



The Lamplighter

April 2017 | Monthly Newsletter of Franklin Presbyterian Church

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Holy Week Schedule

April 9, 10:45 a.m. Passion/Palm Sunday worship service at Franklin Presbyterian Church

"Palm Sunday begins Holy Week, a time in the church year when we remember how Christ gave his life in love for the world. As this service opens, the crowd waves palm branches, wanting to crown Jesus as king."

April 16—Good Friday

Noon

Community Good Friday service at Franklin First United Methodist Church, sponsored by the F-S Ministerial Fellowship

7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Tenebrae service at FPC

The word "tenebrae" comes from Latin meaning "darkness." The Tenebrae is an ancient Christian Holy Week service that makes use of gradually diminishing light through the extinguishing of candles to symbolize the events of the week from the triumphant Palm Sunday entry through Jesus' death and burial.

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Holy Week (cont.)

April 16th, Easter Sunday

6:11 a.m.: Easter Sunrise service on the plaza/patio outside the Cornerstone

Bring a camping chair or borrow a chair from inside the Cornerstone, and meet us on the patio on the north side of the Cornerstone. We will worship God through hymns, prayer, and scripture readings. As the sun slowly rises and light shines through the darkness, we will thank God that the Son has risen!

8:30 a.m.: Easter Breakfast—cooked by the men of the church! *(Talk to Debbie Wyatt or Larry Smith if you'd like to help.)*

9:45: Adult Sunday School

10:00: Easter Egg Hunt
(no Youth/Children Sunday School)

10:45: Easter Worship Service
(in the sanctuary)

One Great Hour of Sharing offering
(learn more here: <http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/oghs>)



Pastor's Portion

Could you surrender yourself into the power of everything that is the opposite of what you are and believe? Could you do this for someone else? Someone who didn't care? Could you do this because of another's promise?

Jesus did. For forty hours, dead in a tomb, he fought death and the Devil, and shattered the gates of hell for all who trusted in him. That is the message of Good Friday and Easter morning. Christ, crucified and risen, for you, and for me.

That's what the rest of Lent and Holy Week and Easter prepares us for, and reminds us of. The first Sunday in April is our last Sunday of Lent. Palm Sunday, which officially is: Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday. We will process with palms and hear a dramatic reading of the Passion of the Christ. On Good Friday, if you do not go out at night, there will be a community Good Friday service at noon at the Franklin First United Methodist Church. Here at FPC, we will be having a Tenebrae service at 7 p.m.

Easter will begin with a Sunrise service at 6:11 a.m.. This will be followed by a breakfast and egg hunt. Then comes One Great Hour of Sharing. At our regular worship time, we will worship joyfully!

I have all of the lessons I am going to preach on for the services in the month of April picked and a tentative title given. Now, I have to get to work! I will be looking forward to seeing you, and your invited guests this month!

Blessings,
Pastor Jeff Otto





**“He is not here,
He Has RISEN!”**

-Mark 6:16

Youth Corner

The Youth Group is asking for volunteers from the congregation to help provide the youth meals on Wednesday evenings.

Please come and interact with our youth by providing a meal for them. Please see the sign up sheet in the educational wing, and sign up today!

The Youth Group will be stuffing Easter Eggs on Wednesday, April 12th.

They are asking for donations of individually wrapped candy (please no chocolate).

You may go ahead and bring your donations in and place them in the office.

Thank you!



The Youth Group meets on
Wednesdays
from 6-7 p.m. at the
Cornerstone.

Dinner will be provided and
the meeting opens and
closes with prayer.

After a spiritual practice or
scripture study, we will
discuss upcoming mission
projects/activities and play
some games.

Anna Smith is the
Youth Group leader.

All elementary aged students:

Join us for
“Jesus and Me” (J.A.M.)
on Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Dinner is provided with
the youth group.

The FPC Youth will be going to
‘Thunder over Louisville’
on Saturday April 22nd!



Announcements...

Join us on Tuesday, April 4th at 6 pm in the Cornerstone for a special Thrivent Presentation;

2017 Economic Update
Looking at the Year Ahead
Presented By Chuck Etzweiler CFP,
CMT, CIMA, CFA
Chuck's investment experience spans nearly three decades.

For over 15 years he has worked at Thrivent Investment Management as a Regional Vice President. In his current role Chuck serves as a Senior Portfolio Manager.

Light refreshments will be served. If you plan on attending, please sign up in the educational wing.



There will be a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday April 22nd at the Cornerstone from 7-10 a.m. The cost is \$5.00 and includes: pancakes, sausage and your choice of juice or coffee.

All proceeds will benefit *Habitat for Humanity of Simpson County* to support their effort to provide decent housing for deserving families.



