of gratitude are always great as well. Thank you Nanette for everything you do to make FPC a church in which we are proud. Happy birthday!

MLK On What Really Matters

Exactly two months before his assassination, Martin Luther King Jr. preached his final sermon at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta. On February 4, 1968, the civil-rights icon spoke about how he wanted to be remembered at his funeral. He preferred that people recall not his education or achievements but that he "tried to give his life serving others" and "tried to love somebody."



Adapting a 1952 homily by J. Wallace Hamilton, King decried the "drum major instinct — a desire to be out front, a desire to lead the parade." Humans often want to be great and first, as evidenced by the disciples James and John requesting prime seats in paradise. But King urged listeners to focus on the "reordered priorities" of Jesus, who wants us to "be first in love."

As Jesus showed, "everybody can serve," King said. Your background or status doesn't matter, as long as you have "a heart full of grace" and "a soul generated by love."



Sunday Morning Study: Sundays, 9:28 p.m. Armchair Theologians: Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Harmony of the Gospels: Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship: 10:50 a.m. Genesis Bible Study: Sundays, 5:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study: Wednesdays, 7 a.m., Bob Evans Bells Rehearsal: Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal: Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m. Paper Angels: Thursday, Jan. 2, 1 p.m. Glen's Birthday Celebration: Sunday, Jan. 5, Noon Men's Lunch Bunch: Thursday, Jan. 9, 11:30 a.m. Horizons Bible Study: Thursday, Jan. 9, 5:15 p.m. Ministry Teams Meeting: Monday, Jan. 13, 5:30 p.m. Paper Angels: Thursday, Jan. 16, 1 p.m. **Dames + Dinner**: Thursday, Jan. 16, 5:30 p.m. MLK Community Luncheon: Monday, Jan. 20, Noon Sew Blessed: Monday, Jan. 20, 6 p.m. Finance Ministry Team: Tuesday, Jan. 21, 5:30 p.m. Men's Lunch Bunch: Thursday, Jan. 23, 11:30 a.m. Nanette's Birthday Celebration: Sunday, Jan. 26, Noon Empty Nesters: Monday, Jan. 27, 5:30 p.m. Session Meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 28, 5:30 p.m.

Special Dates

New Year's Day, January 1 Epiphany, January 6, Baptism of the Lord, January 12 Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 20 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25





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We are glad to announce that our Bible study in Genesis, led by Pastor Bill, will start back up <u>Sunday</u>, <u>January 5, 2025</u> beginning at <u>5:30 p.m.</u> We will gather in the Bethesda Community Hall for this study. We will also live stream the study on Facebook. Let's come together in the new year and study in His word.