

Dear Women of FPC,

One of the first ways that I got involved in the church was through Presbyterian Women. I had gotten married and moved to a new home and wondering "where to start?" in my new church, I found my way to a PW circle. We met monthly for prayer, Bible study, fellowship, and outreach. Over time, that small group of women became like family: they encouraged me, strengthened me, and gave me recommendations on everything from daycares to doctors! I am grateful for those women and how they supported me when I needed it.

For two centuries, Presbyterian Women has strengthened the faith of women in our denomination. In fact, every woman at FPC is, by default, a "Presbyterian Woman," and our church has an active chapter, which meets monthly. Before COVID, our chapter held an evening and morning session, but for the past few years, only the weekday morning session has continued to meet. This has made it difficult for many women in our congregation to participate.

Our 2024-25 PW leadership team hopes to change that. They aim to widen the circle to reach as many women as would like to be part of this ministry. But, before they make any sweeping change, they are eager to hear from you.

If you might be interested in PW, please fill out the attached survey. Your feedback will guide the leadership team as they explore new options to encourage and nurture the women of FPC.

Thank you and God bless,

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2024-25 Presbyterian Women Leadership Team: Moderator – Ann Keane Co-Moderator – Sandy McQueen Secretary – Kathy Martin Treasurer – Jane Roberts Historian – Shirley Newton Care Coordinator – Lillian Lyle