

**FAITH**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, USA**  
**2021 Annual Report**  
“Forward In Faith Together”



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Dear Faith Family,



2021...will there be another like it? No. Just as each hour, each day, each month is unique, so is each year. Each year has some commonality with the previous year. 2020 and 2021 had in common the ongoing challenges and opportunities presented by the Covid-19 pandemic. The pandemic has affected every part of our personal lives, our lives in community with one another, and our lives as the family of faith known as Faith Presbyterian Church. It is a reality with which we still contend in 2022 and my hope and prayer is that we will continue to do so with the care and respect that is a part of our DNA as followers of Christ.

In this 2021 Annual Report, you will find reports from each of our Planning Teams – Administration, Congregational Care, Mission and Outreach, Spiritual Development. Each of these planning teams, led by two elders, have worked diligently and sometimes sacrificially, to ensure the worship, ministry, and mission of Faith Presbyterian Church continued in 2021. I hope you will read this Annual Report. If you do, you will be excited and grateful about all that has been done in and through FPC during 2021 and filled with hope and enthusiasm as we gather to worship and work and fellowship together in 2022.

*Here are a few highlights I recall from this year.*

- The Covid-19 vaccinations became available, allowing us to begin to gather for in-person worship in late March.
- The FPC Church Office opened, fully staffed by Faith Office Angels, in July.
- Faith Presbyterian and The Jewish Community of Blue Ridge received a \$15,000 ReKindle grant from Columbia Theological Seminary–*Nurturing Our Beloved Community*–which provided education regarding food insufficiency and poverty in our community and provided food bags throughout the summer and fall months for senior citizens in our community.



- The Memorial Garden, where ashes of FPC members and their loved ones can be interred, was established. The ashes of founding and charter member, Hervey Jones, were the first to be interred in the Faith Memorial Garden.



- The first vegetable garden planted here at our permanent home on Blue Bird Road yielded hundreds of pounds of fresh produce that was shared with the community through Family Connection.



- Kathy Wills retired as Faith's Director of Music at the end of May and Phillip Mitchell was hired as the new Director of Music in July.
- We held our first Easter and Christmas Eve services in our new home on Blue Bird Road.
- The Rev. Dr. Jim Simpson left Faith after nine years of fruitful ministry here at FPC.
- The Session called me to serve as your Interim Pastor.
- We reduced our mortgage debt on our new building through extra payments beyond our monthly mortgage payment.

This is in no way an exhaustive list of all the wonderful worship, ministry, and mission this part of the Body of Christ did in service to God, God's people, and God's world in 2021. That is why you need to read this Annual Report in its entirety.

With a grateful heart for the privilege of serving with and among you,

*Susan*

Rev. Susan L. Haynes  
Interim Pastor

# Faith Presbyterian Church of the North Georgia Mountains

## **Mission Statement:**

By God's love and grace, we are Called, Committed and Led.

## **Vision Statement:**

Called by God to be Faith Presbyterian Church of the North Georgia Mountains, we welcome all to join together to worship God.

Committed to following Jesus' example, we joyfully share God's love, grace, and gifts with all in our church family and community.

Led by the Holy Spirit, we invite all to grow spiritually in this community of Faith.

## **Church Priorities for 2021** (as adopted by the Session at the Session Retreat, November 2020)

- Identify creative opportunities to safely engage, worship, and learn together, recognizing the continued challenge of Covid-19.
- Increase membership and participation through connecting with and serving those who reside in and beyond our community.
- Continue as a spiritual community worshiping God by the sharing of our time, talent, and treasure.
- Equip and encourage all to follow in Jesus' footsteps and to show God's love, grace, and care.
- Develop effective church leaders.
- Expand effective communication to include appropriate use of technology and social media.
- Pursue a sustainable way, including volunteer support, of video streaming (Zoom) for worship and other events.
- Continue to transition to our new church facility.
- Invite continuing participation in our "Growing in Faith Together" campaign (GIFT) supporting our ongoing life and witness.

# FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT 2021

*Prepared by Bob Goodyear, Financial Sec. and Nancy Goodson, Treasurer*

To paraphrase the first line from many presidential “State of the Union” reports of the past, “I’m pleased to report that as of the end of 2021, the financial state of Faith Presbyterian Church is strong!”

In last year’s report, I pointed out that FPC entered a new financial phase in its life when we became the owners of a major asset – our new church building. Also, new to the life of the church was our becoming a major debtor when we accepted a loan from the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP).

As in the past, I want to report on the cash received by Faith and how it was used. Also, as in last year’s report, I am going to focus on cash received and spent for the purpose of the “normal” operations of the church and those that were received and spent to finish the new building and pay off the mortgage that we took to construct the building.

## **THE OPERATION OF THE CHURCH AND ITS MISSIONS**

Where do we get funds that support the normal expenses of keeping the doors open and funding the many missions of the church? The answer is:

- From funds that were received in past years that were designated to be used for a specific purpose that have not yet been spent (Restricted Funds).
- From the gifts and grants received in the current year in response to the annual Stewardship drive, special offerings, investment income, and other miscellaneous sources.

### **What were the source of funds in 2021?**

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Stewardship Drive (pledged and unpledged) | \$270,233        |
| Special Offerings and Designated Gifts    | 25,081           |
| Forgiveness of COVID-19 Recovery Loan     | 12,400           |
| ReKindle Grant from Columbia Seminary     | 15,000           |
| Interest on Investments and Refunds       | 4,757            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                              | <b>\$327,471</b> |

We also received gifts in kind (donations of goods and services worth \$8,659).

### **So where did those dollars go?**

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Personnel (Pastor, Assoc. Pastor, Music Dir.) | \$151,762 |
| Administrative Expenses                       | 72,391    |
| Worship Expense                               | 1,000     |
| Spiritual Development/Discipleship            | 10,759    |
| Mission/Outreach                              | 22,149    |
| ReKindle Program                              | 7,133     |
| Community Relations                           | 1,365     |
| Memorial Garden                               | 9,789     |
| Congregational Care                           | 2,030     |
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| TOTAL   | \$278,375 |

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|---|----------|
| <b><u>Surplus:</u></b>                              | \$49,096 |
| Paid required annual payment of PILP loan principle | (35,556) |
| Retained to pay 2021 liabilities                    | (13,540) |

### **Financial Items Related to the New Building**

#### **What were the sources of funds in 2021?**

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Transferred from Operational Funds              | \$35,556  |
| GIFT Fund Donations                             | 106,140   |
| Funds Restricted to Building Use in Prior Years | 47,004    |
| Donations to Furnishing/Finishing Building      | 10,680    |
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| TOTAL   | \$199,380 |

#### **Where did those dollars go?**

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Pay Down the Principal Amt. of the PILP Mort.  | \$140,056 |
| Additional Improvements (clearing) of Property | 2,500     |
| Purchase of Furnishings                        | 30,816    |
| Finishing Items for the Building               | 26,008    |
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|  | \$199,380 |

So those are the numbers. Numbers are only an accounting of what we as a church called by God have done with funds entrusted to us by our members and friends. God has been good to Faith Presbyterian. We are grateful and renew our commitment to the Glory of God.

## Recap of our PILP mortgage for 2021

Faith entered 2021 with a principal balance of \$815,880.00 on the PILP mortgage. As of the December 2021 mortgage payment, our principal balance was \$673,305.99. In 2021 we applied G.I.F.T. pledged payments of \$107,000.00 towards the principal reduction of the loan. With 12 mortgage payments of principal and interest along with the G.I.F.T. payments we reduced the outstanding principal balance by \$142,574.00. Because of our prepayment of principal, after 15 months of payments the number of months remaining on our 240 months (20-year loan) has been reduced to 156 months (13 years 5 months).

