



The Lamplighter

April 2020 | Monthly Newsletter of Franklin Presbyterian Church

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The Church Office, Church Services and all Church Activities will remain closed/cancelled until further notice.

As of right now the plan is to follow Gov. Beshear's guidelines regarding schools, churches.

Please continue to follow all guidelines set forth by state and federal officials.



Pastor's Portion

I have seen this written on our denominational website, www.pcusa.org : **"Easter Sunday is something like the keystone in an arch — the top and center stone upon which all the other stones lean and depend — both in terms of its theological significance and its relation to other events in the Christian year. Theologically speaking, the faith we claim and the life we live depends on the affirmation, celebration and proclamation of Christ's resurrection."**

Easter holds other celebrations and festivities on either side of it in place. We cannot celebrate the Transfiguration or Pentecost Sunday, each being on either side of Easter, until we know the date of Easter Sunday. This year Easter Sunday is April 12.

It is the Risen Christ that is our keystone. As individuals, we cannot fully know ourselves until we know Jesus the Christ. We, as individuals, make up one side of the arch that is centered by the keystone of Christ. Then there is the other side --- the Christian community. We begin to know more about ourselves and each other as we all come together in relationship with Christ.

Holy Week, coming up next week, sets the stage for Easter to be in our lives. So much of the symbolism, ritual and traditions of Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter seem to be ripped out of our hands and hearts, yet, our worship leaders for time, within which we presently travel are doing our best to present as much of these that we can online. Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter services are presented to each of us this next Sunday and the following Sunday on April 12. Please find these Sunday worship experiences on our church's website or our Face Book Page. Go to <https://www.franklinpresbyterian.org/> (Click on sermons tab and for children, resources tab.) Or Face Book is: <https://www.facebook.com/franklinpresbyterian/>

Let the peace that passes all understanding be residing in each of us that seems to be so uncertain in our daily lives, but which is certain in Christ Jesus.

Pastor Mike

It was nearly evening after the resurrection of Jesus when he was invited by two disciples to share a meal with them. At this point, they did not recognize him. **When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him. Afterwards, they asked each other: "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" ---Luke 24:30-32**





“He is not here,
He Has RISEN!

-Mark 6:16

God's Talent in Franklin Presbyterian Church

By Gwen Stubbs

Throughout the community, Franklin Presbyterian Church has been known for its conglomerate philanthropy. The church regularly participates in groups such as Habitat for Humanity, The Good Samaritan, and Living Waters for the World, but unbeknownst to most of Franklin, the church has been doing even more for their community in recent years.

At the end of each year, the FPC Adult Sunday School Class participates in what is called God's Talent Project. It is a tradition that first began in 2009, and ever since has had continued support from the class. At the end of each year, the money collected in each Sunday School class is pooled together and split between each member depending on how many classes they attended throughout the year and used in their choosing of philanthropic work. The goal is to develop and encourage Christians to carry out what they believe God's work to be; walking the Christian talk if you will.

This year, the class had collected \$1,925 to distribute, with those who attended 40 or more classes given \$95, 20-39 classes \$80, and 10-19 classes \$46 to spend. In total, 27 members were given money to distribute as they see fit. A list of guidelines were given to each member allotted any amount of money: Remember this is God's money, invest in God's work, pray for guidance on how to spend the money, the money cannot be used to do anything illegal or obviously immoral, and by Sunday, January 19, 2020, turn in a brief written statement about how you used the money.

This year, the class has decided on a multitude of ways to assist not only in Franklin, but in an even wider radius. Ranging from contributions to the Boys and Girls Club, to donations for the Nashville Rescue Mission, to benefactions for the UNHCR. The project is also used to not just help larger

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FPC News & Events

Please send in your nominations for FPC's Woman and Man of the Year. You may email them to the church at franklinpresbyterian@gmail.com or please call the office phone at (270) 586-4535 and leave a message.

During this time, Ms. Shirley will be reaching out on the phone to the FPC Youth to read to them, say prayers with them.



During the church shutdown, the janitor service, in addition to the regular cleaning, etc. will be shampooing the sanctuary carpet, scrubbing floors, baseboards, clean windows, yard work, etc.