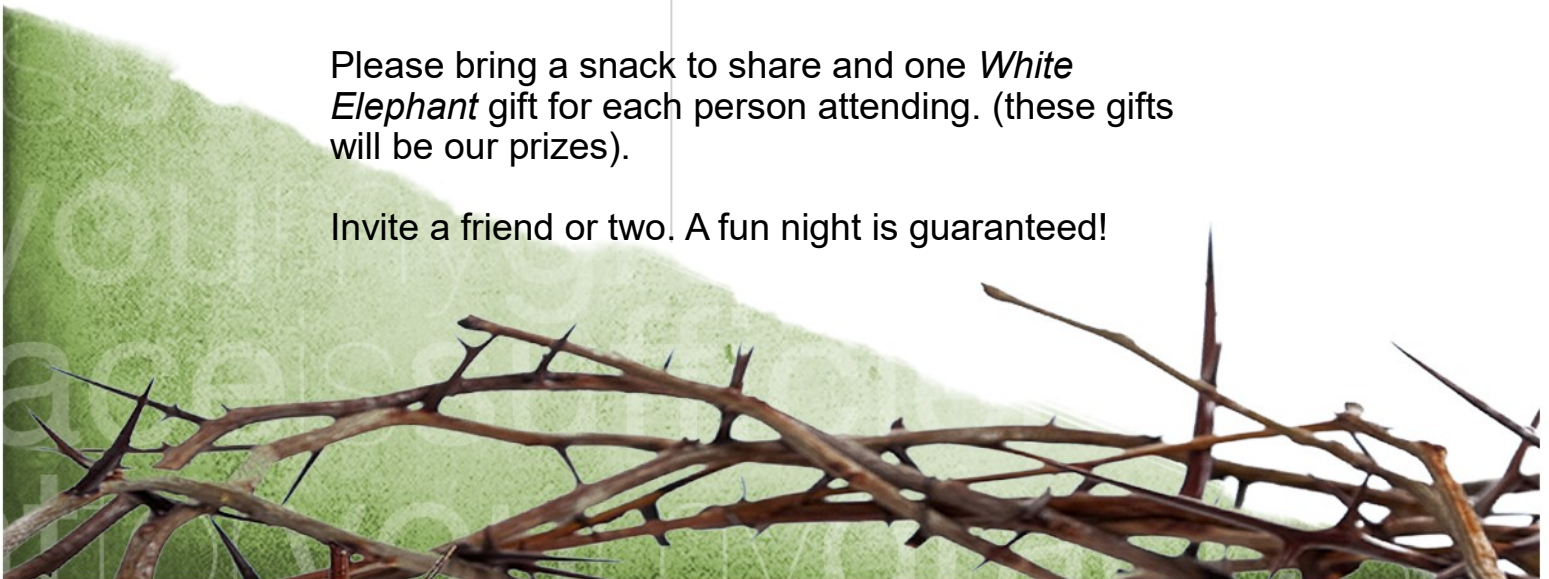
Please pass the word. We look forward to seeing you there!

ANNUAL FPC BINGO NIGHT

It is time again for our annual FPC Bingo Night. Please join us on Saturday April 29th at 6:30 p.m. This is an adults only event! We will once again have the dynamic duo of Mickey and Curry as our emcees.

Please bring a snack to share and one *White Elephant* gift for each person attending. (these gifts will be our prizes).

Invite a friend or two. A fun night is guaranteed!



APRIL
ELDER OF THE MONTH:
Caren Gibson
ELDER HELPER:
Donna Houston
FRIEND OF THE MONTH:
Sandy Sparley



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Stewardship Corner

March Average Attendance:

Mar. 5	56
Mar. 12	51
Mar. 19	70
Mar. 26	67

March Weekly Offering

Average:	\$2,259.47
Mar. 5	\$3,261.65
Mar. 12	\$1,661.25
Mar. 19	\$1,942.00
Mar. 26	\$2,147.00

Average Weekly Income
Needed for Budget:
\$2,403.85

Ruling Elders Serving on Session:

Anna Smith
Barry Hain
CJ Hall
Emma Jean Kirby
Meredith Halcomb
Donna Houston
Caren Gibson
Becky Stubbs
Prentice Knight

DEACONS:
Mary Frances Page
Marcella Davis
Woon Yen Prall

CLERK OF SESSION: Donna Houston

Next Regularly Stated Session Meeting:
April 23rd

*May your Easter be
blessed with the
wonder of His love,
the abundance of
His joy, and the
sweetness of His
presence.*



April 2017 Daily Lectionary

These Scripture readings are from the two-year daily lectionary of the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox Press 1993). The readings from the three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals are not included in this document.

