



The Lamplighter

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Congratulations to the women who work in the Clothes Closet who were recently honored by the Human Rights Commission. Each March during Women's History Month, they honor women who are "Providing Healing, Promoting Hope".

The Church Development Committee from the Presbytery recently awarded to Matthew 25 Clothes Closet a \$15,000 grant to continue our expansion plans. We will be hard at work better organizing the "Catacombs" with racks to better organize what we have in storage. The Facilities Committee will be helping to purge the basement of old, unwanted items that have taken up space for at least 40 years. Hopefully, within a month, you will see much better organization and give the Yard Sale back their entire space that the Clothes Closet has taken over!

Other than men's underwear, jeans, and shoes, we are not currently accepting clothes without prior arrangements.



Pastor's Pen

Thrive or Survive?

Holy Week is upon us. We sing Hosanna this Sunday as our King enters on a donkey, humble and ready to serve rather than be served. We listen closely to a New Commandment on Thursday to Love One Another. We feast upon the Lord's Supper. We mourn over the cruel murder of Jesus at the cross. We struggle through the waiting of Holy Saturday.

And then we REJOICE! Our Lord is risen. Christ is risen indeed.

The Resurrection is where we build our faith from. A great man who is killed without cause is not a Savior. Yet one who defeats death and welcomes us to share in the victory? Now that's a Savior!

Jesus did not die just for us to survive. No! Jesus rose again to show us how to thrive! A beloved community is God's plan, for us to gain new life starting right now. To thrive in our lives and to thrive in our congregations and to thrive in our communities.

There's no better time to keep boldly loving God and boldly loving our neighbor. The Bold Approach is an initiative of FPC that seeks to grow and develop our congregation to be not only more self sustaining in the long term but to live out God's call to us in Franklin. The Thriving Congregations initiative that FPC is participating in teaches the skills we need to strengthen our relationships with one another and with our community. To tighten the fabric of our church.

What a beautiful image of God's provision! The loving financial gift of The Bold Approach offers the resources FPC needs, while Thriving Congregations offers the abilities to better write that vision of FPC's future right here in Franklin.


There will be more time to learn about The Bold Approach, so if you don't know what it all means yet, you will have that opportunity. And we will continue to invite your participation in Thriving Congregations, so please join us as discern God's will for us together.

All of this is an exciting time to be Christ's disciples. To seek the grace and love and peace of Jesus as we follow the greatest commandments to Love the Lord our God with all of ourselves, our hearts, our strength, and to Love our Neighbors as ourselves.

Christ is Risen. Christ is Calling. Let us listen and let us Thrive!

Pastor Daniel





“He is not here,
He Has RISEN!

-Mark 6:16

Holy Week

Tuesday, April 3 at Zion Lutheran Church

Wednesday, April 4 at Greater Taylor Chapel AME

Thursday, April 5 at First Baptist Church

Good Friday, April 6 at First United Methodist

(all services at Noon and sponsored by the FS Ministerial Fellowship)

HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT FPC

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 2, 10:45 am

Holy Week Monday

Monday, April 3 at Noon

Maundy Thursday

April 6 at 7 pm in the Sanctuary

Good Friday

April 7 at Noon at the Methodist Church

Easter Sunrise

7 am

Easter Sunday

10:45 am in the Sanctuary



FPC News & Events



JUMP IN! Sunday, April 23rd, for *Be The Church Sunday*, a chance to move together outside the sanctuary and join in service. We will head out from a shorter worship to volunteer for projects on and off campus. Signups for willing volunteers and organizations or individuals who need a hand are in the Education Wing. (There will be snacks.) Get in touch with [Bailey](#) with questions!

Get your nominations in for FPC Woman and Man of the Year. If you think someone has embodied the spirit and mission of FPC this past year, please let us know by nominating them. Woman of the Year will be announced on May 14 and Man of the Year will be announced on June 18.

We are looking for a few people willing to make flower arrangements for Sunday mornings.

Please see Cathy Ware or Debbie Wyatt if you would like to help!

*May your Easter be blessed with the wonder of His love,
the abundance of His joy, and the sweetness
of His presence.*



APRIL
 ELDER OF THE MONTH:
 John Halcomb
 ELDER HELPER:
 Justin Henninger
 FRIEND OF THE MONTH:
 Sylvia Pulliam



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**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 Session Meeting:
 Monday, April 17 at 5 pm

Stewardship Corner

March Avg. Attendance: 53

Mar. 5	51
Mar. 12	52
Mar. 19	48
Mar. 26	60

March Avg. Offering: \$2,174

Mar. 5	\$2,298.00
Mar. 12	\$2,270.00
Mar. 19	\$780.00
Mar. 26	\$3,347.00

**Avg. Wkly. Income Needed
 for Budget:
 \$2,692.31**



April 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

Saturday, April 1

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, April 2

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, April 3

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, April 4

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, April 5

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

Thursday, April 6

Maundy Thursday

Morning: Pss. 27;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 102
Jer. 20:7–11 (12–13)
14–18
1 Cor. 10:14–17; 11:27–32
John 17:1–11 (12–26)

Friday, April 7

Good Friday

Morning: Pss. 22; 148
Evening: Pss. 105; 130
Gen. 22:1–14
1 Peter 1:10–20
John 13:36–38 or John
19:38–42

Saturday, April 8

Holy Saturday

Morning: Pss. 43; 149
Evening: Pss. 31; 143
Job 19:21–27a
Heb. 4:1–16
Rom. 8:1–11

Sunday, April 9

Resurrection of the Lord / Easter

Morning: Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117
Exod. 12:1–14
John 1:1–18
or Isa. 51:9–11
Luke 24:13–35
or John 20:19–23

