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Monthly Newsletter of
Franklin Presbyterian Church

The Lamplighter



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ANNUAL BEAN SOUP LUNCH TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8


11:00 am—1:30 pm

Chopping Party—Monday, November 7 at 1 pm

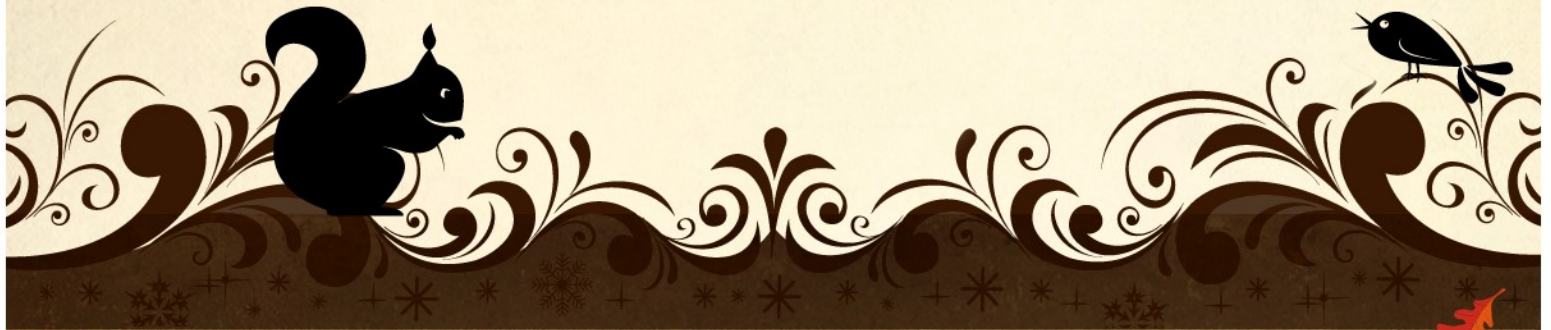
All of the proceeds go to local missions like The Backpack Program and the Boys and Girls Club. *We'll be needing extra food this year because we will have the Live the Proof lunch crowd.* We have plenty of beans, but need cornbread muffins and pies, so please consider baking some for the lunch. They can be delivered to the Cornerstone on Monday, November 7th between noon and 3:00 pm or early on November 8th.

The sign-up is posted on the bulletin board in the education wing, or call Donna Houston at 270-223-7193 to sign up for baking or helping.

Most important of all, please invite your friends or people at your workplace.



Pastor's Pen



A Simple Word

Do you remember a time when you had a complex problem and someone tried to give you advice? If they told you, "the solution is simple," they were either lying to you or they hadn't really understood the problem. Discouragement seems to find us in those moments when we feel powerless. We are faced with a challenge or some confusion and we don't really know what to do next. We might not even know where to start.

Now I've been told countless times to simply read the Bible and find what God is saying. And that, on its surface, is wonderful advice. However, if spending time with God in Scripture and in prayer is not a muscle you are used to exercising, or that is part of your routine, it might be a discouraging thing to attempt.

We can imagine the people following Jesus in Galilee, who maybe only heard him preach or teach for the first time. They might not understand the context of what Jesus is saying. Likewise, if we only crack open our Bibles (or fire up our Bible apps!) when we need a solution or an answer, we've reduced God's revelation to us into a convenience built on our needs or wants.

A Simple Word is truly what the Gospel is, what the Scriptures are. But only if we know the context of God's story with us from the very beginning. The joy and creativity of Creation. The love and grace of salvation. The care and compassion of the Law and the Healing of Christ. We have a real gift in our Bible, and a real gift in the Holy Spirit, who helps us understand it.

As you give Thanks for so many things, perhaps give Thanks for God's Holy Word. Give thanks for the access we have to it, the time we may have to study it, and the ways in which we can experience it in community at FPC. A simple word of Loving God and Loving Neighbor, from the Law to the Gospel to Today. What a blessing indeed!

Pastor Daniel

Sunday Worship Help:

We are *always* looking for more people to jump in on Sunday mornings to make worship "go"! If you're interested in—or just curious about—serving as liturgist, offering a children's sermon, overseeing the livestream or working the camera, there's a spot for you! We welcome regulars, pinch hitters, and once-a-year folks with roughly equal enthusiasm. Curiosity doesn't obligate you, so get in touch with Bailey and see what might be fun!



