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The Lamplighter

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Congrats to our Chili Cook Off Winners!

Hot-Sally Brown

Mild (tie)-Debbie Wyatt & Justin Henninger

Vegetarian-Tori Henninger

Overall-Debby Helton

Pastor's Pen

Pulling a Fast One

In like a Lion, out like a Lamb! Is this a familiar phrase to anyone else regarding March? Or did I create a false memory somewhere? Of course, this means that March can often begin with a roar, with cold blustery weather and the biting chill of winter... and then move on toward April with a gentle bleat, with the soft wool of spring's eternal hope.

Church life often means that March is Lent. The vagaries of the lunar calendar make the calendar placements of Ash Wednesday and Holy Week vary from year to year, but on the whole, March typically falls fully (or mostly fully) into the season of Lent.

Lent offers us a chance to enter this season of repentance and contemplation in different ways. We could enter sheepishly, wondering what our practices of fasting and prayer may provide, how we might attempt to get closer with God during this time. Or we might roll into Ash Wednesday with a roar, ready to tackle a vice or to institute a new healthy habit or spiritual practice.

No matter how we enter Lent, we might find ourselves leaving the season during Holy Week a transformed person, a transformed congregation, a transformed community. We might enter as a Lion and leave as a Lamb, or vice versa. The role of repentance and contemplation of our faith and our relationship with Christ is to transform us into being more and more of what God is forming us to be.

This is NOT a quick task or a speedy transformation! We can't "pull a fast one" on Lent, or on God. We must be patient to wander the wilderness, wherever the Spirit leads us, and to face times of trial, because in the hope that God provides us, we know that we are saved by the redeeming work of Jesus Christ.

Spend a little time in March delving into scripture, praying (or learning to pray - with Pastor Bailey's Tuesday class!), and seeking God in new and unexpected ways. A deeper dive into your walk with Jesus might just be a way to bridge winter to spring. And prepare for a celebration with the Risen Lord in April!

-Pastor Daniel



News & Notes

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS-FEBRUARY 20

- ✎ Approved Christian Service Recommendation to send \$1,000 from the Non-Local Designated Fund to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Turkey & Syria earthquake relief
- ✎ Discussion of how Session can identify other sources of funds to aid in these types of efforts in the future and will be explored further
- ✎ Approved Pastor Daniel's vacation March 28-30, 2023
- ✎ Approved the recommendation from Clothes Closet committee to apply for an additional Innovative Ministries Grant from the Presbytery of Western Kentucky
- ✎ Discussed the continuing of the Shepherd's List for currently serving Ruling Elders on Session; lists will be updated and used more transparently with congregation
- ✎ Facilities and Matthew 25 committees will have ongoing discussions over next steps in the portable toilet situation, including (but not limited to) conversations with city and county
- ✎ Next Session meeting will be held on Monday, April 17, 2023 at 5:00 pm in Cornerstone

NOT A 'BIBLE STUDY' BIBLE STUDY

*Join us each Tuesday during Lent at 6:30 pm
in the Cornerstone and on ZOOM.
Learn different prayer practices from
Pastor Bailey.*



FPC MEN'S GROUP

*The FPC Men's Fellowship will meet
this Saturday, March 4th, at 10:00 AM
in the Cornerstone. We will discuss the
changing role of men in society.
Coffee, tea, donuts and healthy snacks
provided.*

*Please contact Prentice Knight if you
have any questions.*

*ANOTHER RITI SEASON HAS COME TO AN END AND ONCE
AGAIN YOU STEPPED UP IN A BIG WAY. THANK YOU TO
ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED SET UP, TAKE
DOWN, SERVED MEALS OR ANY OF THE OTHER MANY
WAYS YOU HELPED. THIS MISSION COULDN'T CONTINUE
WITHOUT YOUR HELP AND IT'S GREATLY APPRECIATED!*

-Pastor Bailey

**Live the Proof will again be offering fish fry meals
from 10-2 on March 10, 24 & 31. For a \$15 donation,
receive a meal of fish, baked beans, hush puppies,
coleslaw, and dessert.**



