



The Lamplighter

FEBRUARY 2021

Monthly Newsletter of
Franklin Presbyterian Church

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True Love

For God so lo**V**ed the world,
That He g**A**ve
his on**L**y
Begott**E**n
So **N**
That whosoever
Believeth **I**n Him
Should **N**ot perish,
But have **E**verlasting life."
John 3:16

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FEBRUARY

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Jane Rahm

ELDER HELPER: Caren Gibson

FRIEND OF THE MONTH: Nancy Thomas

Pastor's Pen

Lent and Lament.....

Beginning each new year always offers a chance to start fresh. And 2021 was no exception. Yet we experienced some unsettling things in our first month of the year, from the loss of beloved friends to the wobbly governmental transition, and it leaves us reeling a bit as we move forward. Praise be to God who sustains us!

Then we begin again into February, the shortest month and one that can often be enlightening as we lament. I have always loved the celebration of Black History Month in February. I have been a member of churches that utilized the contributions of Black Christians as part of the worship during February. As a White Christian, I sometimes found that unsettling because it forced me to acknowledge and confront some of my ancestral and current complicity in the treatment of Black folks in our nation. However, the tension of that lament and the celebration of the image of God so evident in our Black siblings is what makes it so memorable and enriching.

As we begin February, seek out the Black voices in your areas of interest. Who have you been listening to, whether music or art or business or theology or entertainment?

It's a good practice to think about as in the second half of February we enter the liturgical season of Lent, where we begin to contemplate and pray in preparation of the commemoration of the death of Jesus Christ and his triumphant resurrection. Lent is what we make of it, so entering into with a sense of awe and wonder and participation in a new introspection into our bodies and our heritage as American Christians could open our hearts and souls to the work of the Holy Spirit.

We will be working through the Psalms in our preaching during Lent and those Psalms of lament will hopefully resonate with our personal and communal journeys through this season. Also, there will be times of Bible Study and prayer available on Zoom and in the church social media sites. I encourage you all to participate as God leads you to commune with one another during this time to evaluate what God is calling us to do next.

The work of lament and the work of introspection in lent are difficult, yet the road of discipleship in Jesus Christ is one that involves ALL of who we are, our minds, bodies, souls, and spirits. Let us engage our God and each other in new and exciting ways!

The love, grace, and peace of Christ be upon you all!

Pastor Daniel



Stewardship Corner

January Average Attendance: N/A

Thank you to everyone who continues to view our virtual worship services online, and a huge amount of gratitude to all who have made those services possible!

January Weekly Offering Average: \$2,142.63

Jan. 3	\$1,425.00
Jan. 10	\$790.00
Jan. 17	\$2,705.00
Jan. 24	\$1,911.73
Jan. 31	3,881.40

**Average Weekly Income Needed for Budget:
\$2,096.15**

Ruling Elders Serving on Session

John Halcomb
Caren Gibson
Woon Yen Prall
Larry Smith
Bob Thompson

Jane Rahm
Cathy Stratton

DEACONS:
Marcella Davis
Donna Houston
Meredith Halcomb

Next Regularly Stated Session Meeting: February 23rd at 6 pm.

Clerks of All Committees: Please submit all committee minutes to the church office for inclusion in the Session packet. **THANK YOU!**

Clerk of Session: Woon Yen Prall

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Woon Yen Prall was re-elected Clerk of Session for a one-year term.
- Guy Prall was re-elected Treasurer for a one year term.
- Bob Thompson will be Elder Commissioner for the virtual February 9 Presbytery meeting.
- All end of year Presbytery reports and PC(USA) Statistical reports were filed.
- Larry Smith was elected to the nominating committee.
- Discussed return to in-person worship per Covid protocols and guidelines.
- Matthew 25 Committee received a \$15,000 Innovative Grant from Western Kentucky Presbytery and welcomed a new member, Tammie McCory.
- "Feed the Need" lunches were expanded to include Mondays and Fridays.
- Approved a weekly "Fish Fry Fundraiser" in February for the "Live the Proof" drop-in center.
- Frozen "Manna Meals" by Fellowship Committee in Cornerstone for anyone in need.
- John Halcomb will serve as Elder representative on Personnel Committee.
- Young Disciples shared plans for Valentine's Day, Lent, Easter and Spring VBS.
- Money was sent to the Living Waters project in Guatemala.
- Use of Cornerstone for RITI through the end of February.
- Use of Cornerstone for lunch meetings sponsored by "Footprints Outreach and Support" organization, once Covid guidelines permit.

