

# *the* Lamplighter

October 2023

*Monthly newsletter of Franklin Presbyterian Church*

*“Seeking God, Serving People”*

## **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER 1**

Please stay after Worship and join us! We will celebrate the day and the Peace and Global Witness Offering with a “donation only” lunch which will include international soups, breads, spreads and dessert.

The meal is sponsored by a collaboration between the Worship Committee and the Fellowship Committee. It will be a time to share a wonderful meal and fellowship.



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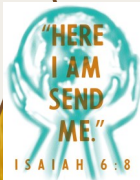
## *Pastor's Pen*

### **Doing the Right Thing**

Friends, we've been talking a lot lately about doing what is right. We've discussed it in Sunday School and Bible Study and Worship. We've been reading parables of Jesus and planning some outside the box events. When we prayerfully consider what Jesus is calling us to do and be as his disciples in this congregation, we are faced with lots of decisions!

Doing the right thing is sometimes easier said than done, literally. The Good Samaritan did what was right, even though very little was expected of him. Those who had been trained for holy service in the temple did not even try to do the right thing. When we think about doing the right thing, may we remember what Jesus reminded us and taught us: Love God, Love Neighbor, Love Ourselves, Love Our Enemies, Love One Another.

***Pastor Daniel***



*We continue to serve many members of our community through our Pastor's Benevolence fund. This account helps fund grocery vouchers for Piggly Wiggly as well as gas vouchers to BP, and help for utilities, etc. In September, we gave out vouchers to 15 different members of our community, and helped 5 community members with utilities. To date, we have paid out \$6,100 in 2023 to assist those in need and donations are an integral part in this program. If you wish to make a donation to the Pastor's Benevolence fund, just place it in the offering plate or drop by during church office hours! As always, thank you for your continued support!*

# News & Notes



*Peace and Global Witness Offering*  
*Sunday, October 1st*  
*For more information visit [pcusa.org/peace-global](http://pcusa.org/peace-global).*

## RETHINKING EVANGELISM

Please consider joining in a three-part workshop on cultivating our spiritual soil for connection with others, the first step toward genuine sharing of the good news. Do you love evangelism? Hate it? Feel complicatedly? Do you wish you could invite people to church but aren't sure how, or feel weird about it? Great! That's what we need to talk about. Let us come together as a congregation and take time to look at ourselves, our church, and our relationships with our neighbors, and work together on evangelism and invitation as ways to truly BOLDLY love God and our neighbor.

The three sessions will focus on SELF, CHURCH, and INVITATION. Each session will build on the one(s) before it, so if possible, please prioritize coming to all three. But if that's not possible, come when you can! A workshop is only as good as its participants, and this will be best if YOU are there.

*The series will begin later this fall, and will include food and fellowship. Questions? Comments?  
Talk to Bailey.*



## What Ten Commandments?

**God brought the Hebrews out of bondage in Egypt and provided new bonding for them as free people—not free of all limits, but free under a new order. Behind them was the chaos of slavery—ahead of them the creativity of divine relationship.**

**At Mount Sinai God gave them Ten Commandments, providing a pattern for them to love God and love each other. Much later Jesus told the rich young ruler (Matthew 19:16) “If you would enter life, keep the commandments.”**

**It was by grace that God rescued the Hebrews, not by their own work. The Ten Commandments are also a gracious construction, providing shape to faithful life. Christians are saved by God’s grace alone, but we are saved for faithful living along the way.**

**Shall we say that the Ten Commandments are not walls around us, but a floor beneath us? And as we make our way through the world are they not the path?**

**Beginning Sunday, October 8 at 9:30 am the Adult Sunday School class will explore the commandments, considering how we shall not live.**





Thanks to the help of many hands, the Clothes Closet is now ready for fall and winter!

We are currently NOT taking any summer clothing. Men's tennis shoes and jeans, as always, are needed. Thanks to Sulphur Springs Baptist, we received another donation of underwear. Zion Lutheran gave us tennis shoes, deodorant, razors, and socks.

*Our community partners really are invaluable!*

### *Stewardship Corner*

**September Avg. Plate Offering: \$1,968**

Sept. 3 \$1,221.00  
Sept. 10 \$997.00  
Sept. 17 \$2,705.00  
Sept. 24 \$2,947.00

**September Online Giving Total:**

**\$2,245,41**

**September Avg. Attendance: 58**

Sept. 3 46  
Sept. 10 55  
Sept. 17 63  
Sept. 24 68

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

### **CONTACT US**

#### CHURCH OFFICE

#### HOURS

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

#### TELEPHONE

(270) 586-4535

#### CHURCH STAFF

**Daniel Van Beek**

**Pastor**

**Bailey Pickens**

**Community**

**Connections Director**

**Candice Mendoza,**

**Office Manager**

**Jason Matteson,**


**Music Director**

**Donna Houston,**

**Organist**

**Shirley Crutcher,**

**Nursery**



*I will say of the LORD,  
He is my refuge and my fortress.  
In Him I will trust...*

