



The Lamplighter

MARCH 2024 | *Monthly Newsletter of Franklin Presbyterian Church*

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Holy Week

Monday, March 25 here at FPC

Tuesday, March 26 at

Greater Taylor Chapel AME

Wednesday, March 27 at

Franklin Nazarene

Thursday, March 28 at

Zion Lutheran

Friday, March 29 at

United Methodist

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

HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT FPC

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 24, 10:45 am

Holy Week Monday

Monday, March 25 at Noon

Maundy Thursday

March 28 at 7 pm

Good Friday

March 29 at 7 pm

Easter Sunrise

7:30 am

Easter Breakfast

9:00 am

Easter Sunday

10:45 am in the Sanctuary



Pastor's Pen

Flexible Reflections

We are now a few weeks into Lent already, and before this month is done, we will observe Holy Week, including the promise of Maundy Thursday, the grief of Good Friday, the uncertainty of Holy Saturday, and finally, the exuberance and celebration of Resurrection Sunday!

We will be in fellowship with one another, hosting a Holy Monday service and a community lunch. Celebrating the Lord's Supper three times! Enjoying an Easter breakfast between our two celebration services.

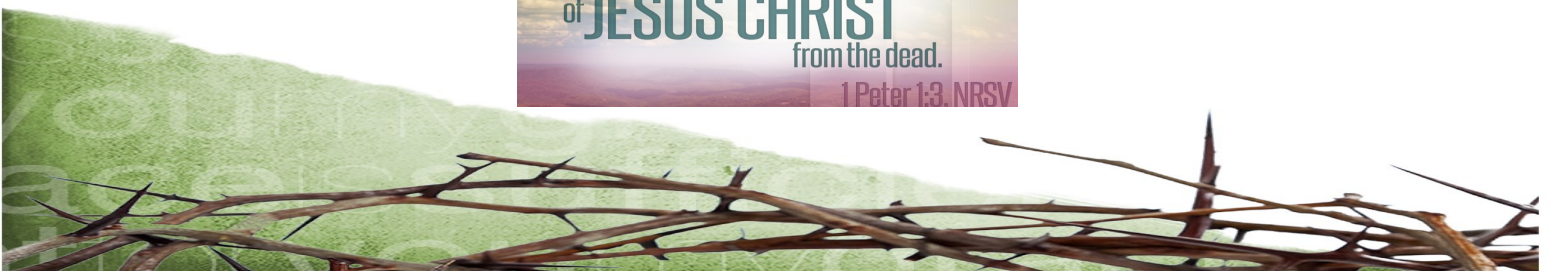
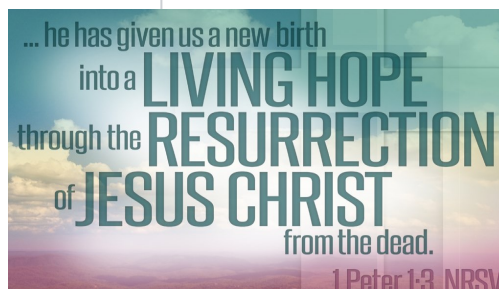
We will be in service to our community together, continuing our work in the Clothes Closet, finalizing our work with Room in the Inn at the close of February, planning for new ways to support the wonderful local organizations we partner with, from Habitat to Live the Proof to Good Samaritan.

We will be in reflection throughout this month, seeking God's guidance in our lives. As individuals, as families, as a congregation, as a community. How are we living like Jesus today? How will we invite others to share in our joy on Easter Sunday? How will we show the light of Christ in what we do and say every day?

So often, we believe we know what God wants us to do. How God wants us to live. How God wants us to serve. Yet, a time of reflection, like Lent provides, offers us the chance to repent of what we have been doing that is not Christlike. Offers us the chance to repent of those Christlike things we are not doing yet. And this reflection gives us an opportunity to be Flexible. To Flex our spiritual muscles in a way. To listen for what God is showing us this season!

We were created lovingly from the soil of the earth, and we will return to that soil after we die. Yet there is the hope in Jesus Christ that carries us through this journey called life. That gives us a message to share, in word and in deed. To proclaim the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, to invite others to this space of joy, and peace, and justice that God wants for all of us. Let us be prepared to celebrate all that God has given us!

*Grace and Peace,
Daniel*





“He is not here,
He Has RISEN!

-Mark 6:16

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Approve hosting Western Kentucky Presbytery meeting on Saturday, August 10, 2024
- ◆ Approve hosting Holy Week Monday worship service and lunch on March 25, 2024
- ◆ Approve the hiring of Jen Van Beek as the Cornerstone Site Coordinator



FPC News & Events

GOOD NEWS STARTS HERE: RETHINKING EVANGELISM

The third and final workshop is March 24th!

The third and final session of our Rethinking Evangelism workshop, *Invitation*, will focus on connection with other people and ways to share our hope in the gospel and our love of FPC without being invasive or harmful—think invitation to a party. These workshops are only as good as their participants, so bring your concerns, questions, and willingness to experiment! If you haven't come to a session yet, that's fine; check out [this summary](#) and jump right in on March 24th!