**MARCH-
ELDER OF THE MONTH:**
Bob Heidbrink
ELDER HELPER:
Jane Rahm
FRIEND OF THE MONTH:
Chris Kessler



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Stewardship Corner

February Average Attendance: 58

Feb. 5	57
Feb. 12	45
Feb. 19	70
Feb. 26	59

February Weekly Offering Average: \$1,598

Feb. 5	\$2,472.00
Feb. 12	\$1,390.00
Feb. 19	\$1,745.00
Feb. 26	\$785.00

Average Weekly Income Needed for Budget:
\$2,692.31

Ruling Elders Serving on Session

Barry Hain
John Halcomb
Bob Thompson
Bob Heidbrink
Jane Rahm
Nancy Thomas
Chris Kessler
Martha Hodge
Justin Henninger

DEACONS:
Linda Knight
Marcella Davis
Meredith Halcomb

CLERK OF SESSION: Donna Houston

Next Regularly Stated Session Meeting:
Monday, April 17 at 5 pm

March 2023 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.

Year One

Wednesday, March 1

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

Thursday, March 2

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

Friday, March 3

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

Saturday, March 4

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

Sunday, March 5

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

Monday, March 6

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

Tuesday, March 7

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

Wednesday, March 8

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 9

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 10

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

Saturday, March 11

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

Sunday, March 12

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 13

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

Tuesday, March 14

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

Wednesday, March 15

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 16

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

Friday, March 17

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

Saturday, March 18

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

Sunday, March 19**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 20

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 21

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

Wednesday, March 22

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

Thursday, March 23

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

Friday, March 24

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

Saturday, March 25

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

Sunday, March 26**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 27

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

Tuesday, March 28

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

Wednesday, March 29

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

Thursday, March 30

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 31

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

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LECTOR/USHER SCHEDULE

Elder of the Month:

Bob Heidbrink

Elder Helper:

Jane Rahm

Ushers:

*Sandy Sparley
Bill Sparley*

Lector

Sylvia Pulliam

WEEKLY EVENTS & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- **Handbells:** Wed. 5:15 pm
- **Choir:** Wed. 6:30 pm
- **Greif Group:** Mar. 8 & 22 at 6 pm

MEETINGS

FPC Men's: Mar. 4 & 18 10 am-12

Fellowship: Mar. 7 at 2 pm

Matthew 25: Mar. 14 at 4 pm

Facilities Mar. 15 at 4 pm

Columnarium: Mar. 16 at 4:30 pm

SESSION: No March Meeting

MARCH 2023

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

18Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Communion	6	7 <i>Dewey Strickler</i>	8	9 <i>Rebekah Adamson</i>	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 Lagani</i>	18
19	20 <i>Phil Dutille</i>	21 <i>Sydney & Lizzie Halcomb</i>	22	23	24 <i>Woon Yen Prall</i>	25
26 Thriving Congregation Potluck	27 <i>Barry Hain</i>	28 <i>Suzanne Joiner Diane Shutt</i>	29 <i>Sharon Smith</i>	30	31	

*Birthdays in italics *Pastor Daniel on study leave 7-13; Daniel & Bailey at Montreat 20-22; Daniel on vacation 28-30*

CONNECT TO FPC!

Have you visited our website lately?
(www.franklinpresbyterian.org) This is the way to find out the latest news, watch the latest worship services online, get information on upcoming events, and download copies of the monthly Lamplighter newsletter. If your information is not up to date, please contact the office so we have your correct address, phone, email, etc.

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2. Enter your email as it's listed in our church directory.
3. Enter the assigned password into the app to begin syncing.



Looking Ahead...

April

ELDER OF THE MONTH: John Halcomb

ELDER HELPER: Justin Henninger

FRIEND OF THE MONTH: Sylvia Pulliam

Apr. 11-Red Cross Blood Drive

Apr. 30-5th Sunday Potluck



Holy Week Schedule



Apr. 2	Palm Sunday
Apr. 6	Maundy Thursday 7 pm
Apr. 7	Good Friday at Noon at Methodist Church
Apr. 9	Easter Sunrise 7 am Easter Breakfast 9 am Worship Services 10:45 am <i>One Great Hour of Sharing</i>

Please continue to check your email and our social media for updates regarding other Holy Week and Easter services and events as they become available!



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45 AM

Join us during Lent as we study
the book of Lamentations.

ADULT
Sunday School

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45 am

with Ms. Shirley in the Nursery



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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