



## SFPC Session News

SFPC's first Session meeting in 2025 was held this past cold and snowy Sunday. Due to the bad weather, several of the Elders attended the meeting via Zoom, but all were in attendance, with the exception of one Elder who is recovering from surgery. As indicated below, this was an exciting and important Session meeting for several reasons!

First, while Rev. Steve Pace served as Moderator of the meeting, our new Pastor, Marissa Carver, was also present and she presented her very first Pastor's report at SFPC during the meeting. Second, incoming church officers Tierelee Logan, Ellen Collins, Jennifer Bingham, Toni Lewis and Brooke Christopher attended the meeting, and each provided his/her statement of faith to the Session. It was very moving to hear each person tell why they chose SFPC as their church, and then agreed to serve as either an Elder or a Deacon.



**Church Leadership**

Several pieces of correspondence were presented to the Session during the meeting, including a very nice note from William "Butch" Brooks thanking a number of people for the Celebration of Life service for his mother, long-time member Ann Shirley Brooks, and requesting that the last Sunday in October each year be "Ann Brooks Hat Day" to remember Ann's joy and love of serving SFPC. Correspondence was also received from the Kings Center describing its activities and history, and requesting that a donation be made to its Annual Giving Campaign.

Committee reports were also provided. Budget and Stewardship presented financial reports showing that SFPC's actual income in 2024 was \$238,027 (including the carryover of \$13,241), and the budgeted income for 2024 was \$248,520. Budgeted expenses were \$248,520, and actual expenses were \$200,785 (Actual expenses were low because we did not have a permanent pastor in 2024.). Accordingly, SFPC ended 2024 well in the black. With respect to the on-going Stewardship Campaign, 51 pledges have been received in the amount of \$171,530. Accordingly, a significant amount of work needs to be done to successfully complete the Stewardship Campaign. Brief reports were provided by several of the other committees.

Marissa Carver's Ordination and Installation service is scheduled for 4:00 pm on February 2, 2025, and all are invited to attend this important service. After that service, Marissa will become "Reverend Marissa Carver!" A motion approving the serving of Communion during that service was unanimously approved. The incoming church officers will be installed during the January 26 worship service, and a motion passed authorizing a Resolution adding Trustees Ann Maenza and Mark Ritter to the Trustees' accounts and removing the former Trustees from the accounts.

The next stated meeting of the Session will be held on February 16. Rev. Pace closed the meeting in prayer.

*Rob Moore*, Clerk of Session

*"Love life. Be grateful for it always. And show your gratitude by not shying away from its challenges. Try always to live a little beyond your capacities. You'll find that you never succeed."*  
*Arthur Gordon*

## Hopes Great and Small

"The Christian lives with three hopes, two great and one small," writes Bryan Wolfmueller. In his "Wednesday What-Not" blog, the pastor explains: "Our first great hope is in Christ our Redeemer, whose death and resurrection are our forgiveness, life, salvation and great hope. Our second great hope is in Christ the King returning soon to judge the living [and] the dead, and establish the new heaven and earth where the righteous dwell. This is our hope for the resurrection and the life of the world to come."

Amazingly, there's more! "Sandwiched between these two great hopes is our small hope, our lesser hope, our hope for tomorrow, our hope that we might begin to love and serve our neighbor, and do some little something to bless the people around us," Wolfmueller continues. "This is the hope that energizes our vocations, that motivates our love, and that is the reason we make New Year's resolutions. We hope that we might do something a little bit better tomorrow than we did yesterday."

The pastor concludes, "If this was our only hope, it would be despair. But sandwiched between the love of Christ and the joy of the resurrection, this little hope is wonderful, and certainly not to be despised."

**Meetings and Activities**

**Tuesday, January 21**

9:00 ... Training for Tax Aide Volunteer Tax Preparers, SFPC

**Wednesday, January 22**

7:00 ... Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, January 23**

10:30 ... Church Women United Board Planning Meeting, SFPC

**Sunday, January 26 Ordination & Installation of New Officers**

10:00 ... Counterpoints & Faith in Action Adult classes

10:00 ... Children's & Mid-School Sunday School Classes

11:00 ... In person & Facebook Worship Service, Pastor Marissa Carver

5:00 ... Martin Luther King Service, First Pres. Church

**Monday, January 27**

2:00 ... Bridge

4:30 ... Knitting

**Wednesday, January 29**

7:00 ... Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, February 1**

11:00 ... Visitation for Richard Hensley, SFPC

12:00 ... Celebration of Life for Richard Hensley SFPC

**Sunday, February 2**

10:00 ... Counterpoints & Faith in Action Adult classes

10:00 ... Children's & Mid-School Sunday School Classes

11:00 ... In person & Facebook Worship Service, Pastor Marissa Carver

4:00 ... Pastor Marissa Carver's **Ordination & Installation Service**, SFPC

**Worship Sunday**

Attendance: **Jan. 19, 2024**

SFPC in person Worship: **27**

**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>

[www.facebook.com/sfpcchurch](https://www.facebook.com/sfpcchurch)

[videos/2374137839449590](https://www.facebook.com/sfpcchurch)

The next week, you may go to

[www.sfpcy.org](http://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](http://sfpcy.org).

You can start and

manage your account,

and even set up

repeating donations.

**Jan. 19, 2024**

**Offering: \$2,096.00**

**Prayer List**

Lilly Ann Brooks

Glenda Harned

Mattie Baker Scott

Dottie Herzel

Sondra Massie's Family

Shaw & Duvall

Jackie Hensley's Family

Families

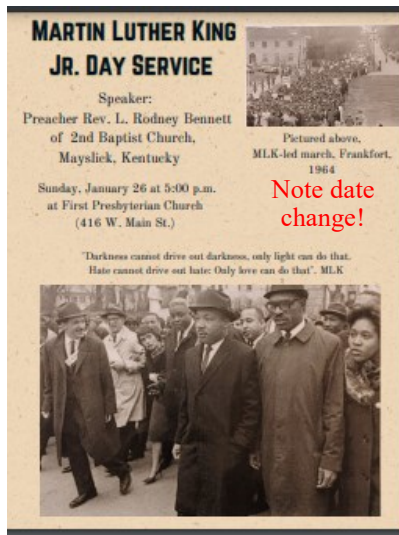
Bill and Mary Cheek's Family

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.*



- 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



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE  
 ORDINATION AND  
 INSTALLATION OF

**MARISSA  
 CARVER**

AS  
**MINISTER OF  
 WORD AND  
 SACRAMENT**

February 2, 2025 at 4 PM

South Frankfort Presbyterian  
 Church  
 224 Steele Street  
 Frankfort, KY 40601

Livestream:  
[facebook.com/sfpcchurch](https://facebook.com/sfpcchurch)

*Reception to Follow*

**A Prayer for Spiritual Growth**

When my spiritual vision is foggy, help me to find my way.

When my understanding is incomplete, open my mind and increase my patience.

When my indifference blocks my senses, touch my heart.

When worry or fear raise their voices, speak to my faith.

Let your Spirit permeate my longings as well as my living and my loving. Amen.

—Peggy Ferrell, *Prayers and Poems*

