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RETURNING TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP SUNDAY, MARCH 21

We will be worshipping together IN THE SANCTUARY. Masks will be required, physical distancing monitored (limited pew availability), as well as all entrances through the side doors with temperatures taken.

Ushers will assist with finding appropriate seating and helping with exit procedures as before. Conversation and visiting will be limited to outside after service. If you are able and willing to help with greeting or ushering, please let the church office or Pastor Daniel know.

***All in-person services will continue to be
livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook.***

Pastor's Pen

Praising (and Praying) through the Pain

One of the most difficult parts of the Lent season for me is finding myself down in the doldrums of my own mortality and morality. Praying for a Closer Walk with Thee can often lend to lament of one's own past sins and a cry for help to our Savior and God!

As we continue our Lenten journey together by hearing God's voice in the Psalms, we see the psalmist cry out in ways that sound familiar. The difficulties of the situation, the enemies all around, the pain and suffering they were forced to experience. These might be things we personally feel or that we might feel as a community of God's people.

And as we reflect on this season of repentance, we can easily fall into a trap of thinking that we are worthless and beyond redemption. Yet that is when the GOOD NEWS of Lent comes to us, my dear friends! That our God loves us so much to send Jesus Christ to us, in the midst of our struggles, in the midst of our pain, and that God's own self experiences the same pain and turmoil that we do in life as Jesus walking this earth. Even more than we do, by suffering rejection and death on a cross!

What wondrous love is this? Amazing love! How can it be that you, my God, died for ME?

Alongside this journey of repentance and pain, there is another journey, one of prayer and praise. We see that in the Psalms, which can so quickly turn from fear to joy and from despair to elation. And we see it in the love of Christ, the pain of Good Friday, the anxiety of Holy Saturday, and the incredible joy of Easter morning!

Before we get ahead of ourselves and go along to the end of Lent, let us take a moment to see what our little congregation has been experiencing these past few months. In the midst of a pandemic, we have opened our doors to new or expanded opportunities and partnerships in which to seek God and serve all people. Room in the Inn, Live the Proof / Feed the Need, Clothes Closet, new conversations about kid's community activities, about churches working together, about listening to the needs in our community and helping in a way that glorifies our God and reflects our love for Jesus.

Praise be to God! The Holy Spirit continues to move and inspire us to be disciples in new and exciting ways, beloved! As we pray, let us remember to praise (even when we and our community is in pain). For this journey in Lent is one of difficulty at times, but we know where it is going. We know what awaits on that first weekend in April. Let us march along (all March long) in prayer and praise to our Redeemer!



Pastor Daniel

News & Notes



Matthew 25

With all the cold weather from last week, we added a clothes line to hang up scarfs, hats, and gloves free to anyone who needs them. We are also asking if anyone has extra, to put them in a zip-lock bag and

hang them on the line. We have filled it up almost daily, so there has been a huge need.

Clothes Closet has continued to be busy. In February, 21 people have been served and 112 items of clothing have been distributed (not including the 25 hats, gloves and scarves from the clothes line).

Live the Proof will continue the Friday Fish Fry as a fundraiser for the Drop-In Center. Due to bad weather where dates were canceled, it will be extended until March 12.



CHILI COOK OFF

Since in person worship will resume on March 21, Session has approved holding the Chili Cook-off on Saturday, March 27th. This is normally an adults-only event, but because Brian Davis is not available to do his Game Night, families are welcome. Please call or e-mail Debbie Wyatt (270 223-7831 or dkaywyatt@bellsouth.net) by noon on March 27th if you want to enter your chili. This is important so we have enough sample cups for tasting.

We will spread out and make sure we are as safe as possible. So many of us have received Covid-19 vaccines or had Covid, we felt it was safe to meet in person. Please bring a dessert or snack to share. We won't have bowls to reach into and gloves for serving will be provided.

Can drinks will be available.



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SESSION HIGHLIGHTS- FEBRUARY 23 MEETING

- ♦ Called a Congregational Meeting for March 21 in which to elect an Elder to the Class of 2021.
- ♦ Set April 18 as the Installation date for new Elder
- ♦ Approved the return of In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary for March 21, utilizing safety protocols.
- ♦ Announced the extension of RITI Franklin use of Cornerstone through March 15.
- ♦ Excitedly received report of Clothes Closet activities and new hat/glove/scarf program on railing along Kentucky Avenue.
- ♦ Tasked the Personnel Committee to begin search for new staff position, titled Community Connections Director.
- ♦ Received info on new voucher programs with Piggly Wiggly and KeyStop in conjunction with Pastor's Benevolence & Matthew 25 funds.
- ♦ Praised God's goodness in our continued collaboration with local organizations and churches to Boldly Love God & Boldly Love Neighbor.