Saturday, April 1

Morning: Pss. 43; 149
Evening: Pss. 31; 143
Jer. 23:9–15
Rom. 9:1–18
John 6:60–71

Sunday, April 2

5th Sunday in Lent

Morning: Pss. 84; 150
Evening: Pss. 42; 32
Jer. 23:16–32
1 Cor. 9:19–27
Mark 8:31–9:1

Monday, April 3

Morning: Pss. 119:73–80; 145
Evening: Pss. 121; 6
Jer. 24:1–10
Rom. 9:19–33
John 9:1–17

Tuesday, April 4

Morning: Pss. 34; 146
Evening: Pss. 25; 91
Jer. 25:8–17
Rom. 10:1–13
John 9:18–41

Wednesday, April 5

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 27; 51
Jer. 25:30–38
Rom. 10:14–21
John 10:1–18

Thursday, April 6

Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 102
Jer. 26:1–16 (17–24)
Rom. 11:1–12
John 10:19–42

Friday, April 7

Morning: Pss. 22; 148
Evening: Pss. 105; 130
Jer. 29:1 (2–3) 4–14
Rom. 11:13–24
John 11:1–27
or John 12:1–10

Saturday, April 8

Morning: Pss. 43; 149
Evening: Pss. 31; 143
Jer. 31:27–34
Rom. 11:25–36
John 11:28–44
or John 12:37–50

Sunday, April 9

Palm/Passion Sunday

Morning: Pss. 84; 150
Evening: Pss. 42; 32
Zech. 9:9–12
1 Tim. 6:12–16
or Zech. 12:9–11; 13:1, 7–9
Matt. 21:12–1

Monday, April 10

Monday of Holy Week

Morning: Pss. 119:73–80; 145
Evening: Pss. 121; 6
Jer. 11:18–20; 12:1–16 (17)
Phil. 3:1–14
John 12:9–19

Tuesday, April 11

Tuesday of Holy Week

Morning: Pss. 34; 146
Evening: Pss. 25; 91
Jer. 15:10–21
Phil. 3:15–21
John 12:20–26

Wednesday, April 12

Wednesday of Holy Week

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 27; 51
Jer. 17:5–10, 14–17 (18)
Phil. 4:1–13
John 12:27–36

Thursday, April 13

Maundy Thursday

Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 102
Jer. 20:7–11 (12–13) 14–18
1 Cor. 10:14–17; 11:27–32
John 17:1–11 (12–26)

Friday, April 14

Good Friday

Morning: Pss. 22; 148
Evening: Pss. 105; 130
Gen. 22:1–14
1 Peter 1:10–20
John 13:36–38
or John 19:38–42

Saturday, April 15

Holy Saturday

Morning: Pss. 43; 149
Evening: Pss. 31; 143
Job 19:21–27a
Heb. 4:1–16
Rom. 8:1–11

Sunday, April 16

Resurrection of the Lord /

Easter Sunday

Morning: Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117
Exod. 12:1–14
John 1:1–18 or Isa. 51:9–11
Luke 24:13–35
or John 20:19–23

Monday, April 17
Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Jonah 2:1–10
Acts 2:14, 22–32
John 14:1–14

Tuesday, April 18
Morning: Pss. 98; 146
Evening: Pss. 66; 116
Isa. 30:18–26
Acts 2:36–41 (42–47)
John 14:15–31

Wednesday, April 19
Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118
Micah 7:7–15
Acts 3:1–10
John 15:1–11

Thursday, April 20
Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113
Ezek. 37:1–14
Acts 3:11–26
John 15:12–27

Friday, April 21
Morning: Pss. 96; 148
Evening: Pss. 49; 138
Dan. 12:1–4, 13
Acts 4:1–12
John 16:1–15

Saturday, April 22
Morning: Pss. 92; 149
Evening: Pss. 23; 114
Isa. 25:1–9
Acts 4:13–21 (22–31)
John 16:16–33

Sunday, April 23
2nd Sunday of Easter
Morning: Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117
Isa. 43:8–13
1 Peter 2:2–10
John 14:1–7

Monday, April 24
Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Dan. 1:1–21
1 John 1:1–10
John 17:1–11

Tuesday, April 25
Morning: Pss. 98; 146
Evening: Pss. 66; 116
Dan. 2:1–16
1 John 2:1–11
John 17:12–19

Wednesday, April 26
Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118
Dan. 2:17–30
1 John 2:12–17
John 17:20–26

Thursday, April 27
Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113
Dan. 2:31–49
1 John 2:18–29
Luke 3:1–14

Friday, April 28
Morning: Pss. 96; 148
Evening: Pss. 49; 138
Dan. 3:1–18
1 John 3:1–10
Luke 3:15–22

Saturday, April 29
Morning: Pss. 92; 149
Evening: Pss. 23; 114
Dan. 3:19–30
1 John 3:11–18
Luke 4:1–13