*This year end progress report is tracked and maintained by former elder for administration Rick Borden. Rick has agreed to monitor and track our progress on our mortgage debt reduction progress until our debt reduction campaign ends in December 2023.*

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT for 2021

*Prepared by Candy Frank, Clerk of Session*

|   |                        |            |
|---|------------------------|------------|
| <b>Membership</b>                         | <b>January 1, 2021</b> | <b>161</b> |
| <b>Additions</b>                          |                        | <b>12</b>  |
| <b>Losses</b>                             |                        | <b>12</b>  |
| By Transfer to other churches             | 3                      |            |
| By inactivity                             | 0                      |            |
| Requested to be removed from              | 3                      |            |
| By Death                                  | 6                      |            |
| <b>Membership as of December 31, 2021</b> |                        | <b>161</b> |

Bill Young was ordained and installed as elder, Lynda Ray was installed as elder, and Candy Frank was installed as elder serving as Clerk of Session on as January 12, 2021 for the class of 2023.

## 2021 Ministry Planning Teams and Team Chairpersons

| Ministry Planning Team     | Chairperson     | Elder Class |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Administrative Team        | Rick Borden     | 2021        |
| Administrative Team        | Bill Young      | 2023        |
| Congregational Care Team   | Lynn Hayes      | 2021        |
| Congregational Care Team   | Chris Martinez  | 2022        |
| Mission and Outreach Team  | Randy Griggs    | 2022        |
| Mission and Outreach Team  | Lynda Ray       | 2023        |
| Spiritual Development Team | Janice Glascock | 2021        |
| Spiritual Development Team | Carl Riggs      | 2022        |
| Clerk of Session           | Candy Frank     | 2023        |

### Administrative Ministry Team 2021

*Prepared by Rick Borden and Bill Young, Co-Chairs*

The Administration Planning Team is responsible for the care of the building, the personnel of the church, publicity, and the finances of the church.

- Facilities: Reinstatement of Merry Maids the first of July has been a major cost saving move for administration in 2021. A landscaping team has continued their work on the large outdoor area and much of the landscaping has begun to mature and make a visual difference. The team led by Al Gnann has completed the church's Policy and Procedures Manual for use and maintenance of the building and grounds.
- Treasurer/Finance: The church has a strong financial management team consisting of Nancy Goodson as Treasurer, Bob Goodyear as Financial Secretary and Doris Riggs as check writer. Supporting them are Al Gnann as support to Nancy and Teri Charron as support to Bob. This system not only shares responsibilities among five people, but also provides a balance and separation of accounts payable and accounts receivable. This financial team is commended for the job they have done



in properly accounting for the church's income, paying bills expediently, and managing the resources our church receives. In addition, a team of counters is responsible for the collecting the weekly offering on a rotating basis and depositing it into the church's bank account with records provided to the treasurer and financial secretary.

- Communications/Technology: A team including Bob Goodyear, and Bruce Burn continues updating and maintaining the church website with a focus on information for attracting new visitors and news for existing membership.
- Stewardship: The 2021 Stewardship team was led by Connie Griggs. "Forward In Faith Together". Like previous years, it was a 12-month program to keep the congregation involved all year, not just during the short Stewardship season. Our approach was to biweekly submit stories of Stewardship to the newsletter delivering a message of thoughtfulness and hope when speaking of Stewardship. We had great response from members of our Faith community which led to a very successful Stewardship Campaign. We so appreciated the congregation's participation and enthusiasm.
- Church Office Support: The physical office has been closed up until July 1, 2021 to all but a few people. That changed dramatically on July 1 when the church office opened fully staffed and operational. Doris Riggs, our office Angels Coordinator did a fabulous job taking over this role for 2021.
- Church Directory: The directory is continually updated from our membership database and is posted on the website with a hard copy available in the office upon request.
- Publicity: Faith newspaper ads are posted each week along with annual participation in the Chamber of Commerce publications. All ads are to be approved by the Session, so if you have an outlet for publicity, let the Administration Team know.