The FPC Youth and Children helped spread the love for Valentine's Day by delivering homemade cards and candy to some members of FPC. Thank you to everyone who helped with deliveries!



The church received a lovely thank you card from the Medical Center Franklin, expressing their gratitude for the cinnamon rolls and chocolate covered strawberries that were given to staff.

March 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, March 1

Morning: Pss. 119:73–80; 145
Evening: Pss. 121; 6
Jer. 1:11–19
Rom. 1:1–15
John 4:27–42

Tuesday, March 2

Morning: Pss. 34; 146
Evening: Pss. 25; 91
Jer. 2:1–13, 29–32
Rom. 1:16–25
John 4:43–54

Wednesday, March 3

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 27; 51
Jer. 3:6–18
Rom. 1:(26–27) 28–2:11
John 5:1–18

Thursday, March 4

Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 102
Jer. 4:9–10, 19–28
Rom. 2:12–24
John 5:19–29

Friday, March 5

Morning: Pss. 22; 148
Evening: Pss. 105; 130
Jer. 5:1–9
Rom. 2:25–3:18
John 5:30–47

Saturday, March 6

Morning: Pss. 43; 149
Evening: Pss. 31; 143
Jer. 5:20–31
Rom. 3:19–31
John 7:1–13

Sunday, March 7

Third Sunday in Lent

Morning: Pss. 84; 150
Evening: Pss. 42; 32
Jer. 6:9–15
1 Cor. 6:12–20
Mark 5:1–20

Monday, March 8

Morning: Pss. 119:73–80; 145
Evening: Pss. 121; 6
Jer. 7:1–15
Rom. 4:1–12
John 7:14–36

Tuesday, March 9

Morning: Pss. 34; 146
Evening: Pss. 25; 91
Jer. 7:21–34
Rom. 4:13–25
John 7:37–52

Wednesday, March 10

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 27; 51
Jer. 8:4–7, 18–9:6
Rom. 5:1–11
John 8:12–20

Thursday, March 11

Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 102
Jer. 10:11–24
Rom. 5:12–21
John 8:21–32

Friday, March 12

Morning: Pss. 22; 148
Evening: Pss. 105; 130
Jer. 11:1–8, 14–17
Rom. 6:1–11
John 8:33–47

Saturday, March 13

Morning: Pss. 43; 149
Evening: Pss. 31; 143
Jer. 13:1–11
Rom. 6:12–23
John 8:47–59

Sunday, March 14

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Morning: Pss. 84; 150
Evening: Pss. 42; 32
Jer. 14:1–9 (10–16) 17–22
Gal. 4:21–5:1
Mark 8:11–21

Monday, March 15

Morning: Pss. 119:73–80; 145
Evening: Pss. 121; 6
Jer. 16:(1–9) 10–21
Rom. 7:1–12
John 6:1–15

Tuesday, March 16

Morning: Pss. 34; 146
Evening: Pss. 25; 91
Jer. 17:19–27
Rom. 7:13–25
John 6:16–27

Wednesday, March 17

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 27; 51
Jer. 18:1–11
Rom. 8:1–11
John 6:27–40

Thursday, March 18

Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 102
Jer. 22:13–23
Rom. 8:12–27
John 6:41–51

Friday, March 19

Morning: Pss. 22; 148
 Evening: Pss. 105; 130
 Jer. 23:1–8
 Rom. 8:28–39
 John 6:52–59

Saturday, March 20

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

Sunday, March 21**Fifth 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, March 22

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

Tuesday, March 23

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

Wednesday, March 24

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

Thursday, March 25

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, March 26

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, March 27

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, March 28**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, March 29**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, March 30**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, March 31**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

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Please continue to go to our Facebook page and YouTube channel for weekly virtual services. In person services in the sanctuary return on March 21st.

For Youth & Children meetings, please see the back page of this Lamplighter.

