

Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian Church

Presbyterian Women (PW) are a vital and integral part of First Presbyterian Church. What is a *PW Circle*? PW Circles are small groups that meet regularly to provide an inclusive, caring community. At First Presbyterian, we have five Circles for women, one Couples' Circle and one Email Circle. These Circles meet monthly from September to May and provide a wonderful opportunity for you to:

- Be actively engaged in Bible Study
- Support mission projects
- Build a stronger, Christian bond with other members while working together toward a common purpose

Through active involvement, our members find themselves growing and developing as disciples of Christ while meeting new people and making new friends. Our Circles actively participate in various local and international mission projects.

We realize that the lifestyle of today's woman is quite different from what our mothers lived. Meeting times and groups have evolved through the years to accommodate busy lifestyles, working moms and varied schedules. We invite you to find your place of service and fellowship with us.

Presbyterian Women have characteristics such as power (from the Holy Spirit), persistence (in prayer and Bible Study), peacemaking (and work for justice), creativity, circular relationships, and many other qualities that make us ideal church leaders and participants.

-Julene McPhaul
Past FPC PW Moderator

We welcome *you* to FPC Presbyterian Women!

Find your place of service, encouragement, love and concern as you bond with new and old friends. If you cannot find a Circle to meet your needs, please contact us about creating and building a new PW Circle to meet unique needs for you and others. For example, we are eager to create a new couples' circle or perhaps even a "book club" circle inspired by Dr. McLeod's reading list.

To express your interest or to obtain more information, please contact PW Vice Moderator Margaret Peacock at **919.819.2009** or **margaretbpeacock@gmail.com**.

Visit our website at **fpcraleigh.org**.



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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Raleigh, North Carolina

CIRCLES

Descriptions & Meeting Times

CIRCLE TWO

Circle 2 meets at 10:30 a.m. the second Monday of the month in members' homes or the church. We welcome all who would like to visit and join us! In the words of a Hikau, we are...

*Loving sisterhood
growing, outreaching, active
foundation, wisdom.*

CIRCLE FOUR

Circle 4 meets at 10:30 a.m. in FPC Memorial Hall on the second Monday morning of each month. Most members are retired women who look forward to these times of Bible Study, Christian fellowship, and opportunities to support domestic and international mission projects. Three meetings a year end with a covered dish luncheon; other months each member brings her own sandwich and the month's two hostesses provide chips and dessert. A midsummer lunch at a restaurant is always planned so that members can keep in touch with one another.

CIRCLE SIX

Circle 6 is a diverse and congenial group that meets at 6:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month in the board room at Glenaire. After dessert and coffee provided by Glenaire's dining staff, there is a brief business meeting and Bible lesson. We welcome new members of any age!

CIRCLE EIGHT

Circle 8 meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the homes of the members. The Circle is comprised of single and married women of all ages. Monthly meetings include a Bible study and short business meeting, with a light supper coordinated by members who volunteer to serve as hostesses. In February, Circle 8 hosts a potluck dinner and, in June, members enjoy dinner together at a local restaurant.

CIRCLE NINE

Circle 9 meets from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. in the Lisa Ham Gathering Space at FPC on the second Sunday evening of the month from September to April. In May, Circle 9 meets for dinner at a local restaurant for a special evening of Christian fellowship. Meetings include light dinner, a short business meeting, support of missions, and a Bible study. The Circle is a wonderful group of ladies from their young 30's to young 70's.

CIRCLE TEN

Circle 10, a couples circle, meets monthly in members' homes from September through May for covered dish dinner and Bible study. Meeting day varies each month to best accommodate members' schedules, but are usually held the second week on Friday or Saturday. We offer something special to couples who want to meet together with a common purpose and enjoy activities with others couples.

CIRCLE ELEVEN

Circle 11 is an email circle for women who cannot be part of a group that meets physically. This circle offers a path to be able to spiritually be with other PW Circles as they study a Horizons Bible Study. Members will receive all PW information shared with regular circles and Bible lessons are prepared and sent monthly to members by a Circle Bible Teacher. Members are always invited to attend the PW General Meetings held at the church during the year and participate in all activities that will fit into their personal schedules.

To be placed on Circle Eleven's email list, contact PW Vice Moderator Margaret Peacock (margaretbpeacock@gmail.com or 919.819.2009).

*Note: Circles 1, 3, 5, and 7 dissolved.