

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 four Circles for women and one Couples' 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 working 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
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CIRCLES

Descriptions & Meeting Times

CIRCLE FOUR

Circle 4 is a group of mostly retired, caring, Christian women who meet monthly September through May on the **second Monday** at **10:30a.m in Memorial Hall at First Presbyterian Church**. Our meetings consist of a meaningful, interactive Bible Study, Circle business, support of local missions, and lively fellowship. In addition to our meetings, we stay connected through various means- a phone tree, email and written communication- to share personal experiences, joys, and concerns. We cheerfully and eagerly invite ladies from all seasons of life to join our Circle 4 family.

CIRCLE SIX

Circle 6 is a diverse and congenial group of individuals who meet at **1:00p.m** on the **second Monday** of each month in the **Board Room at Glenaire**. **These women meet in person + via zoom to accommodate varying participation needs**. Our location is especially ideal for church members from Cary, Apex, and West Raleigh. A period of fellowship and sharing of prayer concerns is followed by a brief business meeting and concludes with our Bible lesson. We incorporate a significant amount of group discussion as we explore the Scriptures together. Circle 6 is one of the "hidden treasures" of our church with a wealth of experience, wisdom, and most important of all, Christian love to share. We welcome new members of any age. Come join us!

CIRCLE EIGHT

Circle 8 invites you to join us for fellowship, Bible Study, and to help us support local missions Circle members have chosen as projects. Our Circle is comprised of single and married women of all ages, working and retired, and usually meets at **6:30p.m** on the **second Tuesday** of the month **in the homes of members**. Monthly meetings include a Bible Study and a short business meeting, with dessert or dinner coordinated by members who have volunteered to serve as hostesses and co-hostesses. We also enjoy a delicious potluck dinner in February when husbands and friends join us in fellowship. We actively support community mission projects each year, including Loaves and Fishes Ministry for Children, Backpack Buddies, and the Lineberger Cancer Center at the University of North Carolina. In June, as an end-of year celebration, we enjoy dinner together at a local restaurant.

CIRCLE NINE

Circle 9 is a wonderful group of women that range in age from young 30s to young 80s. We enjoy learning and laughing together, as well as providing prayer support during hard times. Our Sunday evening meeting time is convenient for those who work during the day and/or have children who are involved in FPC's Sunday Night Youth and Children Programs. We meet at FPC (Lisa Ham Gathering Space) on the **second Sunday** of the month from **5:30 - 7:00p.m** during the months of September- April with a special meal out in May. Our meetings include a light dinner, an inspirational Bible Study and discussion, and a short business meeting including updates on our missions and service projects. We warmly welcome visitors and new Circle members - Come join us!

CIRCLE TEN

Circle 10 is a Couples Circle started in 2003. We meet monthly **in members' homes** from September through May for a covered dish meal and PW Bible Study. Normally meetings are held the second week of the month on Friday or Saturday for dinner and occasionally for lunch. We select one or more international and/or local projects to support each year. Bible study leadership and hosting are shared among the members.

