

WELCOME TO FPEC OF MONTEZUMA



First Presbyterian Evangelical Church

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Our Purpose

To Glorify God



Our Mission

Know Jesus and Make Jesus Known

Let's Get Acquainted

Good Morning,

The First Presbyterian Evangelical Church family of believers welcomes you. We want to thank you for joining us.

We exist to glorify God and our mission is to know Jesus and make Jesus known! Bible knowledge, children and youth, authenticity, excellence, prayer, and cooperation is highly valued here.

Our denomination is a church body that holds to presbyterian governance and reformed theology. Although a conservative Calvinist denomination, we have many from different church backgrounds that worship here.

In addition to our 9:30 AM Sunday services, we offer church activities, fellowship groups, and Bible studies. We would love to have you join us for any of these Christian growth opportunities.

Please reach out to Karen Meek at 515.971.2515 with further questions.

We look forward to seeing you again soon!



The 7 Essentials of Our Faith: *What We Believe*

All Scripture is self-attesting, and being Truth requires our unre-served submission in all areas of life. The infallible Word of God—the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments—is a complete and unified witness to God’s redemptive acts culminating in the incarnation of the Living Word, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible, uniquely and fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, is the supreme and final authority on all matters on which it speaks. On this sure foundation, we affirm these additional essentials of our faith:

1. We believe in one God, the sovereign Creator and Sustainer of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. To Him be all honor, glory, and praise forever!
2. Jesus Christ, the living Word, became flesh through His miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit and His virgin birth. He who is true God became true man united in one Person forever. He died on the cross a sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. On the third day He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven where, at the right hand of the Majesty on High, He now is our High Priest and Mediator.
3. The Holy Spirit has come to glorify Christ and to apply the saving work of Christ to our hearts. He convicts us of sin and draws us to the Savior, indwelling our hearts. He gives new life to us, empowers and imparts gifts to us for service. He instructs and guides us into all truth, and seals us for the day of redemption.

4. Being estranged from God and condemned by our sinfulness, our salvation is wholly dependent upon the work of God's free grace. God credits His righteousness to those who put their faith in Christ alone for their salvation, and thereby justifies them in His sight. Only such as are born of the Holy Spirit and receive Jesus Christ become children of God and heirs of eternal life.

5. The true Church is composed of all persons who through saving faith in Jesus Christ and the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit are united together in the body of Christ. The Church finds her visible yet imperfect expression in local congregations where the Word of God is preached in its purity and the sacraments are administered in their integrity, where scriptural discipline is practiced, and where loving fellowship is maintained. For her perfecting she awaits the return of her Lord.

6. Jesus Christ will come again to the earth personally, visibly, and bodily—to judge the living and the dead, and to consummate history and the eternal plan of God. “Even so, come, Lord Jesus” (Revelation 22:20).

7. The Lord Jesus Christ commands all believers to proclaim the gospel throughout the world and to make disciples of all nations. Obedience to the Great Commission requires total commitment to “Him who loved us and gave Himself for us.” He calls us to a life of self-denying love and service. “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them” (Ephesians 2:10)..

Weekly Ministries Opportunities

- Adult Sunday School 8:30 AM
- Kids' Sunday School, after children's message 9:45 AM
four age-based classes available
- Sunday Night Bible Study, 6 PM
- Tuesday Discipleship
Ladies 1:30 PM and Men 6:30 PM groups
- Promise Keepers for Men, Wednesdays 6:30 AM
Bible Study and Breakfast
- After School Program, Wednesdays, 3:20 to 4:50 PM
Kindergarten through 6th grade boys and girls
- Kids' Discipleship and Donuts, Thursdays, 7:15 AM
Upper elementary children studying the Bible
- Montezuma Student Ministries, Sundays 6 PM
Community youth group for 6th through 12th grade
students alternates being held in the Family Center
and Community Hope Church youth room



Small Group and Activity Opportunities

- “If Gathering” 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month
Small group for all age women meeting after church
- Zuma Noon Luncheon, 3rd Wednesday of the month
Home cooked well balanced meal served to the table;
provided to anyone in the community at no cost
- Saturday Night Small Group, 6:30 1st & 3rd week of month
Contact Luke & Jenessa Ahrens for current topic
- Pickleball
Fellowship and exercise group that meets in the Family Center on Monday evening, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 8:30; follow Monte Picklers on Facebook
- Upward Basketball, Mid December to mid February
Promoting the discovery of Jesus for kindergarten through 3rd grade children through sports





A Brief History

In the year of our Lord 1856, eight people initiated the organization of the First Presbyterian Church and began to serve God in the community of Montezuma. In 1876, a white frame church was erected on the site of the present church parking lot. In 1962, action



was taken to share the same pastor with the Presbyterian Church located in Ewart, continuing until 1984 when our church voted to have a full-time pastor of its own. In 1971, our congregation moved into their new church building and in 1987, our Family Center opened.

During our long history, there were many pastors who served this church and community with a vision from God. In 1986, Pastor George Salnave and his wife Terry began a ministry worthy of praise. Through the years, God has seen fit to increase our pastoral staff to include an Office Manager, Children's Ministry Director, Treasurer, and a Worship Team Director. We have not only established an excellent youth program but it continues to grow. In 2011, our church became the Montezuma First Presbyterian Evangelical Church. Our community outreach is seen in many on-going projects such as the Zuma Noon Luncheon monthly meals, the Food Pantry, the Family Center, Upward Basketball, Summer Nights on the Square, and many other community-wide programs.

In 2022, our long-time Pastor George Salnave retired, and in 2023, we were blessed with an Interim Pastor Wayne Uppendahl and his wife Lorie. We remember our heritage with thanksgiving for those congregation members who have remained faithful and steadfast. As proud as we are of our church and the accomplishments we have made, we realize that it's only through the Grace of God that we are here. We are excited about the future of our church as we await our next Pastor.



Welcome Information Card

So that we can get to know you better please fill out the information below. Then tear off this page and return it in the offering plate; thank you.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

If applicable

Spouse's name _____

Names of children at home and their ages

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If you are a part time lake resident, please list your mailing address above and the physical address of your lake home here _____

Are you a new resident, first time visitor, or a returning visitor? (please circle one)

Comments _____



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