WEEKLY EVENTS &
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

MEETINGS

Fellowship-Mon. Mar 1-1:00 pm
Young Disciples-Wed. Mar. 10-10 am
Matthew 25-Thurs. Mar. 11-8:00 am
SESSION-Tues. Mar. 23-6 pm

MARCH 2021

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 <i>Dewey Strickler</i>	8	9	10 <i>Pat Markell</i>	11	12	13 <i>Olivia Rahm</i>
14	15 <i>Mary Joiner</i>	16 <i>Meredith Halcomb</i>	17 <i>Violet Gibson-Lagani</i>	18	19	20 <i>Phil Dutille</i>
21 In Person Services Return <i>Sydney & Lizzie Halcomb</i>	22	23	24 <i>Woon Yen Prall</i>	25	26	27 <i>Barry Hain</i>
28 Palm Sunday <i>Suzanna Joiner Diane Shutt</i>	29 <i>Sharon Smith</i>	30	31			

**Birthdays in italics*

**MARCH-
ELDER OF THE MONTH:**
Bob Thompson
ELDER HELPER:
Larry Smith
FRIEND OF THE MONTH:
Barbara Shriver



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We can face our sin boldly, confessing before God, knowing that Jesus Christ is our host at the table. Our Lord has promised to forgive all who come with repentant hearts. Neither death nor sin will have the final word, for the final word is the Word of God-Jesus Christ.

Stewardship Corner

Thank you to everyone who continues to help with our virtual services and a big thank you to all of you for viewing our virtual services on Facebook or YouTube. We can't wait to see you on March 21, but services will still be streamed online for those who prefer to still watch virtually.

February Weekly Offering Average: \$1,114

Feb. 7	\$1,475.00
Feb. 14	\$780.00
Feb. 21	\$1,616.00
Feb. 28	\$585.00

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



Ruling Elders Serving on Session

Larry Smith
Woon Yen Prall
Bob Thompson
John Halcomb
Caren Gibson
Cathy Stratton
Jane Rahm

DEACONS:
Donna Houston
Marcella Davis
Meredith Halcomb

CLERK OF SESSION: Woon Yen Prall

Next Regularly Stated Session Meeting:
March 23 at 6 p.m. in the Cornerstone.



Friday Fish Fry Fundraisers

Date: February 5, 26 & March 5, 12

Time: 11:30-1:00 pm

**Location: The Cornerstone at
Franklin Presbyterian Church**

Money raised will go towards opening a Drop-In Center in Franklin for those in need of a hand-up, not a handout. Job counseling and resource support will be provided.

Menu includes: fish, hush puppies, beans, coleslaw and dessert.

Free will offering at door.



For more information call:

270 223-0505

Looking Ahead...

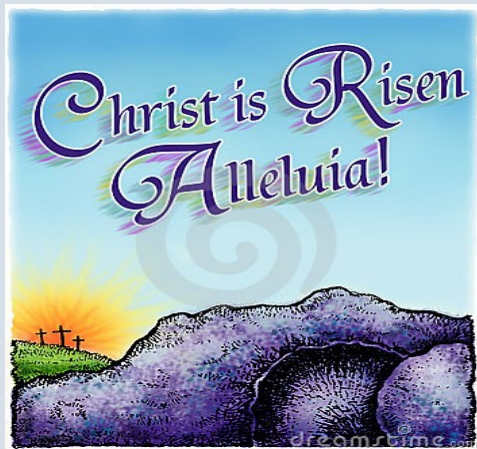
April

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Bob Thompson

ELDER HELPER: Cathy Stratton

FRIEND OF THE MONTH: Amy Gant

Apr. 13-Red Cross Blood Drive

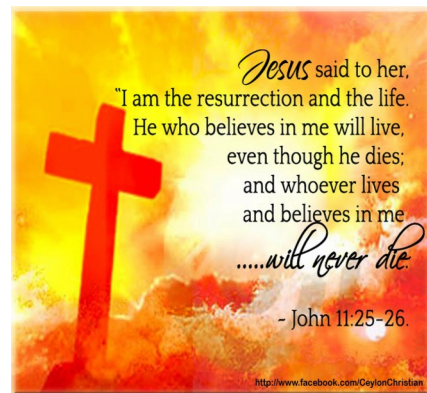


Holy Week Schedule



Mar. 28 Palm/Passion Sunday
Apr. 4 Sunrise Service 6:15 am
One Great Hour of Sharing

*Please continue to check for updates
regarding Easter or any other services,
as they become available!*



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 continued to bring items in while we have been virtual and thank you to all who will continue to give in the future! Let us find nourishment at God's table each month, that may be sent out to nourish God's world.

KIDS CLUB-Wednesdays at 5:30 pm on ZOOM throughout Lent

KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL-Begins in person on Sunday March 21

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL-Begins in person on Sunday March 21 @ 9:45 am

LENT PRAYER & PRAISE-Wednesdays at 6:00 pm on ZOOM throughout Lent

ADULT LENT BIBLE STUDY-
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm on ZOOM throughout Lent

*No Children or Adult Sunday School
on Easter Sunday!*

ADULT CHOIR

More information as it becomes available!

HANDBELL CHOIR

More information as it becomes available!



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



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