- Personnel Procedures and Insurance: Debbie Peterson served as Chair of the Personnel Committee for a portion of 2021 and the task was assumed midway through 2021 by Frances Young. The committee also completed an evaluation of the pastor and music director with salary recommendation made to the Session. The committee then had the task of finding a replacement interim pastor following the departure of Rev. Simpson. They were supportive of offering the position to Pastoral Associate Susan Haynes. Susan will serve as Faith's Interim Pastor during the process of searching for Faith's next installed pastor. Former Music Director, Kathy Wills retired from her position at Faith, and seeking her replacement also fell on the shoulders of the Personnel Committee. The search began and with local recommendations, Dr. Philip Mitchell was located and offered the position of Music Director. I think all will agree that Phillip is a highly talented musician and composer. 2021 was truly a busy rewarding and sometime bittersweet period for our dedicated Personnel Committee.
- The Memorial Garden made great progress in 2021 with a small, but talented, group of master gardeners. It will continue to mature and improve as the years move forward. Small improvements and a few major projects still need to be planned and implemented. We all look forward to monitoring this progress.

## **Congregational Care Planning Team Year End Report 2021**

*Prepared by Chris Martinez and Lynn Hayes, Co-Chairs*

2021 has been a challenging year for all of us. Congregational Care has worked hard to keep our Faith members informed, supported, and recognized in traditional and creative ways as a direct result of the pandemic and leadership transition. It has been difficult at best to meet the needs of all

our congregation during these difficult times, but we have strived to include as many people as were comfortable in our many activities and events.

Congregational Care Planning Team has sub-committees that are responsible for different areas in Faith. Below is a breakdown of how each accomplished their mission for the year.

### **Congregational Planning Team**

The Congregational Planning Team is composed of eleven members including our interim pastor, Susan Haynes. We have met bi-monthly throughout the year except for December. Our summer meeting included lunch with the Shepherds. The main goal of the team is to assess how things are going in the church and with its members and to plan for future events. Each member is responsible for an area and is asked to submit a report that is disseminated to all the team members and Session.

#### **1. Blue Bird Book Worms**

The book club met nine times throughout the year. The club has consistently had between 7-12 members attend. Books and their authors are discussed and facilitated by different members.

#### **2. Crafty Fridays**



*The talented Crafty Friday ladies are always anxious to produce joyful items that brighten the lives of so many in our community. They also enjoy many happy hours of fellowship or is it ladyship, oh well, you get the point.*

Once Covid-19 abated and under the leadership of Kim King, several projects were created for the benefit of Meals on Wheels. Members would meet to work on these fun activities Friday mornings and enjoyed visiting with one another. Before we were able to meet in person, a Valentine's craft was provided for pick up. Grace and John Thomas were our point people for Meals on Wheels and delivered the finished crafts to them.

### 3. **Faith, Hope and Hammers**

FFH had a busy year in 2021. They had sixteen requests from Faith members for various projects that needed to be attended to last year. Under the coordination of Bruce Burn, twelve were completed and four are pending. Thirteen volunteers managed to contribute a total of 61 hours of labor. The projects varied from 1 to 16 man-hours. All direct costs were covered by the recipients. They will be starting 2022 with four projects waiting in the queue.



### 4. **Knit Wits**

The knitters in this group were extremely busy this past year. In addition to making over fifty prayer squares and four prayer shawls, this small group of five women made approximately four hundred beanie hats that were distributed through Feed Fannin during the holidays. Kim King leads this group.

### 5. **Memorial Garden**

2021 saw the near completion of the Faith Memorial Garden. Two people were interred this year. The Garden will become even more beautiful as the plants and grasses continue to grow. Much thanks to those who have worked so diligently on it.

### 6. **Receptions, Celebrations and Second Sunday Lunches**

Despite the constraints of the pandemic, Congregational Care members along with the congregants of Faith, were able to celebrate and recognize three of our deceased members this year. Faith members donated food and money toward these activities. Connie Griggs and Diane Shillcutt were responsible for the oversight of the receptions and did wonderful jobs with decorations and set up. The families of the deceased were very appreciative of the time and effort put forth.

Second Sunday lunches occurred only twice this year due to Covid-19 and the safety concerns of our members. Both were successful events as they allowed the Faith members to visit socially and share a meal.