Thanksgiving Meal

THURSDAY, NOV. 24TH

DRIVE-THRU OPEN 11AM-12:30PM

FS BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

103 S. COURT STREET - FRANKLIN, KY

DRIVE-THRU & DELIVERIES ONLY

FOR MEAL REGISTRATION PLEASE CALL/TEXT (270) 776-5631

OR FILL OUT THE FORM AT THIS LINK: [BIT.LY/PSP2022T](https://bit.ly/PSP2022T)

PLEASE LIMIT DELIVERY FOR THOSE WITHOUT TRANSPORTATION

FOR DRIVE-THRU MEALS FOLLOW SIGNS

ENTER ON EAST MADISON ST.

DO NOT EXIT YOUR VEHICLE - OUR VOLUNTEERS WILL BRING MEALS TO YOU.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: NOVEMBER 23RD AT 8 PM

ROOM IN THE INN IS COMING!

Heads up: January will be here before we know it, and we'll be opening the Cornerstone to serve as shelter for our unhoused friends to come in out of the cold for a shower, a hot meal, and a safe place to sleep. Once a week, we will need volunteers to set up, cook and serve dinner, and take down, plus two volunteer Inn-keepers to stay overnight.

There will be a volunteer training on Sunday, November 13 after worship.

Coming to a training doesn't lock you in to anything, so please come and ask questions! In the meantime, if you are curious about anything or know you want to be on the volunteer list, get in touch with Bailey!

NEWS & EVENTS

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Scheduled the annual Congregational Meeting for after worship on Sunday, December 11 in which to elect officers and approve Pastor Daniel's terms of call
- ◆ Discussed the 2023 Budget process
- ◆ Session voted to commend the Columbarium Committee on its work thus far and to support the committee's work to develop a fundraising plan for the project
- ◆ Were informed of the Hanging of the Green lunch and decoration after worship on Sunday, November 20, co-sponsored by Worship & Fellowship
- ◆ Approved recommendations from Christian Service committee to provide gas cards and funding for documentation to Live the Proof, as well as gifts to Room in the Inn and the SCS Backpack Program
- ◆ Approved the recommendation from Facilities (Building & Maintenance) to paint the church offices
- ◆ Rejoiced in the acceptance of new members Stephanie Halcomb and Debby and John Helton this month, who will be part of the 10 new members welcomed in worship on December 18



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Six intrepid Franklin Presbyterianites spent Saturday 10/29 in western Kentucky. We were hosted by the kind folks at First Christian Church in Princeton and joined a bigger group in Madisonville to frame *all* the walls for a whole house being built in Princeton! It was a beautiful drive, pleasant and useful work, and a fun group to spend a weekend working with!



Stewardship Corner

October Average Attendance: 49

Oct. 2 49
Oct. 9 46
Oct. 16 40
Oct. 23 48
Oct. 30 62

October Weekly Offering Average: \$1,844

Oct. 2 \$3,185.00
Oct. 9 \$1,310.00
Oct. 16 \$2,365.00
Oct. 23 \$850.01
Oct. 30 \$1,508.00

Average Weekly Income Needed for Budget:
\$2,472.85



**"The earth is
full of His
unfailing love."**

Psalm 33:15

Advent Sundays

First Sunday of Advent, November 27

The Advent journey begins with the lighting of the Candle of Hope as we keep awake for the coming of the Light of God in to the world.

Second Sunday of Advent, December 4

We will light the Candle of Peace.



Third Sunday of Advent, December 11

The Candle of Joy will be lit as we celebrate the promise of Good News of great joy.

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18

We will light the Candle of Love. Christmas is a time of worship. Christmas happens when God comes to us in love through Jesus Christ and fills us with love for all humankind.

*CHRISTMAS
CELEBRATION
SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 18
AFTER WORSHIP*

*Hanging of the Green
will be Sunday, November 20
after Worship Services.*

*A soup lunch
will also be served.*

**ADVENT
BREAKFAST
SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 27**

*PROVIDED BY
THE MEN OF FPC*

November 2022 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.