-Psalm 91:2

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS-SEPTEMBER

- ⇒ **Approved the recommendation from Facilities to complete roof flashing repair using insurance**
- ⇒ **Endorsed the planning of the upcoming Workshops on Rethinking Evangelism**
- ⇒ **Approved the 2024 FPC Vision of Radical Welcome & Invitation**
- ⇒ **Discussed that teams will finalize and communicate the Vision & Workshops in coming month**

**CLERK OF SESSION: Donna Houston**

**Next Regularly Stated Session Meeting:  
October 16 at 5 pm.**

*Clerks of All Committees: Please continue to timely submit any minutes to  
the church office for inclusion in the Session packet.*

*THANK YOU!*

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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:**  
Marcella Davis  
Meredith Halcomb  
Linda Knight



## October 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

#### **Sunday, October 1**

Morning: Pss. 108; 150  
Evening: Pss. 66; 23  
2 Kings 17:1–18  
Acts 9:36–43  
Luke 5:1–11

#### **Monday, October 2**

Morning: Pss. 62; 145  
Evening: Pss. 73; 9  
2 Kings 17:24–41  
1 Cor. 7:25–31  
Matt. 6:25–34

#### **Tuesday, October 3**

Morning: Pss. 12; 146  
Evening: Pss. 36; 7  
2 Chron. 29:1–3; 30:1  
(2–9) 10–27  
1 Cor. 7:32–40  
Matt. 7:1–12

#### **Wednesday, October 4**

Morning: Pss. 96;  
147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 132; 134  
2 Kings 18:9–25  
1 Cor. 8:1–13  
Matt. 7:13–21

#### **Thursday, October 5**

Morning: Pss. 116;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 26; 130  
2 Kings 18:28–37  
1 Cor. 9:1–15  
Matt. 7:22–29

#### **Friday, October 6**

Morning: Pss. 84; 148  
Evening: Pss. 25; 40  
2 Kings 19:1–20  
1 Cor. 9:16–27  
Matt. 8:1–17

#### **Saturday, October 7**

Morning: Pss. 63; 149  
Evening: Pss. 125; 90  
2 Kings 19:21–36  
1 Cor. 10:1–13  
Matt. 8:18–27

#### **Sunday, October 8**

Morning: Pss. 103; 150  
Evening: Pss. 117; 139  
2 Kings 20:1–21  
Acts 12:1–17  
Luke 7:11–17

#### **Monday, October 9**

Morning: Pss. 5; 145  
Evening: Pss. 82; 29  
2 Kings 21:1–18  
1 Cor. 10:14–11:1  
Matt. 8:28–34

#### **Tuesday, October 10**

Morning: Pss. 42; 146  
Evening: Pss. 102; 133  
2 Kings 22:1–13  
1 Cor. 11:2 (3–16) 17–22  
Matt. 9:1–8

#### **Wednesday, October 11**

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;  
147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 1; 33  
2 Kings 22:14–23:3  
1 Cor. 11:23–34  
Matt. 9:9–17

#### **Thursday, October 12**

Morning: Pss. 97;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 16; 62  
2 Kings 23:4–25  
1 Cor. 12:1–11  
Matt. 9:18–26

#### **Friday, October 13**

Morning: Pss. 51; 148  
Evening: Pss. 142; 65  
2 Kings 23:36–24:17  
1 Cor. 12:12–26  
Matt. 9:27–34

#### **Saturday, October 14**

Morning: Pss. 104; 149  
Evening: Pss. 138; 98  
Jer. 35:1–19  
1 Cor. 12:27–13:3  
Matt. 9:35–10:4

#### **Sunday, October 15**

Morning: Pss. 19; 150  
Evening: Pss. 81; 113  
Jer. 36:1–10  
Acts 14:8–18  
Luke 7:36–50

#### **Monday, October 16**

Morning: Pss. 135; 145  
Evening: Pss. 97; 112  
Jer. 36:11–26  
1 Cor. 13:(1–3) 4–13  
Matt. 10:5–15

#### **Tuesday, October 17**

Morning: Pss. 123; 146  
Evening: Pss. 30; 86  
Jer. 36:27–37:2  
1 Cor. 14:1–12  
Matt. 10:16–23

**Wednesday, October 18**

Morning: Pss. 15;  
147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 48; 4  
Jer. 37:3–21  
1 Cor. 14:13–25  
Matt. 10:24–33

**Thursday, October 19**

Morning: Pss. 36;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 80; 27  
Jer. 38:1–13  
1 Cor. 14:26–33a  
(33b–36) 37–40  
Matt. 10:34–42

**Friday, October 20**

Morning: Pss. 130; 148  
Evening: Pss. 32; 139  
Jer. 38:14–28  
1 Cor. 15:1–11  
Matt. 11:1–6