Congregational Care, along with the Faith members, provided food and a reception for our outgoing pastor, Jim Simpson, and for our

interim pastor, Susan Haynes. Faith members were able to say their goodbyes to Jim and offer their support to Susan during these events.

## **7. Recognitions**

Thirteen graduates, relatives of Faith members, were recognized at the worship service May 23. Graduates were given either a bible or a devotional. A slide show with the names and accomplishments of the graduates was shown at Worship and posted on Facebook.

Mothers were honored on Mother's Day with a flower after Worship and fathers were honored with a wrapped candy bar on Father's Day.

## **8. Shepherds**

The Shepherd program at Faith Presbyterian is our fundamental program of care and connection from member to member. Fourteen members have been spiritually called to be shepherds to a group of members or "flock." These shepherds have continually reached out to their flocks to provide Faith information, Covid-19 updates, personal support, and prayers. They have been invaluable in keeping that personal connection between our members during a period that has kept us apart physically and socially.

The Shepherds met three times this year to assess how things were going in the flocks and to plan for future activities. One of these meetings was a lunch meeting with the Congregational Care Planning Team. Two flocks met socially in early Fall.

We had two shepherds leave in 2021 but were fortunate to have three more offer to help with this important ministry. This year also continued to bring men in as shepherds which has been most beneficial to our members.

## **9. Other**

As the church was closed due to Covid-19 at the beginning of 2021, it was decided to hold a *virtual* Super Bowl party. Goodie bags were created for members to pick up in front of church. They included snacks, "swag" and a BINGO football game. A virtual get-together was set up through Zoom and a trivia game played with all the participants.

As another way to foster interaction among our members, it was decided to provide donuts and coffee before Worship services in

May. Congregational Care coordinated the weekly social get-togethers.

As a part of our Rekindle Grant, Congregational Care was the designated coordinator of planned lunches for the elderly in our community. However, due to the continuing modulated surges in Covid-19, we had to put this part of the grant on hold until it is safe to hold in-person lunches especially for the elderly.

In December, our first Christmas ladies' luncheon was held at Burra Burra Restaurant. Thirty members attended and brought ornaments for an ornament exchange. Diane Shillcutt coordinated the event. It was very fun and provided a time for sharing and conversation during the holiday season. We are looking at holding this again in 2022.

Congregational Care has actively been a part of many aspects of our Faith Community. We continue to look for ways to bring our members together and offer spiritual support during these difficult and challenging times in 2022.

## **Mission and Outreach Report 2021**

*Prepared by Lynda Ray and Randy Griggs, Co-Chairs*

*2021 Mission and Outreach Planning Team: Lynda Ray, Randy Griggs, Phil Ray, Connie Griggs, Frances Young, Elaine Whitley, Treva Wheatly, Debbie Peterson, Sylvia Goodyear, Martha Hefner, Joanne Greedan, Kim King, and Susan Haynes.*

Mission and Outreach had another successful year despite the challenges of dealing with Covid-19. Although many of the regular activities associated with Mission and Outreach were cancelled, Faith remained visible and active in the community. During 2021, Faith provided financial support to sixteen community organizations. Faith volunteers were active in twelve of these groups. In addition, Faith volunteers were involved in fourteen additional activities and organizations. Twenty-one Faith members served as liaison and coordinators for these community organizations. Also, Faith members serve on the board of nine of these organizations.

While financial support is essential, supportive volunteer involvement is equally important whether it is volunteering time, collecting donations, or fund raising, all is needed to support our community.



Listed at the bottom of this report is a summary of the organizations and groups that Faith has been actively involved with over the past year. Several activities warrant highlighting.

A new project was establishing a Little Free Library and locating it on church property. Shortly afterwards, a second Little Free Library was constructed at the Food Pantry on the property of Family Connection. This library placed a focus on children's books. Finally, Faith also received a request from the Visitors' Center in McCaysville to install a Little Free Library along the Riverwalk. This library was completed and installed in December.



Each of these libraries identifies Faith as the sponsor and provides contact information on the church.

