



The Lamplighter

FEBRUARY 2024
Monthly Newsletter of
Franklin Presbyterian Church

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**God
is love,**

**AND WHOEVER
ABIDES IN LOVE
ABIDES IN GOD,
AND GOD
ABIDES IN HIM.**

FEBRUARY

ELDER OF THE MONTH: BARRY HAIN

ELDER HELPER: BOB HEIDBRINK

FRIEND OF THE MONTH: NANCY THOMAS

Pastor's Pen

Rinse and Repeat

One of my favorite holidays (for silly reasons) is Groundhog Day. The entire spectacle is ridiculous, and yet captures a strange slice of life in America. And to cap it all off, the film *Groundhog Day* remains one of my favorites. One of the core tenets of the movie is that repeating things over and over means you might just learn something in the process. You can even do everything perfectly, over and over again, and it might not turn out the way you want.

It might be a stretch, but that captures some of what Church life can be like. We gather every Sunday to worship God, to learn in Sunday School, to fellowship with one another. We attend Bible Study and choir rehearsal, we serve in the Clothes Closet or with Room in the Inn, or meet in our committees. We do these things every week, every month, every year. And we love every minute (or most of them at least) in which we serve Jesus and love our neighbors and spend time together.

One of the goals for our church in 2024 is to share this experience we have with God and one another with more people in our community. And one of the ways we hope to do that is through our three teams. These teams will not be new long-standing committees, but they will be incubators of ideas that go to Session and to committees or to staff. If you are interested in joining those who have already let me know they are interested, tell me! The three we have so far are Welcome & Hospitality, Vision & Strategy, and Gospel & Outreach. To learn more, just ask! As many know, I'm ready to chat about them anytime!

Repeating something over and over without learning anything new gets us nowhere. But with the Holy Spirit's help, some listening, and some discernment, God may be leading us to someplace wonderful together!

*Grace and Peace,
Daniel*



Stewardship Corner

January Average Attendance: 59

Jan. 7 62
Jan. 14 55
Jan. 21 55
Jan. 28 64

January Weekly Offering Average: \$2,670.52

Jan. 7 \$1,642.09
Jan. 14 \$5,995.00
Jan. 21 \$1,795.00
Jan. 28 \$1,250.00

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

January Online Giving: \$2,301.07

Ruling Elders Serving on Session

Barry Hain
Keith Lawrence
Bob Heidbrink
Bob Thompson
Jane Rahm

Nancy Thomas
Chris Kessler
Martha Hodge
Justin Henninger

DEACONS:
Meredith Halcomb
Marcella Davis
Linda Knight
Sylvia Pulliam

Next Regularly Stated Session Meeting: Monday, February 19

Clerks of All Committees: Please submit all committee minutes to the church office for inclusion in the Session packet. THANK YOU!

Clerk of Session: Donna Houston

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

CLOTHES CLOSET HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday
12:00-2:00 p.m.
Saturday
10:00 am-2:00 pm
(first Saturday of the month only)

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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**

February 2024 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 Two]

Thursday, February 1

Morning: Pss. 116;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 26; 130
Gen. 23:1–20
Heb. 11:32–12:2
John 6:60–71

Friday, February 2

Morning: Pss. 84; 148
Evening: Pss. 25; 40
Gen. 24:1–27
Heb. 12:3–11
John 7:1–13

Saturday, February 3

Morning: Pss. 63; 149
Evening: Pss. 125; 90
Gen. 24:28–38, 49–51
Heb. 12:12–29
John 7:14–36

Sunday, February 4

Morning: Pss. 103; 150
Evening: Pss. 117; 139
Gen. 24:50–67
2 Tim. 2:14–21
Mark 10:13–22

Monday, February 5

Morning: Pss. 5; 145
Evening: Pss. 82; 29
Gen. 25:19–34
Heb. 13:1–16
John 7:37–52

Tuesday, February 6

Morning: Pss. 42; 146
Evening: Pss. 102; 133
Gen. 26:1–6, 12–33
Heb. 13:17–25
John 7:53–8:11

Wednesday, February 7

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 1; 33
Gen. 27:1–29
Rom. 12:1–8
John 8:12–20

Thursday, February 8

Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 16; 62
Gen. 27:30–45
Rom. 12:9–21
John 8:21–32

Friday, February 9

Morning: Pss. 51; 148
Evening: Pss. 142; 65
Gen. 27:46–28:4, 10–22
Rom. 13:1–14
John 8:33–47