February 2021 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.

Monday, February 1

Morning: Pss. 62; 145
Evening: Pss. 73; 9
Isa. 51:17–23
Gal. 4:1–11
Mark 7:24–37

Tuesday, February 2

Morning: Pss. 12; 146
Evening: Pss. 36; 7
Isa. 52:1–12
Gal. 4:12–20
Mark 8:1–10

Wednesday, February 3

Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 132; 134
Isa. 52:13–53:12
Gal. 4:21–31
Mark 8:11–26

Thursday, February 4

Morning: Pss. 116;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 26; 130
Isa. 54:1–10 (11–17)
Gal. 5:1–15
Mark 8:27–9:1

Friday, February 5

Morning: Pss. 84; 148
Evening: Pss. 25; 40
Isa. 55:1–13
Gal. 5:16–24
Mark 9:2–13

Saturday, February 6

Morning: Pss. 63; 149
Evening: Pss. 125; 90
Isa. 56:1–8
Gal. 5:25–6:10
Mark 9:14–29

Sunday, February 7

Morning: Pss. 103; 150
Evening: Pss. 117; 139
Isa. 57:1–13
Heb. 12:1–6
John 7:37–46

Monday, February 8

Morning: Pss. 5; 145
Evening: Pss. 82; 29
Isa. 57:14–21
Gal. 6:11–18
Mark 9:30–41

Tuesday, February 9

Morning: Pss. 42; 146
Evening: Pss. 102; 133
Isa. 58:1–12
2 Tim. 1:1–14
Mark 9:42–50

Wednesday, February 10

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 1; 33
Isa. 59:1–21
2 Tim. 1:15–2:13
Mark 10:1–16

Thursday, February 11

Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 16; 62
Isa. 60:1–22
2 Tim. 2:14–26
Mark 10:17–31

Friday, February 12

Morning: Pss. 51; 148
Evening: Pss. 142; 65
Isa. 61:1–9
2 Tim. 3:1–17
Mark 10:32–45

Saturday, February 13

Morning: Pss. 104; 149
Evening: Pss. 138; 98
Isa. 61:10–62:5
2 Tim. 4:1–8
Mark 10:46–52

Sunday, February 14 Transfiguration of the Lord

Morning: Pss. 103; 150
Evening: Pss. 117; 139
Dan. 7:9–10, 13–14
2 Cor. 3:1–9
John 12:27–36a

Monday, February 15

Morning: Pss. 5; 145
Evening: Pss. 82; 29
Deut. 6:1–15
Heb. 1:1–14
John 1:1–18

Tuesday, February 16

Morning: Pss. 42; 146
Evening: Pss. 102; 133
Deut. 6:16–25
Heb. 2:1–10
John 1:19–28

Wednesday, February 17 Ash Wednesday

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 27; 51
Jonah 3:1–4:11
Heb. 12:1–14
Luke 18:9–14

Thursday, February 18

Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 102
Deut. 7:6–11
Titus 1:1–16
John 1:29–34

Friday, February 19
Morning: Pss. 22; 148
Evening: Pss. 105; 130
Deut. 7:12–16
Titus 2:1–15
John 1:35–42

Saturday, February 20
Morning: Pss. 43; 149
Evening: Pss. 31; 143
Deut. 7:17–26
Titus 3:1–15
John 1:43–51

Sunday, February 21
First Sunday in Lent
Morning: Pss. 84; 150
Evening: Pss. 42; 32
Jer. 9:23–24
1 Cor. 1:18–31
Mark 2:18–22

Monday, February 22
Morning: Pss. 119:73–80; 145
Evening: Pss. 121; 6
Deut. 8:1–20
Heb. 2:11–18
John 2:1–12

Tuesday, February 23
Morning: Pss. 34; 146
Evening: Pss. 25; 91
Deut. 9:(1–3) 4–12
Heb. 3:1–11
John 2:13–22

Wednesday, February 24
Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 27; 51
Deut. 9:13–21
Heb. 3:12–19
John 2:23–3:15

Thursday, February 25
Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 102
Deut. 9:23–10:5
Heb. 4:1–10
John 3:16–21

Friday, February 26
Morning: Pss. 22; 148
Evening: Pss. 105; 130
Deut. 10:12–22
Heb. 4:11–16
John 3:22–36

Saturday, February 27
Morning: Pss. 43; 149
Evening: Pss. 31; 143
Deut. 11:18–28
Heb. 5:1–10
John 4:1–26

Sunday, February 28
Second Sunday in Lent
Morning: Pss. 84; 150
Evening: Pss. 42; 32
Jer. 1:1–10
1 Cor. 3:11–23
Mark 3:31–4:9

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Please continue to go to our Facebook page and YouTube channel for weekly virtual services.