Habitat for Humanity has always been a priority at Faith. During 2021,

Habitat began construction on its third house. In cooperation with the volunteers involved in Habitat, Mission and Outreach hosted meals for two visiting volunteer groups who came from Duluth to help. For a number of years Faith has sponsored a garden for Family





*For over 10 years Faith has had a church garden to benefit the Family Connection food bank. 2021 was a very special year because it was the first time in the life of Faith that the church was located on our own church property. Volunteers spent many long hot summer hours nurturing the crops for a bountiful harvest.*



*Betty Benedict, one of our faithful volunteers, serves regularly at the Family Connection food bank for Fannin County. Just another service project that's a part of our Mission and Outreach Planning Team.*



Connection. A garden plot was set aside on the church property and the land was prepared in 2020. 2021 saw the first planting in the new garden. In its first year, a bounty of over seven hundred pounds of corn, over 550 pounds of sweet potatoes, and over two hundred pounds of cucumbers were harvested. The Summer Meals feeding program continued to be a major project for Faith participation. In connection with Snack in a Backpack, meals were delivered twice a week for eight weeks to children in need. Approximately thirty thousand meals were delivered during this period.



*Just a few of the many Faith Presbyterian volunteers who helped deliver over 30,000 summer meals to children throughout the summer of 2021.*

As is often said, "it is the little things that count". Faith members have long collected aluminum pull tabs and Coke Rewards for charity. In 2021, 7.3 pounds of pull tabs were collected for the Ronald McDonald house. The rewards program generated over \$180 for additional school supplies. Also, the geocache, now located at the base of the Little Free Library, had over 250 visitors last year. Despite the challenges that 2021 presented, the members of Faith maintained their commitment to service.

In 2022, we look to expand services to those in need in our community.

## **ReKindle “Nurturing Our Beloved Community” Grant**

A \$15,000 grant was awarded to Faith Presbyterian and the Jewish Congregation of Blue Ridge to provide a 4-week series on poverty in August and provided food bags including fresh vegetables, canned goods, and other needed food items to seniors living in area senior living communities. Food delivery days brought together many volunteers from both congregations to gather, package, and deliver the food bags throughout the summer and fall.

## **ORGANIZATIONS AND FAITH INVOLVEMENT**

**Family Connection** – Donation, Volunteers, Food Drives

**Open Arms of Blue Ridge** - Donations

**Habitat for Humanity** - Donations, Volunteers, Sponsored Event

**Good Samaritan** – Donations, Volunteers, Fundraising

**Thornwell Children’s Home** - Donations

**N. Georgia Mtn. Crisis Center** – Donations, Seasonal Items

**Honduras Fund** – Donations, Donated items

**Summer Meals** – Donations, Volunteers

**Sunny D’s Theater** – Donations,

**Overseas Missions** - Donations

**Toys for Tots** – Donations, Seasonal Items

**Boys & Girls Club** – Donation, Volunteers

**Thanksgiving Baskets** – Volunteers, Food Baskets

**Little Pink House** – Volunteer, Sponsored Event

**Second Wind** – Volunteer, Donated items

**Rivers Alive** - Volunteers

**Special Olympics** - Volunteers

**Red Cross Blood Drive** – Volunteers, Sponsored Event

**Blue Ridge Assisted Living** - Volunteers

**Meals on Wheels** – Volunteers, Seasonal items

**Pruitt Nursing Home** – Volunteers, Seasonal items

# Spiritual Development Planning Team

## Annual Report 2021

*Prepared by Janice Glascock and Carl Riggs*

2021 was a challenging year for Faith as with many other churches related to the continuing Covid-19 Pandemic. The planning team continued to lead our Faith services and special educational programs during the year and without their dedication many of our normal functions would have been much more challenging.

The Spiritual Development Team for 2021 consisted of Elders Janice Glascock and Carl Riggs, members Doris Riggs, Patty Morris, Kim King, Jamielee Green, Martha Hefner, Steve Baker, Frances Young, Pastors Jim Simpson and Susan Haynes, Music Directors Kathy Wills and Philip Mitchell.

