



The Lamplighter

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Pastor's Portion

We read in Joshua 1:9 concerning being resilient in times of great challenge:

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” The Israelites had just lost their God fearing leader in Moses and Joshua had just been called to lead them into the Promised Land. It was all too easy to let human fear distract them from staying connected to God.

While we are being faced with surviving and serving during the present pandemic, it is all too easy to forget that God is our refuge. It is built us to rush to judgement as to whether certain threats are of danger to us or those to whom we love. Our past fearful experiences still register sub-consciously inside us ready to guide us as to how threatening this particular event is to us. Our problem is that we may obsess over what we fear to the point that our human concerns distract us from “being strong and courageous” --- remembering that God is with us.

During challenges great and small, we are called to come closer to God, who is with us.

1. *Our first call is to allow calm to come over us no matter what.* We cannot come to calmness in mind until we have enough oxygen in our brains. Oxygen comes only when we breathe properly. I have spoken before about utilizing a scriptural verse during times of anxiousness, in which we repetitiously think of the verse as we breathe and exhale. I just came with a new one. The Lord's Prayer is presented with short clauses whereupon we can breathe while focusing on the first clause and exhale on the second and continue breathing and exhaling alternative all the way through the Lord's Prayer; all while focusing on the elements of the prayer and our breathing. We may repeat as many times as we wish. Our new positive habits will “build muscles of resilience” that will continue to serve us well and in the future.

2. *Connect with others and commune with all of God's Creation around us.* There are times when we need to reach out to others, our pets or go into our gardens for our own emotional and spiritual well-being. When we are in our own distress, we need to make these connections. There are other times when we will reach out and offer our own compassion to others in need of encouragement. I have found that my best emotional and spiritual healing occurred when I reached out to serve a need that others had.

Practically speaking, when we choose kindness or service to another person or to any of God's creation, we start by asking ourselves one question: “How can I help the other one to have a better day”? With that one question, our world begins to expand; our eyes open wider and we begin to see outside the smaller more closed in world to which we may have become accustomed. Whose face comes to your mind? Act upon that first mental picture.

Just as Joshua was called to be of good courage, so are we!

Pastor Mike

Please continue to enjoy our weekly virtual worship services. All videos are posted on our website and Facebook page. We want to send a huge thank you to all of those who have given their time and talents to our weekly virtual worship videos!

Be the Church

For a church on lockdown, it is amazing at what is being accomplished!

Here is what has been happening this past week:

- Since we are no longer open to give out aid, it was decided that we could create a flyer with resources available in our community. Then we installed a box by the office door to hold them. This flier was also emailed to many churches and organization. Since this was created, Feeding America held a food distribution on Friday, April 10th at the Jim Roberts Park.



- Our “mask makers” are still busy. If you would like a mask, contact Debbie Wyatt at (270) 223-7831.
- Elders continue to call their Shepherds List to stay in contact with all our members.
- The Boys and Girls Club is closed and need help planting their garden. It is no surprise, that some FPC members, led by Barry Hain, stepped up to the challenge. Now when the club reopens, they will have plants to tend!
- Many groups are learning how to use Zoom for meetings. If you have not downloaded the free app, please do that so you can be ready for future virtual events.
- Speaking of Zoom, Fellowship will be hosting a Zoom social event on Sunday, May 3rd at 11:00 a.m. Look for the link to join the meeting in a separate email. Jane Rahm has set this up and Debbie Wyatt will moderate. Be thinking of ONE positive thing that has happened during our “staying at home” time.

*Our Matthew 25 Taskforce now has 2 members-Meredith Halcomb & Debbie Wyatt.
Please let Debbie know if you would like to join!*



During this time of quarantine we have reached out to several essential businesses (including the post office, Medical Center Franklin, etc.) by taking them food, baked goodies, etc. We have received numerous cards of gratitude in return.

We also received a warm thank you from Harold Burton's daughter, Melody, thanking everyone for checking on Harold during this time.

May 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.

May

Friday, May 1

Morning: Pss. 96; 148
Evening: Pss. 49; 138
Exod. 24:1–18
Col. 2:8–23
Matt. 4:12–17

Saturday, May 2

Morning: Pss. 92; 149
Evening: Pss. 23; 114
Exod. 25:1–22
Col. 3:1–17
Matt. 4:18–25

Sunday, May 3

4th Sunday of Easter
Morning: Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117
Exod. 28:1–4, 30–38
1 John 2:18–29
Mark 6:30–44

Monday, May 4

Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Exod. 32:1–20
Col. 3:18–4:6 (7–18)
Matt. 5:1–10

Tuesday, May 5

Morning: Pss. 98; 146
Evening: Pss. 66; 116
Exod. 32:21–34
1 Thess. 1:1–10
Matt. 5:11–16

Wednesday, May 6

Morning: Pss. 99;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118
Exod. 33:1–23
1 Thess. 2:1–12
Matt. 5:17–20

Thursday, May 7

Morning: Pss. 47;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113
Exod. 34:1–17
1 Thess. 2:13–20
Matt. 5:21–26

Friday, May 8

Morning: Pss. 96; 148
Evening: Pss. 49; 138
Exod. 34:18–35
1 Thess. 3:1–13
Matt. 5:27–37