"Making Connections" - note from Bailey

As the Room in the Inn season winds down and I look ahead to our last Rethinking Evangelism workshop and the next Thriving Congregations meeting at Montreat, I am struck again by the love this congregation has that shines in so many places: Love of people; love of doing; love of thinking and talking together; and love of God, which supports and nourishes all of these loves. There is so much grace and generosity here and so much willingness to try new things, laugh at mistakes, and try again. There's been a lot on my list, and our list, lately, but I have to tell you, I think we're just getting started. There's no hurry—all things grow and bloom in God's time, not ours—and we will have rest and fun with our work, but I think God has plans for our little band of Jesus followers, and I am so excited.

ROOM IN THE INN 2024: WE DID IT!

A huge THANK YOU to all of our volunteers this year! We had at least thirty volunteers—that's almost half our congregation!—and together we served more than *100 people* across ten weeks with a home-cooked meal and a safe, warm place to sleep. Every year this is a giant and sustained effort, and I am so proud to be part of a congregation that our community can rely on for this work. I thank God for every volunteer and for this church!

Annual Friday Fish Fry that benefits Live the Proof will be held March 1, 15 & 29 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Cornerstone. For \$10 you can get a fish sandwich or for \$15 you can get a fish plate with sides.



MARCH
 ELDER OF THE MONTH:
 Bob Heidbrink/Chris Kessler
 ELDER HELPER:
 Barry Hain
 FRIEND OF THE MONTH:
 Chris Kessler

Recently our Benevolence program has helped out with food, gas and also partnered with area churches to help out with a bus ticket to help a gentleman return home.

Just a reminder that this program exists with the generosity of donations!

If you wish to donate to Benevolence, you may write 'Benevolence' on your check and place it in the offering plate.



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Ruling Elders
 Serving on Session:

Barry Hain
 Keith Lawrence
 Bob Thompson
 Bob Heidbrink
 Jane Rahm
 Nancy Thomas
 Chris Kessler
 Justin Henninger

DEACONS:
 Linda Knight
 Marcella Davis
 Meredith Halcomb
 Sylvia Pulliam

CLERK OF SESSION:
 Donna Houston

Next Session Meeting:
 Monday, March 18 at 5 pm

Stewardship Corner

Feb. Avg. Attendance: 56

Feb. 4	55
Feb. 11	53
Feb. 18	61
Feb. 25	55

Feb. Avg. Offering: \$1,811.50

Feb. 4	\$930.00
Feb. 11	\$2,862.00
Feb. 18	\$2,569.00
Feb. 25	\$885.00

February Online Giving:
 \$1,950.98

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



March 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

Friday, March 1

Morning: Pss. 22; 148
Evening: Pss. 105; 130
Gen. 43:1–15
1 Cor. 7:1–9
Mark 4:35–41

Saturday, March 2

Morning: Pss. 43; 149
Evening: Pss. 31; 143
Gen. 43:16–34
1 Cor. 7:10–24
Mark 5:1–20

Sunday, March 3

Third Sunday in Lent

Morning: Pss. 84; 150
Evening: Pss. 42; 32
Gen. 44:1–17
Rom. 8:1–10
John 5:25–29

Monday, March 4

Morning: Pss. 119:73–80;
145
Evening: Pss. 121; 6
Gen. 44:18–34
1 Cor. 7:25–31
Mark 5:21–43

Tuesday, March 5

Morning: Pss. 34; 146
Evening: Pss. 25; 91
Gen. 45:1–15
1 Cor. 7:32–40
Mark 6:1–13

Wednesday, March 6

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 27; 51
Gen. 45:16–28
1 Cor. 8:1–13
Mark 6:13–29

Thursday, March 7

Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 102
Gen. 46:1–7, 28–34
1 Cor. 9:1–15
Mark 6:30–46

Friday, March 8

Morning: Pss. 22; 148
Evening: Pss. 105; 130
Gen. 47:1–26
1 Cor. 9:16–27
Mark 6:47–56

Saturday, March 9

Morning: Pss. 43; 149
Evening: Pss. 31; 143
Gen. 47:27–48:7
1 Cor. 10:1–13
Mark 7:1–23

Sunday, March 10

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Morning: Pss. 84; 150
Evening: Pss. 42; 32
Gen. 48:8–22
Rom. 8:11–25
John 6:27–40

Monday, March 11

Morning: Pss. 119:73–80;
145
Evening: Pss. 121; 6
Gen. 49:1–28
1 Cor. 10:14–11:1
Mark 7:24–37

Tuesday, March 12

Morning: Pss. 34; 146
Evening: Pss. 25; 91
Gen. 49:29–50:14
1 Cor. 11:2–34
Mark 8:1–10

Wednesday, March 13

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 27; 51
Gen. 50:15–26
1 Cor. 12:1–11
Mark 8:11–26

Thursday, March 14

Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 102
Exod. 1:6–22
1 Cor. 12:12–26
Mark 8:27–9:1