Sunday, April 30
3rd Sunday of Easter
Morning: Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117
Dan. 4:1–18
1 Peter 4:7–11
John 21:15–25

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LECTOR/USHER SCHEDULE

• Sunday, April 2

LECTOR: BECKY STUBBS

USHERS: BOBBY PAGE/PRENTICE KNIGHT

• Sunday, April 9

LECTOR: BECKY STUBBS

USHERS: BOBBY PAGE/PRENTICE KNIGHT

Sunday, April 16

LECTOR: BECKY STUBBS

USHERS: BOBBY PAGE/PRENTICE KNIGHT

Sunday, April 23

LECTOR: BECKY STUBBS

USHERS: BOBBY PAGE/PRENTICE KNIGHT

• Sunday, April 30

• LECTOR: BECKY STUBBS

USHERS: BOBBY PAGE/PRENTICE KNIGHT

WEEKLY EVENTS & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

• **Handbells:** Wednesdays, 5-6:00 pm

• **Choir:** Wednesdays, 6-7:30 pm

• **AA Meetings:** M, T, R, & F @ 7:30 pm; W @ 6:00pm; M, Sat. @ 8:00 a.m.

Apr. 3 Fellowship Committee 3 pm
Building & Maintenance 5 pm

Apr. 4 Worship Committee 5:30 pm

Apr. 6 Young Disciples 5 pm
Christian Service 5:30 pm

APRIL 2017

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Congregational Meeting Communion	3	4 Thrivent Mtg 6 pm	5	6	7	8 <i>Lester Key</i>
9 Palm Sunday <i>Cathy Ware</i>	10	11	12	13	14 Good Friday Service 12 pm @ UMC Tenebrae 7 pm @ FPC	15
16 EASTER Sunrise Service 6:11am Breakfast/Egg Hunt	17	18 RED CROSS Blood Drive 12-6	19	20	21	22 Youth trip to Thunder over Louisville
23 <i>Elizabeth Webb</i> Session	24	25	26	27	28	29 BINGO Night
30 5th Sunday Potluck						

*Birthdays in italics

Looking Ahead —May

ELDER OF THE MONTH:

Emma Jean Kirby

ELDER HELPER:

Prentice Knight

FRIEND OF THE MONTH

Linda Knight

- **May 4:** Young Disciples 5 pm.
- **May 14:** Mother's Day
- **May 29:** Memorial Day, (Office Closed)



CONTACT US:

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday

9:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

LUNCH:

A half hour between

11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

TELEPHONE

(270) 586-4535

FAX

(270) 586-4592

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Jeff Otto

Interim Pastor

Candice Mendoza,

Pastoral Administrative Assistant

Carolle Tracy,

Music Director

Donna Houston, **Organist**

Shirley Crutcher, **Nursery**

Reminder: *Good Samaritan Food Pantry*

On the first Sunday of each month, we partake of the Lord's Supper together in worship. On each first Sunday, we also bring our gifts of canned goods and pantry items for the Good Samaritan food pantry. These items are placed in the red bin at the back of the sanctuary.

Thank you to all who have given over these past months and years, and thank you to all who will continue to give in the future! Let us find nourishment at God's table each month, that we may be sent out to nourish God's world.



**Feeding the
Community**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Teacher: Prentice Knight

Time: Sunday, 9:30am-10:30am

9:30-9:45 – Coffee & Fellowship

9:45-10:30 – Class Time

Location: The Cornerstone

Bible study & thoughtful discussion of the Scripture with the purpose of fostering spiritual growth & developing a better understanding of how a follower of Christ should live in the modern world.

ADULT BIBLE JOURNALING CLASS

Sunday 9:45 am

YOUTH & CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth Sunday School

Time: 9:45am

TODDLERS

(ages 5 and under) are welcome in the nursery (ground floor of education wing) from 9:30am until worship finishes.

ADULT CHOIR

Wednesday, 6:00pm-7:30pm

Upstairs, education wing

"Serve The Lord With Gladness; Come Before His Presence With Singing!" Psalm 100 (It's Biblical!!)

HANDBELL CHOIR

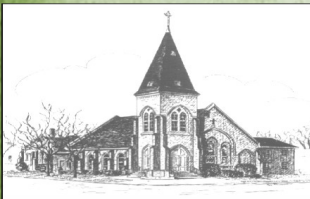
Wednesday, 5:00-6:00 pm.

NEW MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

Are you considering joining FPC as a new member?

Do you know someone who has been attending recently who might like to join? If you have interest in participating in new members classes, please contact the church office or Pastor Jeff

Do you have something to go in the Lamplighter? Submit it to the office by the 20th of each month.



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