Tuesday, November 1

All Saints' Day

Morning: Pss. 63; 149
Evening: Pss. 125; 90
Isa. 26:1-4, 8-9, 12-13,
19-21
Rev. 21:9-11, 22-27 (22:1-5)
or Heb. 11:32-12:2
Matt. 5:1-12

Wednesday, November 2

Morning: Pss. 89:1-18;
147:1-11
Evening: Pss. 1; 33
Zeph. 2:1-15
Rev. 16:1-11
Luke 13:10-17

Thursday, November 3

Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12-20
Evening: Pss. 16; 62
Zeph. 3:1-7
Rev. 16:12-21
Luke 13:18-30

Friday, November 4

Morning: Pss. 51; 148
Evening: Pss. 142; 65
Zeph. 3:8-13
Rev. 17:1-18
Luke 13:31-35

Saturday, November 5

Morning: Pss. 104; 149
Evening: Pss. 138; 98
Zeph. 3:14-20
Rev. 18:1-14
Luke 14:1-11

Sunday, November 6

Morning: Pss. 19; 150
Evening: Pss. 81; 113
Joel 1:1-13
1 Cor. 14:1-12
Matt. 20:1-16

Monday, November 7

Morning: Pss. 135; 145
Evening: Pss. 97; 112
Joel 1:15-2:2
Rev. 18:15-24
Luke 14:12-24

Tuesday, November 8

Morning: Pss. 123; 146
Evening: Pss. 30; 86
Joel 2:3-11
Rev. 19:1-10
Luke 14:25-35

Wednesday, November 9

Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1-11
Evening: Pss. 48; 4
Joel 2:12-19
Rev. 19:11-21
Luke 15:1-10

Thursday, November 10

Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12-20
Evening: Pss. 80; 27
Joel 2:21-27
Jas. 1:1-15
Luke 15:1-2, 11-32

Friday, November 11

Morning: Pss. 130; 148
Evening: Pss. 32; 139
Joel 2:28-3:8
Jas. 1:16-27
Luke 16:1-9

Saturday, November 12

Morning: Pss. 56; 149
Evening: Pss. 118; 111
Joel 3:9-17
Jas. 2:1-13
Luke 16:10-17 (18)

Sunday, November 13

Morning: Pss. 67; 150
Evening: Pss. 46; 93
Hab. 1:1-4 (5-11) 12-2:1
Phil. 3:13-4:1
Matt. 23:13-24

Monday, November 14

Morning: Pss. 57; 145
Evening: Pss. 85; 47
Hab. 2:1-4, 9-20
Jas. 2:14-26
Luke 16:19-31

Tuesday, November 15

Morning: Pss. 54; 146
Evening: Pss. 28; 99
Hab. 3:1-10 (11-15) 16-18
Jas. 3:1-12
Luke 17:1-10

Wednesday, November 16

Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 125; 91
 Mal. 1:1, 6–14
 Jas. 3:13–4:12
 Luke 17:11–19

Thursday, November 17

Morning: Pss. 143;
 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 81; 116
 Mal. 2:1–16
 Jas. 4:13–5:6
 Luke 17:20–37

Friday, November 18

Morning: Pss. 88; 148
 Evening: Pss. 6; 20
 Mal. 3:1–12
 Jas. 5:7–12
 Luke 18:1–8

Saturday, November 19

Morning: Pss. 122; 149
 Evening: Pss. 100; 63
 Mal. 3:13–4:6
 Jas. 5:13–20
 Luke 18:9–14

Sunday, November 20
Christ the King/Reign of
Christ Sunday

Morning: Pss. 108; 150
 Evening: Pss. 66; 23
 Zech. 9:9–16
 1 Pet. 3:13–22
 Matt. 21:1–13

Monday, November 21

Morning: Pss. 62; 145
 Evening: Pss. 73; 9
 Zech. 10:1–12
 Gal. 6:1–10
 Luke 18:15–30

Tuesday, November 22

Morning: Pss. 12; 146
 Evening: Pss. 36; 7
 Zech. 11:4–17
 1 Cor. 3:10–23
 Luke 18:31–43

Wednesday, November 23

Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 132; 134
 Zech. 12:1–10
 Eph. 1:3–14
 Luke 19:1–10

Thursday, November 24

Morning: Pss. 116;
 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 26; 130
 Zech. 13:1–9
 Eph. 1:15–23
 Luke 19:11–27

Friday, November 25

Morning: Pss. 84; 148
 Evening: Pss. 25; 40
 Zech. 14:1–11
 Rom. 15:7–13
 Luke 19:28–40