God's Talent in Franklin Presbyterian Church *continued*

Organizations, but also individuals in Franklin, such as a family in need or an anonymous child. One woman in past years would pay a bill for someone who had difficulties paying for it. Whatever each Sunday School member decided to do with the money, however, has made something a little easier and life a little brighter for someone else.

If you are interested in finding out more about what each individual did for the God's Talent Project, feel free to visit Franklin Presbyterian Church for the summaries. Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and if you are interested in participating in the project, Sunday School classes start at 9:45 a.m. in the Cornerstone behind the main building.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, April 14th

12-6 P.M. In the Cornerstone

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



Stewardship Corner

APRIL ELDER OF THE MONTH:

Debbie Wyatt

ELDER HELPER:

Cathy Stratton

FRIEND OF THE MONTH:

Diane Shutt



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Ruling Elders Serving on Session:

Debbie Wyatt
Mary Jo Dreher
Bob Thompson
Cathy Stratton
John Halcomb
Jim Sowney
Caren Gibson
Jane Rahm
Larry Smith

DEACONS:

Diane Shutt
Marcella Davis
Woon Yen Prall

CLERK OF SESSION:

Woon Yen Prall

March Avg. Attendance:

Mar. 1	65
Mar. 8	50
Mar. 15	N/A
Mar. 22	N/A
Mar. 29	N/A

March Avg. Offering: \$.

Mar. 1	\$3,565.00
Mar. 8	\$1,577.00
Mar. 15	N/A
Mar. 22	N/A
Mar. 29	N/A

**Avg. Wkly. Income Needed
for Budget: \$2,057.69**

*No Services due to Covid-19

Because essential services are still being done and in order to meet the needs of the church now and going forward, we remind you to please continue to send in your offerings via mail or by utilizing our online donation capabilities located on our website.

*For those we have already received,
we send a huge thank you!*



April 2020 Daily Lectionary

These Scripture readings are from the two-year daily lectionary of the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox Press, 2018). The readings from the three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals are not included in this document.

April

Wednesday, April 1

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11

Evening: Pss. 27; 51

Exod. 7:8–24

2 Cor. 2:14–3:6

Mark 10:1–16

Thursday, April 2

Morning: Pss. 27;
147:12–20

Evening: Pss. 126; 102

Exod. 7:25–8:19

2 Cor. 3:7–18

Mark 10:17–31

Friday, April 3

Morning: Pss. 22; 148

Evening: Pss. 105; 130

Exod. 9:13–35

2 Cor. 4:1–12

Mark 10:32–45

Saturday, April 4

Morning: Pss. 43; 149

Evening: Pss. 31; 143

Exod. 10:21–11:8

2 Cor. 4:13–18

Mark 10:46–52

Sunday, April 5

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

Luke 19:41–48

Monday, April 6

Monday of Holy Week

Morning: Pss. 119:73–80;
145

Evening: Pss. 121; 6

Lam. 1:1–2, 6–12

2 Cor. 1:1–7

Mark 11:12–25

Tuesday, April 7

Tuesday of Holy Week

Morning: Pss. 34; 146

Evening: Pss. 25; 91

Lam. 1:17–22

2 Cor. 1:8–22

Mark 11:27–33

Wednesday, April 8

Wednesday of Holy Week

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11

Evening: Pss. 27; 51

Lam. 2:1–9

2 Cor. 1:23–2:11

Mark 12:1–11

Thursday, April 9

Maundy Thursday

Morning: Pss. 27;
147:12–20

Evening: Pss. 126; 102

Lam. 2:10–18

1 Cor. 10:14–17; 11:27–32

Mark 14:12–25

Friday, April 10

Good Friday

Morning: Pss. 22; 148

Evening: Pss. 105; 130

Lam. 3:1–9, 19–33

1 Peter 1:10–20

John 13:36–38 or John
19:38–42

Saturday, April 11

Holy Saturday/Great Vigil of
Easter

Morning: Pss. 43; 149

Evening: Pss. 31; 143

Lam. 3:37–58

Heb. 4:1–16

Rom. 8:1–11

Sunday, April 12

Resurrection of the
Lord/Easter

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 13

Morning: Pss. 97; 145

Evening: Pss. 124; 115

Exod. 12:14–27

1 Cor. 15:1–11

Mark 16:1–8

Tuesday, April 14

Morning: Pss. 98; 146

Evening: Pss. 66; 116

Exod. 12:28–39

1 Cor. 15:12–28

Mark 16:9–20

Wednesday, April 15

Morning: Pss. 99;