Monday, April 10

Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Jonah 2:1–10
Acts 2:14, 22–32
John 14:1–14

Tuesday, April 11

Morning: Pss. 98; 146
Evening: Pss. 66; 116
Isa. 30:18–26
Acts 2:36–41 (42–47)
John 14:15–31

Wednesday, April 12

Morning: Pss. 99;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118
Micah 7:7–15
Acts 3:1–10
John 15:1–11

Thursday, April 13

Morning: Pss. 47;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113
Ezek. 37:1–14
Acts 3:11–26
John 15:12–27

Friday, April 14

Morning: Pss. 96; 148
 Evening: Pss. 49; 138
 Dan. 12:1–4, 13
 Acts 4:1–12
 John 16:1–15

Saturday, April 15

Morning: Pss. 92; 149
 Evening: Pss. 23; 114
 Isa. 25:1–9
 Acts 4:13–21 (22–31)
 John 16:16–33

Sunday, April 16**Second Sunday of Easter**

Morning: Pss. 93; 150
 Evening: Pss. 136; 117
 Isa. 43:8–13
 1 Peter 2:2–10
 John 14:1–7

Monday, April 17

Morning: Pss. 97; 145
 Evening: Pss. 124; 115
 Dan. 1:1–21
 1 John 1:1–10
 John 17:1–11

Tuesday, April 18

Morning: Pss. 98; 146
 Evening: Pss. 66; 116
 Dan. 2:1–16
 1 John 2:1–11
 John 17:12–19

Wednesday, April 19

Morning: Pss. 99;
 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 9; 118
 Dan. 2:17–30
 1 John 2:12–17
 John 17:20–26

Thursday, April 20

Morning: Pss. 47;
 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 68; 113
 Dan. 2:31–49
 1 John 2:18–29
 Luke 3:1–14

Friday, April 21

Morning: Pss. 96; 148
 Evening: Pss. 49; 138
 Dan. 3:1–18
 1 John 3:1–10
 Luke 3:15–22

Saturday, April 22

Morning: Pss. 92; 149
 Evening: Pss. 23; 114
 Dan. 3:19–30
 1 John 3:11–18
 Luke 4:1–13

Sunday, April 23**Third Sunday of Easter**

Morning: Pss. 93; 150
 Evening: Pss. 136; 117
 Dan. 4:1–18
 1 Peter 4:7–11
 John 21:15–25

Monday, April 24

Morning: Pss. 97; 145
 Evening: Pss. 124; 115
 Dan. 4:19–27
 1 John 3:19–4:6
 Luke 4:14–30

Tuesday, April 25

Morning: Pss. 98; 146
 Evening: Pss. 66; 116
 Dan. 4:28–37
 1 John 4:7–21
 Luke 4:31–37

Wednesday, April 26

Morning: Pss. 99;
 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 9; 118
 Dan. 5:1–12
 1 John 5:1–12
 Luke 4:38–44

Thursday, April 27

Morning: Pss. 47;
 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 68; 113
 Dan. 5:13–30
 1 John 5:13–20 (21)
 Luke 5:1–11

Friday, April 28

Morning: Pss. 96; 148
 Evening: Pss. 49; 138
 Dan. 6:1–15
 2 John 1–13
 Luke 5:12–26

Saturday, April 29

Morning: Pss. 92; 149
 Evening: Pss. 23; 114
 Dan. 6:16–28
 3 John 1–15
 Luke 5:27–39

Sunday, April 30**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Morning: Pss. 93; 150
 Evening: Pss. 136; 117
 Gen. 18:22–33
 1 Peter 5:1–11
 Matt. 7:15–29

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LECTOR/USHER SCHEDULE

Elder of the Month:

John Halcomb

Elder Helper:

Justin Henninger

Ushers:

Don Chandler

Barry Hain

Lector

Prentice Knight

MEETINGS

Matthew 25: -04/13/23 at 430 pm

SESSION: 04/17/23 at 5 pm

Facilities 04/19/23 at 4 pm

Handbells-Wed. at 5:15

Choir-Wed. at 6:30

Grief Group-04/13 & 04/27 6pm

APRIL 2023

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Palm Sunday	3	4	5	6 Maundy Thursday	7	8 <i>Ezra Van Beek</i>
9 EASTER <i>Cathy Ware</i>	10	11 Red Cross <i>Kelli Joyce</i>	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 <i>Lois Van Beek</i>	21	22
23 Be The Church <i>Gary Graves</i> <i>Elizabeth Webb</i>	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

* Birthdays in italics

Looking Ahead —May



ELDER OF THE MONTH:

Nancy Thomas

ELDER HELPER:

Chris Kessler

FRIEND OF THE MONTH

Sandy Sparley

- **May 14:** FPC Woman of the Year
- **May 28:** Pentecost Offering
- **May 29:** Memorial Day, (Office Closed)
- **TBD:** Graduation Sunday Reception

CONTACT US:

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

CLOTHES CLOSET

Tuesday & Thursday
12:00-2:00 pm

TELEPHONE

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CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Daniel Van Beek

Pastor

Rev. Bailey Pickens

Community

Connections Director

Candice Mendoza,

Office Manager

Jason Matteson,

Music Director

Donna Houston,

Organist

Shirley Crutcher, **Nursery**



WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays at 9:45 am-
CORNERSTONE
(no Sunday School 4/9)

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays at 9:45 am-NURSERY

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Prayer Practices with Bailey ends on
Tuesday, April 4. A new Adult Bible
Study starts on Tuesday, April 16.

Details to follow!



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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