Saturday, November 26

Morning: Pss. 63; 149
 Evening: Pss. 125; 90
 Zech. 14:12–21
 Phil. 2:1–11
 Luke 19:41–48

BEGIN YEAR 1**Sunday, November 27****First Sunday of Advent**

Morning: Pss. 24; 150
 Evening: Pss. 25; 110
 Isa. 1:1–9
 2 Pet. 3:1–10
 Matt. 25:1–13

Monday, November 28

Morning: Pss. 122; 145
 Evening: Pss. 40; 67
 Isa. 1:10–20
 1 Thess. 1:1–10
 Luke 20:1–8

Tuesday, November 29

Morning: Pss. 33; 146
 Evening: Pss. 85; 94
 Isa. 1:21–31
 1 Thess. 2:1–12
 Luke 20:9–18

Wednesday, November 30

Morning: Pss. 50; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 53; 17
 Isa. 2:1–4
 1 Thess. 2:13–20
 Luke 20:19–26



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Office of Theology and Worship, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) 2

LECTOR/USHER SCHEDULE

- **Sunday, November 6**
LECTOR: SYLVIA PULLIAM
USHERS: BARRY HAIN
LARRY GIBSON
- **Sunday, November 13**
LECTOR: SYLVIA PULLIAM
USHERS: BARRY HAIN
LARRY GIBSON
- **Sunday, November 20**
LECTOR: SYLVIA PULLIAM
USHERS: BARRY HAIN
DIANE SHUTT
- **Sunday, November 27**
LECTOR: SYLVIA PULLIAM
USHERS: BARRY HAIN
DIANE SHUTT

WEEKLY EVENTS & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- **Handbells:** Wednesdays, 5:15 pm
- **Choir:** Wednesdays, 6:30 pm
- Nov. 1 Fellowship 2 pm
- Nov. 16 Bldg. & Maint. 4 pm
- Nov. 29 SESSION 6 pm
- Matthew 25 TBD
- Young Disciples TBD

NOVEMBER 2022

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Communion All Saints Sunday	7 Chopping Party <i>Loyd Gant</i>	8 Bean Soup	9	10	11	12
13 RITI Training <i>Prentice Knight</i>	14	15 <i>Candice Mendoza</i>	16	17	18	19 <i>Anna Smith</i>
20 Hanging of the Green	21 <i>Eli Rahm Susan Hoffman Larry Smith</i>	22 <i>Sarah Wakefield</i>	23 Closed	24 Closed <i>Dick Timmerman</i>	25	26
27 Advent Breakfast	28	29	30			

* Birthdays in italics

Pastor Daniel will be out of the office November 21-24.

Looking Ahead...

LESSONS & CAROLS
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 AT 9 PM
WITH SPECIAL MUSIC AT 8:15 PM



We will soon be accepting donations of items to be placed in this year's White Christmas boxes. You may bring: shampoo, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, etc. Place them in the box in the parlor. Monetary donation dates, TBA. The packing and delivery date will be announced soon.



SAVE THE DATE!
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

THE FPC LADIES CLUB
WILL HOLD IT'S
CHRISTMAS SOCIAL AT
11:45 AM IN THE
CORNERSTONE.

MORE DETAILS TO COME!



It's never too early to be thinking about ordering your Christmas 2022 poinsettias. Please be thinking about who you want to order a poinsettia in honor, or memory of, and let us know. The cost will be announced at a later date.



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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11