147:1–11

Evening: Pss. 9; 118

Exod. 12:40–51

1 Cor. 15:(29) 30–41

Matt. 28:1–16

Thursday, April 16
Morning: Pss. 47;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113
Exod. 13:3–10
1 Cor. 15:41–50
Matt. 28:16–20

Friday, April 17
Morning: Pss. 96; 148
Evening: Pss. 49; 138
Exod. 13:1–2, 11–16
1 Cor. 15:51–58
Luke 24:1–12

Saturday, April 18
Morning: Pss. 92; 149
Evening: Pss. 23; 114
Exod. 13:17–14:4
2 Cor. 4:16–5:10
Mark 12:18–27

Sunday, April 19
2nd Sunday of Easter
Morning: Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117
Exod. 14:5–22
1 John 1:1–7
John 14:1–7

Monday, April 20
Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Exod. 14:21–31
1 Peter 1:1–12
John 14:(1–7) 8–17

Tuesday, April 21
Morning: Pss. 98; 146
Evening: Pss. 66; 116
Exod. 15:1–21
1 Peter 1:13–25
John 14:18–31

Wednesday, April 22
Morning: Pss. 99;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118
Exod. 15:22–16:10
1 Peter 2:1–10
John 15:1–11

Thursday, April 23
Morning: Pss. 47;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113
Exod. 16:10–22
1 Peter 2:11–3:12
John 15:12–27

Friday, April 24
Morning: Pss. 96; 148
Evening: Pss. 49; 138
Exod. 16:23–36
1 Peter 3:13–4:6
John 16:1–15

Saturday, April 25
Morning: Pss. 92; 149
Evening: Pss. 23; 114
Exod. 17:1–16
1 Peter 4:7–19
John 16:16–33

Sunday, April 26
3rd Sunday of Easter
Morning: Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117
Exod. 18:1–12
1 John 2:7–17
Mark 16:9–20

Monday, April 27
Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Exod. 18:13–27
1 Peter 5:1–14
Matt. (1:1–17) 3:1–6

Tuesday, April 28
Morning: Pss. 98; 146
Evening: Pss. 66; 116
Exod. 19:1–16
Col. 1:1–14
Matt. 3:7–12

Wednesday, April 29
Morning: Pss. 99;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118
Exod. 19:16–25
Col. 1:15–23
Matt. 3:13–17

Thursday, April 30
Morning: Pss. 47;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113
Exod. 20:1–21
Col. 1:24–2:7
Matt. 4:1–11

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LECTOR/USHER SCHEDULE

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APRIL 2020

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 <i>Mickey Roark</i>	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 <i>Cathy Ware</i>	10 Good Friday	11
12 EASTER	13	14 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

* Birthdays in italics

WEEKLY EVENTS & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- **Handbells:** Wed. 4:45-5:45 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.

Looking Ahead —May



ELDER OF THE MONTH:

Jane Rahm

ELDER HELPER:

Bob Thompson

FRIEND OF THE MONTH

Cathy Stratton

- **May 10:** FPC Woman of the Year
- **May 25:** Memorial Day, (Office Closed)

CONTACT US:

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS*

Monday thru Thursday

9:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

**please see cover page*

TELEPHONE

(270) 586-4535

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CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Mike Chamberlain

Interim Pastor

Candice Mendoza,

Office Manager

Carolle Tracy,

Music Director

Donna Houston, **Organist**

Shirley Crutcher, **Nursery**



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

9:30-9:45 — Coffee & Fellowship

9:45-10:30 — Class Time

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.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth Sunday School

Time: 9:45am

TODDLERS

(ages 5 and under) are welcome in the nursery (*in conference room during renovation*) from 9:30am until worship finishes.

ADULT CHOIR

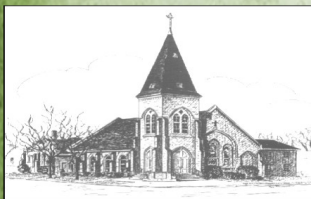
Wednesday, 6:00pm-7:30pm

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

HANDBELL CHOIR

4:45-5:45

Do you have something to go in the
Lamplighter? Submit it to the office by
the 27th of each month.



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