**Saturday, October 21**

Morning: Pss. 56; 149  
Evening: Pss. 118; 111  
Jer. 52:1–34  
1 Cor. 15:12–29  
Matt. 11:7–15

**Sunday, October 22**

Morning: Pss. 67; 150  
Evening: Pss. 46; 93  
Jer. 29:1, 4–14  
or Jer. 39:11–40:6  
Acts 16:6–15  
Luke 10:1–12, 17–20

**Monday, October 23**

Morning: Pss. 57; 145  
Evening: Pss. 85; 47  
Jer. 44:1–14  
or Jer. 29:1, 4–14  
1 Cor. 15:30–41  
Matt. 11:16–24

**Tuesday, October 24**

Morning: Pss. 54; 146  
Evening: Pss. 28; 99  
Lam. 1:1–5 (6–9) 10–12  
or Jer. 40:7–41:3  
1 Cor. 15:41–50  
Matt. 11:25–30

**Wednesday, October 25**

Morning: Pss. 65;  
147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 125; 91  
Lam. 2:8–15  
or Jer. 41:4–18  
1 Cor. 15:51–58  
Matt. 12:1–14

**Thursday, October 26**

Morning: Pss. 143;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 81; 116  
Ezra 1:1–11  
or Jer. 42:1–22  
1 Cor. 16:1–9  
Matt. 12:15–21

**Friday, October 27**

Morning: Pss. 88; 148  
Evening: Pss. 6; 20  
Ezra 3:1–13  
or Jer. 43:1–13  
1 Cor. 16:10–24  
Matt. 12:22–32

**Saturday, October 28**

Morning: Pss. 122; 149  
Evening: Pss. 100; 63  
Ezra 4:7, 11–24  
or Jer. 44:1–14  
Philem. 1–25  
Matt. 12:33–42

**Sunday, October 29**

Morning: Pss. 108; 150  
Evening: Pss. 66; 23  
Hag. 1:1–2:9  
or Jer. 44:15–30  
Acts 18:24–19:7  
Luke 10:25–37

**Monday, October 30**

Morning: Pss. 62; 145  
Evening: Pss. 73; 9  
Zech. 1:7–17  
or Jer. 45:1–5  
Rev. 1:4–20  
Matt. 12:43–50

**Tuesday, October 31**

Morning: Pss. 12; 146  
Evening: Pss. 36; 7  
Ezra 5:1–17  
or Lam. 1:1–5 (6–9) 10–12  
Rev. 4:1–11  
Matt. 13:1–9

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LECTOR/USHER  
SCHEDULE

**Elder of the Month:**  
*Martha Hodge*

**Elder Helper:**  
*Bob Heidbrink*

**Ushers:**  
*Chris Kessler*  
*Craig Kessler*

**Lector**  
*Mike Pulliam*

WEEKLY EVENTS &  
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- **Adult Bible Study:** Tues. 5:30 pm  
(does not meet 10/3)
- **Choir:** Wed. 6:30 pm
- **Grief Group:** Oct 12 at 5 pm

**MEETINGS**

- Fellowship:** Oct. 2 at 2 pm
- Facilities:** Oct. 11 at 4 pm
- FPC Men:** Oct. 14 & 28 at 10 am
- SESSION:** Oct. 16 at 5 pm

# OCTOBER 2023

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 World Communion Sunday	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 <i>John Halcomb</i>	9	10 RED CROSS 12-6 <i>Mike Wyatt</i>	11 <i>Tori Brown</i>	12 <i>Carolle Tracy</i>	13 <i>Debbie Wyatt</i>	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 <i>Guy Prall</i>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 FALL FESTIVAL & HYMN SING
29	30	31				

\*Birthdays in italics



# Looking Ahead.....

## NOVEMBER

ELDER/ELDER HELPER

Jane Rahm  
Chris Kessler

FRIEND OF THE MONTH:

### **November 5**

Communion Sunday  
All Saints Sunday

### **November 22-23**

Office Closed for Thanksgiving

### **November 26**

Hanging of the Green



**Franklin Presbyterian Church**

## Fall Festival Hymn Sing

an Oktoberfest-style celebration of music, fellowship, fun, and good food and drink

**2-5pm**  
**Saturday, October 28**  
**@ the Cornerstone and lawn**

beer & hymns sing!  
drum circle!

music by  
The Ringvolds!

local food trucks!  
Hopkinsville Brewing

corn hole!  
bounce house!  
family fun!

## ANNUAL BEAN SOUP LUNCH

Tuesday, November 7  
11:00 am—1:30 pm

Chopping Party  
Monday, November 6  
1 pm

All proceeds benefit  
our Local Christian Service Missions.



# WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 a.m. in the Cornerstone

## YOUTH & ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's & Youth Sunday School:

9:30 am

**Kids' Club'**

meets after Worship

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays at 5:30 pm  
In the Cornerstone & ZOOM

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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