### **Worship:**

In 2021, Sunday services began the year as streaming only, requiring a technical team and music director to be present in the church where streaming was possible with the help of videographer Jim Crawford. This availability allowed Faith to continue to reach out to the congregation and others as we had visitors from around the world viewing services.

As the year proceeded, Faith was opened to live services with limited access and numbers in attendance. A recommendation by the Spiritual Development Team that Faith invest in its own livestreaming system was approved by the Session and installed during the winter months. We continue streaming each Sunday to those unable to attend in person and others in our network.

As Faith began using the new facility for the first time with in person services and lessons, we had to adjust as we learned the best way to hold meetings, serve communion, usher, sing and much, much more.

Faith had a transitional period in 2021 as pastor Jim Simpson moved to a new church and music director Kathy Wills retired. This challenge

was met with the vision required by the Team Elders and members as Pastor Susan Haynes transitioned from Associate Pastor to Interim Pastor October 1. Philip Mitchell was hired in July to serve as Music Director.

Although services were different Faith managed to continue to have meaningful services and music throughout the year. This was important to all as the need for fellowship and worship were very important to so many during the trying times of Covid-19.

Changes had to be made and managed including communion, singing, Sunday School, and Coffee Time, but the Spiritual Development Team focused and found sound and safe ways to continue regardless of what barriers were on the path.

During the Advent Season, four Sunday services were conducted as well as a candlelight service on Christmas Eve.

A special service of Healing and Wholeness was conducted during the year.

During 2021, Funeral Services were conducted for three members of Faith: Hervey and Gerrie Jones and Ann Rand. Additional planning and volunteers were required to make each service a meaningful time for the families.

Volunteers were indispensable for every event during the year. The needs for Ushers, Greeters, Liturgist, sanctuary set up teams were met with excitement and skill.

**Music:** Music in 2021 continued although modified during the year due to the pandemic. The choir was unable to gather during much of the year, but under the leadership of our two talented Music Directors music continued to be an important part of each service. As the pandemic receded, the choir was able to meet and present anthems at services, as well leading singing during services. This continues to be a concern, but all opportunities to have live music will continue moving forward.



*The first live presentation of an anthem by our choir in the new sanctuary was definitely a significant event that was enthusiastically received by all in attendance.*

### **Studies:**

Faith Groups continued during 2021 either by Zoom or in person when allowed, Sunday School classes also began led by Steve Baker and Pastor Susan Haynes. Women of Faith also met led by Frances Young. The highlight of the year was our Advent Lunch and Learns, an opportunity to gather and learn about the path of Mary and Joseph's trip to Bethlehem. The use of video was a huge asset during many of our educational programs.

Although we did not have any children in attendance during the year, Kim King and her team of volunteers were prepared to have Children's Church if needed. We look forward to many more opportunities to expand our Studies programs in 2022.

# Women of Faith



*Frances Young leading our Women of Faith educational program that meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month except the summer months. A very popular program always well attended by our faithful ladies.*



*Just a few of the ladies of Faith Church who attend the Women of Faith learning series taught every month.*

**The Spiritual Development Planning Team** appreciated all the dedicated volunteers and staff who made all the events during 2021 proceed smoothly and meaningfully for our congregation and friends.

# **FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday Worship Services are held weekly at 10:30 a.m.

## **Interim Pastor**

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## **Musical Director**

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## **Congregational Treasurer**

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## **Financial Secretary**

Bob Goodyear                      [rrgoodyear@tds.net](mailto:rrgoodyear@tds.net)

# **FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

## **2021 SESSION**

Class of 2021:                      Rick Borden, Janice Glascock,  
Lynn Hayes

Class of 2022:                      Randy Griggs, Chris Martinez,  
Carl Riggs

Class of 2023                      Candy Frank-Clerk of Session,  
Linda Ray, Bill Young

Class of 2024                      Terri Charron, Al Gnann,  
Sylvia Goodyear

The **Annual Meeting of the  
Congregation** has been called by the  
Session for Sunday, February 20, 2022  
following the 10:30 a.m. Service of Worship.