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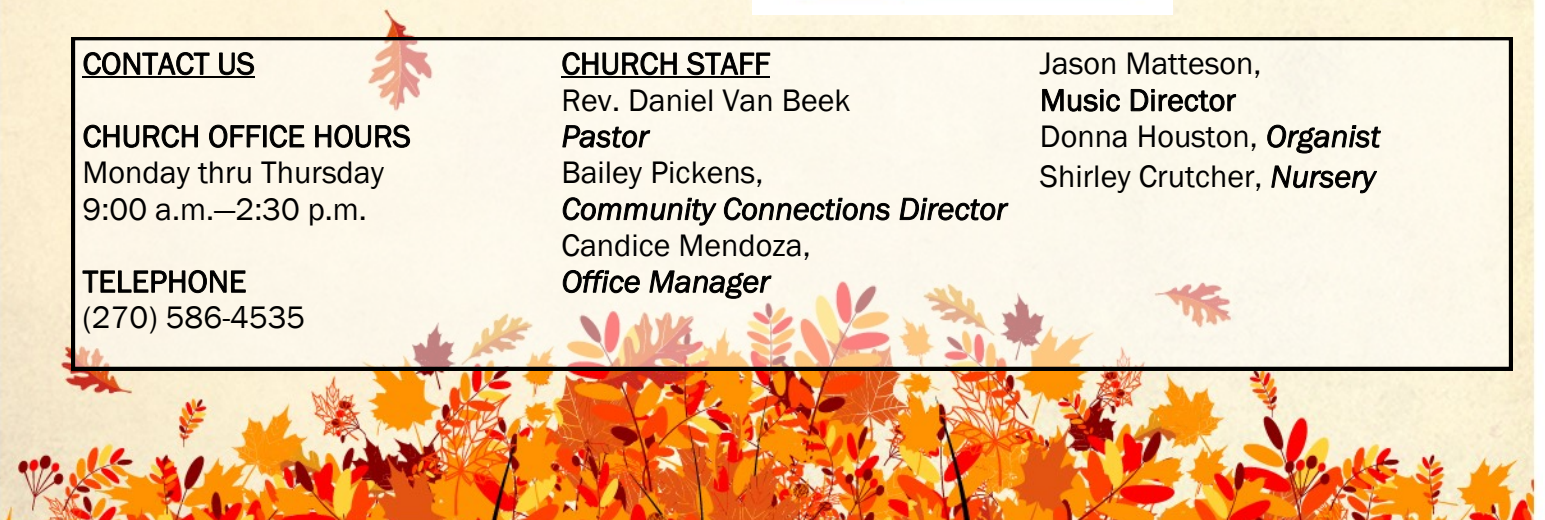
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Monday thru Thursday
9:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

TELEPHONE
(270) 586-4535

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Daniel Van Beek
Pastor
Bailey Pickens,
Community Connections Director
Candice Mendoza,
Office Manager

Jason Matteson,
Music Director
Donna Houston, **Organist**
Shirley Crutcher, **Nursery**



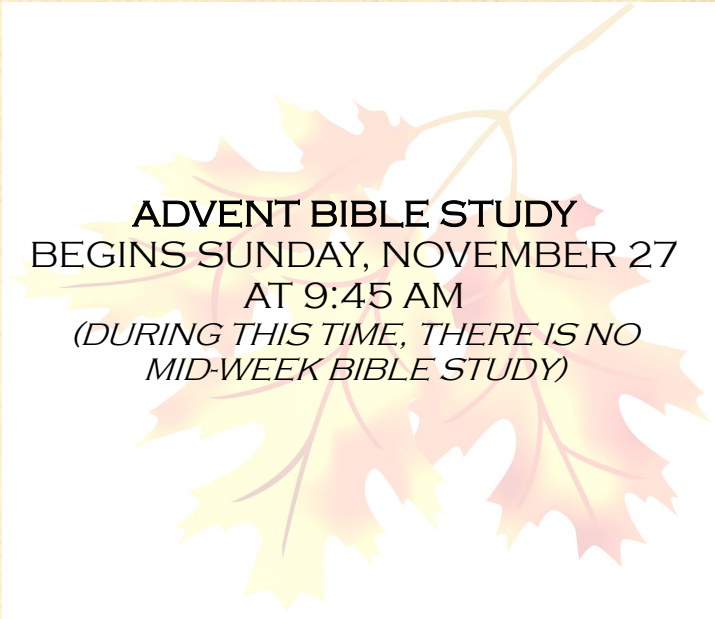
WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:45 AM

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:45 AM WITH MS. SHIRLEY

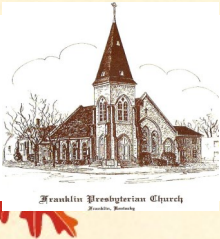
KIDS CLUB'
MEETS EACH SUNDAY AFTER WORSHIP

ADULT BIBLE STUDY-THRU NOV. 17
THURSDAYS AT 5:45 PM IN THE
CORNERSTONE & ON ZOOM



ADVENT BIBLE STUDY
BEGINS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27
AT 9:45 AM
(DURING THIS TIME, THERE IS NO
MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY)

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



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Franklin, KY 42134

