



What Comes Next

On January 2nd, I came to my new office at South Frankfort Presbyterian Church for the first time. My husband, Martin, and I got things set up in my office, we got books put away and my desk somewhat organized. We had Thomas with us who quickly got a bit restless, so I gave them both a tour. We went through the Fellowship Hall and the kitchen, and spent a great deal of time in the sanctuary (Thomas' second favorite room in the building). Next, we went upstairs to find the nursery and to explore the other second floor classrooms. As Thomas pulled every car and truck off the shelf in the nursery (his *favorite* room in the building), I was struck by all those who had passed through those classroom doors before. I thought about the children, youth, and adults who, at some time or another, have called SFPC home and who had their faith shaped and strengthened within these walls.



From my first introduction to this church I was struck by our mission statement: *Seeking to be a living testimony to God's love, grace, and mercy.* As we begin a new year, and as we begin a new chapter with me as your pastor, I hope that we can keep this mission statement as our benchmark. Who are we as a church? What do we do? How are we present and active within and among our community? And how do we show up as a living testimony to God's love, grace, and mercy? SFPC has a rich history, and SFPC has a rich future as well, one that we all get to be a part of.

I'm excited to continue learning, to continue building relationships with each of you, and to continue discerning what God is calling South Frankfort Presbyterian Church to in 2025. May we all listen together for that call.

Peace,

Pastor Marissa Carver

All About Attitude

"The way you say 'representative' to an automated system reflects the real you," a friend told me. After we laughed at that truth, I realized *everything* I say matters. Someone is always listening, whether the words and tone are positive or negative.

Ephesians 4:29 (NLT) says our language shouldn't be "foul or abusive" but good, helpful and encouraging. Whether I'm peaceful, hurried, joyful, empathetic, frustrated, celebrating or hurting, I can carefully choose my words (and the attitude behind them). When I'm not ready to speak wholesomely, may God shut my mouth. When a friend needs encouragement, may I listen to God's prompting. When I need to confront, may I do so lovingly.

Changing how we think — that is, how we speak to ourselves — can be tough. But God wants to transform our reactions and motives, dispelling pride, a lack of confidence and anxiety. In this new year:

- *I'm alone* can become *God is with me.*
- *I can't do this* can become *Anything is possible with God.*
- *I'm failing* can become *Just because I'm struggling, it doesn't mean I'm failing.*
- *I'm not enough* can become *I'm God's beloved child.*
- *I'm tired* can become *God will give me rest.*

Don't stop there. Consider the concerns in your heart and let God give you new words and attitudes.

—Janna Firestone

Meetings and Activities

Wednesday, January 14

12:00 ... ROSM Board Meeting, SFPC Fellowship Hall
7:00 ... Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 19

10:00 ... Counterpoints & Faith in Action Adult classes
10:00 ... Children's Sunday School Classes
11:00 ... In person & Facebook Worship Service, Marissa Carver
12:00 ... Session Meeting, new officers examined.
5:00 ... Martin Luther King Jr. Service, First Pres. Church

Monday, January 20 Martin Luther King Jr Day
The Church Office is closed.

2:00 ... Bridge
4:30 ... Knitting

Wednesday, January 22

7:00 ... Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 26

10:00 ... Counterpoints & Faith in Action Adult classes
10:00 ... Children's Sunday School Classes
11:00 ... In person & Facebook Worship Service, Marissa Carver

Saturday, February 1

11:00 ... Visitation for Richard Hensley, SFPC
12:00 ... Celebration of Life for Richard Hensley SFPC

Worship Sunday

Attendance: Jan. 12, 2024
SFPC in person Worship: 52
Join us Sundays- 11:00 a.m., also online service.
During our live streaming time, you can go to

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4CSlbfKanCM or to

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/sfpcchurch/videos/2374137839449590

The next week, you may go to www.sfpcy.org, the church's website and choose "Videos.

If not in the service please consider

donating one of two ways:
1. Mail a check to: South Frankfort Presbyterian Church 224 Steele Street, Frankfort, KY 40601.
2. Click the green "Give Now" button on our website at sfpcy.org. You can start and manage your account, and even set up repeating donations.

Jan. 12, 2024 Offering: \$10,442.00

Prayer List

Lilly Ann Brooks Glenda Harned
Mattie Baker Scott Dottie Herzel
Sondra Massie's Family Shaw & Duvall
Jackie Hensley's Family Families
Bill and Mary Cheek's Family Jane Wilson

Names remain on the Prayer List for four weeks unless the request is long term. To add or retain people with their permission, email or call the church office.



Dear Presbyterian Woman,

I would like to thank you for taking the time to read the following. I am Jan Albert, your representative to the Search Committee for the Board of Directors of Presbyterian Women.

I was elected to this position in August 2024 and will serve until the Business Meeting in 2027. I have been given the opportunity to reach out to all PC(USA) women in the Synods of the Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic and Living Waters. As your representative, I am available to answer questions about the process of finding women who feel called to serve Presbyterian Women (PW) at the national level. I am available to answer your questions (317-679-5040 or jtalbertky@gmail.com) about the various positions available and the process related to searching for the dedicated women who want to serve. I will be reaching out directly to the leadership teams within your synod and presbytery. I hope to have the opportunity to meet you in the future.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you or someone you know is interested in serving at the national level.

Grace and Peace,

Jan

- 1/6 Sadie Rhodes
1/6 Joseph Schmidt
1/8 John Brady
1/9 Amber Badgett
1/9 Carolyn Underwood
1/10 Paul Doss
1/10 Molly Henson
1/12 Sofia Algiburi
Jim Thornton
1/13 David Moffett
1/15 Judith Thornton
1/15 Margaret Townsley
1/16 Eva Philpot
1/19 Deborah Wilson
1/20 Lindsey Logan
Kimbleton
1/23 Fawn Pace
1/25 Amelia Berry
1/26 Jaelyn Lewis
1/28 Donna Baldwin
1/28 Susan Hanly
1/30 Celia Ritter



Our prayers and condolences are with the family of Sondra Bollinger Massie. Sondra went to her heavenly home on Friday, Jan. 10, 2025. She and her husband, Dr. David Massie became members of our church in 1979. Both were active members before moving to Cynthiana, KY.

Our prayers and comfort of Christ are also for the family of Jennifer Lyn Cheek. She passed on Monday, Jan. 6, 2025. Jennifer was the wife of Jeff Cheek. Jeff is Bill and Mary Cheek's son. Her visitation is at Clark Legacy Center on Jan. 16, from 4-7 p.m. The Funeral Mass is at Good Shepherd Church at 10:30 a.m. on Jan. 17.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Service
Speaker: Preacher Rev. L. Rodney Bennett Pastor of 2nd Baptist Church
Mayslick, KY
Sunday, January 19 at 5 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church (416 W Main St. Frankfort, KY)
Pictured above, MLK-led march, Frankfort, Ky., 1964
'I am not interested in power for power's sake, but I'm interested in power that is moral, that is right and that is good'. MLK