For Youth & Children meetings, please check Facebook and your church email!

WEEKLY EVENTS & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- **Hand Bells:** TBD
- **Choir:** TBD

MEETINGS

Fellowship-Mon. Feb. 8-1:30 pm
Worship-Tues. Feb. 9-4:30 pm
Matthew 25-Tues. Feb. 9-6:30 pm
Young Disciples-Wed. Feb. 10-10 am
Personnel-Wed. Feb. 10-3 pm*
Finance-Tues. Feb. 16- 3 pm
SESSION-Tues. Feb. 23-6 pm

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FEBRUARY 2021

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Steven Cropper</i>	2 <i>Mary Frances Page</i>	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9 Red Cross 12-6	10	11	12 <i>CJ Hall</i>	13
14	15	16	17 <i>Ash</i> <i>Wednesday</i>	18	19 <i>Melanie Dean</i>	20
21 <i>Charlie Shumaker</i>	22 <i>Bill Sparley</i>	23	24	25	26	27
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* Birthdays in italics

News & Events

CLOTHES CLOSET

Over 100 articles of clothing were given out during January. Due to Room in the Inn, we are serving a number of homeless and we did not have bags that can be carried around with them. Dragging a garbage bag is not a good solution! So thanks to a donation from a member of First United Methodist Church, we bought vinyl bags with zippers that should really help. We also are continuing to give out underwear purchased for us by Good Samaritan. We have certainly been blessed!



Live the Proof

We are excited to announce a Friday Fish Fry Fundraiser in February to help fund a Drop-In Center for those who need a hand up, not just a hand out. Let Debbie Wyatt know if you would like to order a lunch or more info about the Drop-In Center. You can pick up lunch from 11:30-1:00, but it will be first come-first serve. So if you know you want one, Debbie will make sure yours is held until you arrive. Free will offering, but it is for a great cause, so give generously.

We continue to get free eggs that we share with First Baptist. A huge food donation was given by Kentucky Downs so that food is being used for the Tuesday/Thursday lunches. Our own Joe Shumaker is a regular volunteer for this program. We were also approved to partner with Feeding America and will be getting food on a regular basis from them.

Another "new" program Matthew 25 is getting off the ground. Food vouchers from Piggly Wiggly and gas vouchers from Key Stop/BP will be available to help those in need. We budgeted \$1,000 from our grant to fund this endeavor.

Volunteer help is needed for the Clothes Closet and Feed the Need soup kitchen. We have been amazed at how the more we do, the more generous people are. God has definitely blessed this ministry!



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH
12 P.M.-6 P.M.
IN THE CORNERSTONE



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If you know someone who could use a home cooked meal, your Fellowship Committee has you covered. We have been preparing entrees and soup and freezing them. They are in the refrigerator freezer on the right side, with a sign out sheet to whom they are being delivered. Feel free to make a delivery to someone you think could use it!

CONTACT US:

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday
9:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

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CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Daniel Van Beek,

Pastor

Candice Mendoza,

Office Manager

Donna Houston, **Organist**

Shirley Crutcher, **Nursery**

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm. Zoom link sent via email. Contact Jane Rahm for details.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH GROUP

Every Sunday night at 7:00 pm. The youth are online on Google Meet, one week is Sunday School, the next is Youth Group.

Contact Melissa Cropper for details.

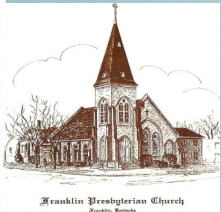
ELEMENTARY KIDS CLUB

Wednesday afternoons at 5:00 pm on Zoom. Contact Jen Van Beek for details.

HANDBELL CHOIR

ADULT CHOIR

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



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