Saturday, May 9

Morning: Pss. 92; 149
Evening: Pss. 23; 114
Exod. 40:18–38
1 Thess. 4:1–12
Matt. 5:38–48

Sunday, May 10

5th Sunday of Easter
Morning: Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117
Lev. 8:1–13, 30–36
Heb. 12:1–14
Luke 4:16–30

Monday, May 11

Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Lev. 16:1–19
1 Thess. 4:13–18
Matt. 6:1–6, 16–18

Tuesday, May 12

Morning: Pss. 98; 146
Evening: Pss. 66; 116
Lev. 16:20–34
1 Thess. 5:1–11
Matt. 6:7–15

Wednesday, May 13

Morning: Pss. 99;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118
Lev. 19:1–18
1 Thess. 5:12–28
Matt. 6:19–24

Thursday, May 14

Morning: Pss. 47;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113
Lev. 19:26–37
2 Thess. 1:1–12
Matt. 6:25–34

Friday, May 15

Morning: Pss. 96; 148
Evening: Pss. 49; 138
Lev. 23:1–22
2 Thess. 2:1–17
Matt. 7:1–12

Saturday, May 16

Morning: Pss. 92; 149
Evening: Pss. 23; 114
Lev. 23:23–44
2 Thess. 3:1–18
Matt. 7:13–21

Sunday, May 17
6th Sunday of Easter
Morning: Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117
Lev. 25:1–17
James 1:2–8, 16–18
Luke 12:13–21

Monday, May 18
Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Lev. 25:35–55
Col. 1:9–14
Matt. 13:1–16

Tuesday, May 19
Morning: Pss. 98; 146
Evening: Pss. 66; 116
Lev. 26:1–20
1 Tim. 2:1–6
Matt. 13:18–23

Wednesday, May 20
Morning: Pss. 99;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118
Lev. 26:27–42
Eph. 1:1–10
Matt. 22:41–46

Thursday, May 21
Ascension of the Lord
Morning: Pss. 47;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113
Dan. 7:9–14
Heb. 2:5–18
Matt. 28:16–20

Friday, May 22
Morning: Pss. 96; 148
Evening: Pss. 49; 138
1 Sam. 2:1–10
Eph. 2:1–10
Matt. 7:22–27

Saturday, May 23
Morning: Pss. 92; 149
Evening: Pss. 23; 114
Num. 11:16–17, 24–29
Eph. 2:11–22
Matt. 7:28–8:4

Sunday, May 24
7th Sunday of Easter
Morning: Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117
Exod. 3:1–12
Heb. 12:18–29
Luke 10:17–24

Monday, May 25
Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Josh. 1:1–9
Eph. 3:1–13
Matt. 8:5–17

Tuesday, May 26
Morning: Pss. 98; 146
Evening: Pss. 66; 116
1 Sam. 16:1–13a
Eph. 3:14–21
Matt. 8:18–27

Wednesday, May 27
Morning: Pss. 99;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118
Isa. 4:2–6
Eph. 4:1–16
Matt. 8:28–34

Thursday, May 28
Morning: Pss. 47;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113
Zech. 4:1–14
Eph. 4:17–32
Matt. 9:1–8

Friday, May 29
Morning: Pss. 96; 148
Evening: Pss. 49; 138
Jer. 31:27–34
Eph. 5:1–32
Matt. 9:9–17

Saturday, May 30
Morning: Pss. 92; 149
Evening: Pss. 23; 114
Ezek. 36:22–27
Eph. 6:1–24
Matt. 9:18–26

Sunday, May 31
Day of Pentecost
Morning: Pss. 104; 150
Evening: Pss. 29; 33
Deut. 16:9–12
Acts 4:18–21, 23–33
John 4:19–26

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Please continue to check the website and our Facebook page for updates regarding the resumption of in-person services!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8 <i>Leroy Brown</i>	9 <i>Sam Halcomb</i>
10 <i>Hazel James</i>	11 <i>Carol Switzer</i>	12 <i>Malita Joiner</i>	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 <i>Mary Jo Dreher</i>	20 <i>Loretta Eve Bob Thompson</i>	21	22 <i>Maxie Key</i>	23 <i>Margaret Crowder</i>
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27 <i>Sally Brown Frances Hain</i>	28	29	30
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Thank you!

To all who have continued to give to FPC during this difficult time.

We truly appreciate you and all you have done!

As a reminder, in order to meet our budget, we have to average \$2,057.69 weekly. You may mail your offerings to the church office or go to our online donation button on the website!

Looking Ahead..

JUNE:

ELDER OF THE MONTH:


Mary Jo Dreher

ELDER HELPER OF THE MONTH:

Debbie Wyatt

FRIEND OF THE MONTH:

Linda Knight



Thanks to all who have followed the guidelines for staying safe during this time. We hope it will bring us back together sooner rather than later.

Please continue checking our website and Facebook page for continued updates.

If you have any questions or concerns, please leave a message on the church phone or contact your Shepherd.

Ruling Elders Serving on Session:

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

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Diane Shutt
Marcella Davis
Woon Yen Prall

Clerk of Session: Woon Yen Prall

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Check the website and Facebook for service updates!

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

Check the website and Facebook for updates!

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

HANDBELL CHOIR

Check the website and Facebook for updates!

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



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