Friday, March 15

Morning: Pss. 22; 148
Evening: Pss. 105; 130
Exod. 2:1–22
1 Cor. 12:27–13:3
Mark 9:2–13

Saturday, March 16

Morning: Pss. 43; 149
Evening: Pss. 31; 143
Exod. 2:23–3:15
1 Cor. 13:1–13
Mark 9:14–29

Sunday, March 17

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Morning: Pss. 84; 150
Evening: Pss. 42; 32
Exod. 3:16–4:12
Rom. 12:1–21
John 8:46–59

Monday, March 18

Morning: Pss. 119:73–80;
145
Evening: Pss. 121; 6
Exod. 4:10–20 (21–26) 27–31
1 Cor. 14:1–19
Mark 9:30–41

Tuesday, March 19

Morning: Pss. 34; 146
Evening: Pss. 25; 91
Exod. 5:1–6:1
1 Cor. 14:20–33a, 39–40
Mark 9:42–50

Wednesday, March 20

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 27; 51
Exod. 7:8–24
2 Cor. 2:14–3:6
Mark 10:1–16

Thursday, March 21

Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 102
Exod. 7:25–8:19
2 Cor. 3:7–18
Mark 10:17–31

Friday, March 22

Morning: Pss. 22; 148
Evening: Pss. 105; 130
Exod. 9:13–35
2 Cor. 4:1–12
Mark 10:32–45

Saturday, March 23

Morning: Pss. 43; 149
Evening: Pss. 31; 143
Exod. 10:21–11:8
2 Cor. 4:13–18
Mark 10:46–52

Sunday, March 24

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
Luke 19:41–48

Monday, March 25

Monday of Holy Week
Morning: Pss. 119:73–80;
145
Evening: Pss. 121; 6
Lam. 1:1–2, 6–12
2 Cor. 1:1–7
Mark 11:12–25

Tuesday, March 26

Tuesday of Holy Week
Morning: Pss. 34; 146
Evening: Pss. 25; 91
Lam. 1:17–22
2 Cor. 1:8–22
Mark 11:27–33

Wednesday, March 27

Wednesday of Holy Week
Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 27; 51
Lam. 2:1–9
2 Cor. 1:23–2:11
Mark 12:1–11

Thursday, March 28

Maundy Thursday
Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 102
Lam. 2:10–18
1 Cor. 10:14–17; 11:27–32
Mark 14:12–25

Friday, March 29

Good Friday
Morning: Pss. 22; 148
Evening: Pss. 105; 130
Lam. 3:1–9, 19–33
1 Pet. 1:10–20
John 13:36–38
or John 19:38–42

Saturday, March 30

**Holy Saturday/
Great Vigil of Easter**
Morning: Pss. 43; 149
Evening: Pss. 31; 143
Lam. 3:37–58
Heb. 4:1–16
Rom. 8:1–11

Sunday, March 31

**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

LECTOR/USHER SCHEDULE

Elder of the Month:

*Chris Kessler
Bob Heidbrink*

Elder Helper:

Barry Hain

Ushers:

*Bob Thompson
Deb Thompson*

Lector

Sylvia Pulliam

MEETINGS

Christian Svc: 03/03 after worship

Facilities: 03/13 at 4 pm

SESSION: 03/18 at 5 pm

Handbells-Wed. at 5:15

Choir-Wed. at 6:30

Grief Group-03/14 & 03/28 6pm

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FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 LTP Fish Fry	2
3 Communion	4	5	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 LTP Fish Fry <i>Mary Joiner</i>	16 <i>Bailey Pickens Meredith Halcomb</i>
17 <i>Violet Lagani</i>	18	19	20 <i>Phil Dutille</i>	21 <i>Sydney & Lizzie Halcomb</i>	22	23
24 Palm Sunday <i>Woon Yen Prall Betsey Sheppard</i>	25	26	27 <i>Barry Hain</i>	28 <i>Suzanne Joiner</i>	29 LTP Fish Fry <i>Sharon Smith</i>	30
31 Easter						

* Birthdays in italics

Please see the cover of this newsletter for complete Holy Week/Easter Schedule.

Looking Ahead —April



ELDER OF THE MONTH:

Chris Kessler

ELDER HELPER:

Nancy Thomas

FRIEND OF THE MONTH

Donna Houston

- *April 6 & 20:* FPC Men's Group Meets
- *April 9:* Red Cross
- *April 14:* Annual Chili Cook Off
- *April 23-26:* Pastor Daniel on Study Leave

CONTACT US:

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

CLOTHES CLOSET

Tuesday & Thursday
12:00-2:00 pm
1st Saturday of Month
10 am—Noon

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 9:30 am
(no Sunday School 03/31)

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

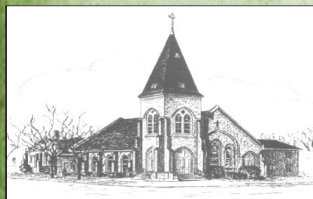
Sundays at 9:30 am-NURSERY

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Spend Lent with the Psalms. Tuesdays
at 5:30 pm



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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