Saturday, February 10

Morning: Pss. 104; 149
Evening: Pss. 138; 98
Gen. 29:1–20
Rom. 14:1–23
John 8:47–59

Sunday, February 11

Transfiguration of the Lord

Morning: Pss. 103; 150
Evening: Pss. 117; 139
Mal. 4:1–6
2 Cor. 3:7–18
Luke 9:18–27

Monday, February 12

Morning: Pss. 5; 145
Evening: Pss. 82; 29
Prov. 27:1–6, 10–12
Phil. 2:1–13
John 18:15–18, 25–27

Tuesday, February 13

Morning: Pss. 42; 146
Evening: Pss. 102; 133
Prov. 30:1–4, 24–33
Phil. 3:1–11
John 18:28–38

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 27; 51
Amos 5:6–15
Heb. 12:1–14
Luke 18:9–14

Thursday, February 15

Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 102
Hab. 3:1–10 (11–15) 16–18
Phil. 3:12–21
John 17:1–8

Friday, February 16
Morning: Pss. 22; 148
Evening: Pss. 105; 130
Ezek. 18:1–4, 25–32
Phil. 4:1–9
John 17:9–19

Saturday, February 17
Morning: Pss. 43; 149
Evening: Pss. 31; 143
Ezek. 39:21–29
Phil. 4:10–20
John 17:20–26

Sunday, February 18
First Sunday in Lent
Morning: Pss. 84; 150
Evening: Pss. 42; 32
Dan. 9:3–10
Heb. 2:10–18
John 12:44–50

Monday, February 19
Morning: Pss. 119:73–80;
145
Evening: Pss. 121; 6
Gen. 37:1–11
1 Cor. 1:1–19
Mark 1:1–13

Tuesday, February 20
Morning: Pss. 34; 146
Evening: Pss. 25; 91
Gen. 37:12–24
1 Cor. 1:20–31
Mark 1:14–28

Wednesday, February 21
Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 27; 51
Gen. 37:25–36
1 Cor. 2:1–13
Mark 1:29–45

Thursday, February 22
Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 102
Gen. 39:1–23
1 Cor. 2:14–3:15
Mark 2:1–12

Friday, February 23
Morning: Pss. 22; 148
Evening: Pss. 105; 130
Gen. 40:1–23
1 Cor. 3:16–23
Mark 2:13–22

Saturday, February 24
Morning: Pss. 43; 149
Evening: Pss. 31; 143
Gen. 41:1–13
1 Cor. 4:1–7
Mark 2:23–3:6

Sunday, February 25
Second Sunday in Lent
Morning: Pss. 84; 150
Evening: Pss. 42; 32
Gen. 41:14–45
Rom. 6:3–14
John 5:19–24

Monday, February 26
Morning: Pss. 119:73–80;
145
Evening: Pss. 121; 6
Gen. 41:46–57
1 Cor. 4:8–20 (21)
Mark 3:7–19a

Tuesday, February 27
Morning: Pss. 34; 146
Evening: Pss. 25; 91
Gen. 42:1–17
1 Cor. 5:1–8
Mark 3:19b–35

Wednesday, February 28
Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 27; 51
Gen. 42:18–28
1 Cor. 5:9–6:11
Mark 4:1–20

Thursday, February 29
Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 102
Gen. 42:29–38
1 Cor. 6:12–20
Mark 4:21–34

The logo for 'd365' features a lowercase 'd' in green, followed by '3' in blue, '6' in purple, and '5' in red. Below the logo, the text 'devotionals 365 days a year' is written in a smaller, grey font.

devotionals 365 days a year

www.d365.org

LECTOR/USHER
SCHEDULE

Elder of the Month:

Barry Hain

Elder Helper:

Bob Heidbrink

Ushers:

Barry Hain

Bob Heidbrink

Lector

Debbie Wyatt

*Daniel will be on Study Leave:
February 6-7 and
February 27-29.*

**WEEKLY EVENTS &
COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Hand Bells-Wed. at 5:15

Choir-Wed. at 6:30

Grief Group-8th & 22nd at 5 pm

FPC Men-10th at 10 am

Finance-12th at 5 pm

Fellowship-13th at 2 pm

Session-19th at 5 pm

FEBRUARY 2024

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|----------------|-----|---|---|--|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 Communion | 5 | 6 | 7 RITI | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 Red Cross 12-4 <i>John Helton</i> | 14 RITI | 15 | 16 <i>Don Chandler</i> | 17 CHILI COOK OFF |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 RITI <i>Charlie Shumaker</i> | 22 <i>Bill Sparley Jason Matteson</i> | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 RITI | 29 | | |

MATTHEW 25 CLOTHES CLOSET

Once again, our "Undie Sunday" was a big success. During December, here is what we collected:

Franklin Presbyterian Church - 177

Alpha Baptist=147

Franklin Methodist=67

Zion Lutheran=166 Total = 555

Our outside churches were all presented a certificate of appreciation and visits were made to Zion and Alpha Baptist to thank them for their generosity.

If you have contacts for other organizations who may wish to participate in the future, let Debbie Wyatt know at 270 223-7831.



Join us on Saturday, February 17 for our Annual Chili Cook Off. You can compete in vegetarian, mild or hot categories. Keep an eye out for the sign up sheet on the board in the educational wing. If you just want to enjoy the fun, you can sign up to bring chili fixin's or a dessert!



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

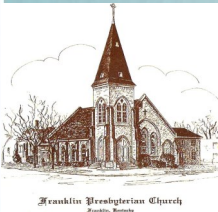
- ♥ What do you consider important goals for Franklin Presbyterian Church? Think and pray about joining one of three task forces, approved by Session, to address the areas of Welcome and Hospitality, Vision and Strategy or Gospel and Outreach at Franklin Presbyterian Church! Each group should include two to four people. Their task will be to generate ideas for future discernment in each area.
- ♥ Bob Thompson will be FPC Elder Commissioner at the upcoming February 10 meeting of Western Kentucky Presbytery at First Presbyterian Church of Owensboro.
- ♥ Session approved Lord's Supper dates for 2024 including the first Sunday of every month, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Easter Sunday, Christmas Eve, and January 5, 2025.
- ♥ Approved the Rev. Kelli Joyce for Pulpit Supply on Sunday, March 3.
- ♥ Approved Rev. Bailey Pickens to preside over the Lord's Supper on Sunday, March 3.
- ♥ Approved Rev. Bailey Pickens for Pulpit Supply on March 17. (Pastor Daniel will be preaching at Bowling Green Presbyterian.)
- ♥ On recommendation from Worship Committee, Session approved the purchase of a new pottery communion set, made by a Kentucky potter. The set will be funded from Memorial Funds.
- ♥ Approved treatment for bedbugs found in a small pew in the AV section of the Sanctuary. They will also be checking the Clothes Closet area.
- ♥ December 18, 2023 – Approve, via electronic vote, two disbursements by Christian Service: \$500 to Harvesters Warehouse to assist with utility bills incurred by hosting Live the Proof – local funds (Bean Soup funds) designated line item. Up to \$500 to Sacred Sparks Ministry in Madison, TN, who host a laundry and feeding program at St. Luke Cumberland Presbyterian Church (laundry room space was damaged by tornadoes) – nonlocal funds (Yard Sale funds) designated line item.
- ♥ January 8, 2024 – Approve, via electronic vote, \$500 from Christian Service local funds designated line item to purchase gas cards to help with Live the Proof transportation.
- ♥ Approved, via electronic vote, adding Jen Van Beek to the van driver list for youth group travel.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- ♥ ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL—9:30AM IN THE CORNERSTONE
- ♥ CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL—9:30 AM WITH MS. SHIRLEY
 - ♥ WORSHIP SERVICES—10:45 AM
- ♥ KIDS' CLUB—SUNDAYS AFTER WORSHIP

Beginning February 25 through April 14th Adult Sunday School will be watching and discussing a video series by Andy Stanley called FOLLOW.

“Jesus says to pray. Jesus says not to look over there. Jesus says to be nice. Jesus says to get up early and read your Bible. Lots of people think Christianity is all about doing what Jesus says. But what if doing what Jesus says isn't what Jesus says to do at all? Regardless of what you believe. Regardless of how you behave. Jesus invites you to follow him.”



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PAUSE - a Bible Study for Lent

Spending Lent with the Psalms! Join us each Tuesday during Lent for conversation about various Psalms hand-selected for discussion during this season. There is a book available (suggested donation of \$10), as well as other resources, including illustrated visual aids and videos at wjkbooks.com/Pause, including an introduction to the study itself. Books are already available so if you'd like to get started, let Pastor Daniel know! The series covers Psalms 25, 27, 63, 23, 130, 118, 116, 22, and 19, with discussion of others as well.

