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The Lamplighter

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THE LORD IS MY
STRENGTH
AND MY
SONG;
HE HAS BECOME
MY SALVATION.

PSALM 118:14, ESV

Pastor's Pen

The New Things of Spring!

What a month (and week) it has been! Our reflections throughout Lent, our celebration at Palm Sunday, our contemplation on Maundy Thursday, our sorrow on Good Friday, our hope on Holy Saturday, and finally... our joy on Resurrection Sunday!

Historically, Easter season coming in spring offers a sense of rebirth, sometimes encapsulated by baby bunnies and chicks and flowers, symbolizes life springing forth from the doldrums of winter. As we as God's people embark on this season ahead, we can rest in assurance that Jesus Christ has won the victory over death and sin and hell. That we have a new beginning as disciples of the Son of the God, a new chance to follow him in new and exciting ways.

In a week or so, our Teams will (belatedly) have their initial kickoff. These Teams will help generate ideas for us as FPC to enmesh ourselves more deeply into the fabric of our community. Teams will adjust and flex as needed for special projects under each of their areas, shrinking or growing or resting as the team finds useful. This will be on Sunday, April 7, after worship!

The initial idea about the teams predated some of the work the FPC Thriving Congregations team is doing and learning about, which includes utilizing a Team model as well. Some of the upcoming conversations of that group may merge into or inform the Teams as they begin their work.

As we carry on as Easter people, children of the God who made us, saved us, and renews us daily, we see the opportunities God is placing upon us as Christ's followers. To recognize the joy of worshiping and serving together as FPC, and expanding our ministry and mission as our community also grows and changes. How can we reimagine ourselves as FPC, to be a safe space for new families and individuals who are now making Franklin home?

Christ is risen! May we rise to the challenge Jesus is placing before us as his church.

*Grace and Peace,
Daniel*

News & Notes

Making Connections

Happy Spring, Church! Every year I am grateful that Eastertide is in the spring. New life pushing up out of the ground, buds opening, leaves appearing on trees, the return of bees and migrating birds: There's no easier, more obvious image for resurrection than spring returning on the heels of winter. (The metaphor is complicated by the fact that Good Friday is also in the spring, but that's a little in the weeds.) I think that God filled the world with metaphors on purpose, like hand-holds as we climb a hill toward greater understanding. How can life come out of death? Well, it's not exactly the same, but maybe it's a little like the bright pink flowers on the dead-looking sticks of redbud branches, or the wild violets in your yard that you didn't plant but pop up looking pretty every year anyway, or the green leaves reaching out of the soil at the base of the hollowed-out canes of marigold. Not exactly like that, but something like that.

This was a busy one, as you all know, but as I'm reflecting on the Rethinking Evangelism workshops, I'm feeling energized in addition to tired. (Thank you so much to everyone who attended any part of the series! It was an experiment, and anyone willing to participate in an experiment is both brave and generous. PS have you filled out the brief anonymous [survey](#) yet?) I am coming to realize that that might have been the beginning and not the end of the story. Stay tuned.

I'm curious about a couple of things—who reads this little note, for one, and also: What would you like to learn more about? Is there a topic, churchy or otherwise, that you'd like to hear about? A skill you'd like to pick up? An activity you want to try? [Let me know by clicking here.](#)

- Bailey

TECH TEAM INTRODUCTION AND REFRESHER APRIL 21

Have you worked with the streaming equipment (camera and laptop) before but want to brush up or get refamiliarized? Never done it, but thinking about trying it out? Just want to see what goes into streaming our services? Stick around for coffee hour April 21 for a very quick training!



JOIN US AFTER WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, APRIL 14 FOR OUR SOUPER SUNDAY COOK-OFF & COMPETITION. BRING YOUR FAVORITE SOUP TO COMPETE OR YOU MAY ALSO JUST BRING SALADS, SANDWICHES OR A DESSERT AND JOIN IN THE FOOD & FELLOWSHIP! THE SIGN UP SHEET IS ON THE BOARD IN THE

Rethinking Evangelism Attendee Survey

If you attended any session of the Rethinking Evangelism workshop, THANK YOU for participating. You're a rockstar. This was a new thing and it wouldn't have happened without you! Please consider filling out [this survey](#). It's completely anonymous, and your honesty is appreciated! Any and all feedback will make the next thing better.

APRIL

ELDER OF THE MONTH:

Chris Kessler

ELDER HELPER:

Nancy Thomas

FRIEND OF THE MONTH:

Donna Houston



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Stewardship Corner

March Average Attendance: *

Mar. 3	61
Mar. 10	59
Mar. 17	51
Mar. 24	65
Mar. 31	

March Weekly Offering Average: *

Mar. 3	\$1,450.00
Mar. 10	\$3,641.12
Mar. 17	\$1,870.00
Mar. 24	\$1,389.00
Mar. 31	

March Online Giving: **\$2,654.44**

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

**March's final numbers will be in
the May Lamplighter*

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 Regularly Stated Session Meeting:
Monday, April 15

April 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]

Monday, April 1

Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Exod. 12:14–27
1 Cor. 15:1–11
Mark 16:1–8

Tuesday, April 2

Morning: Pss. 98; 146
Evening: Pss. 66; 116
Exod. 12:28–39
1 Cor. 15:12–28
Mark 16:9–20

Wednesday, April 3

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118
Exod. 12:40–51
1 Cor. 15:(29) 30–41
Matt. 28:1–16

Thursday, April 4

Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113
Exod. 13:3–10
1 Cor. 15:41–50
Matt. 28:16–20

Friday, April 5

Morning: Pss. 96; 148
Evening: Pss. 49; 138
Exod. 13:1–2, 11–16
1 Cor. 15:51–58
Luke 24:1–12

Saturday, April 6

Morning: Pss. 92; 149
Evening: Pss. 23; 114
Exod. 13:17–14:4
2 Cor. 4:16–5:10
Mark 12:18–27

Sunday, April 7

Second Sunday of Easter

Morning: Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117
Exod. 14:5–22
1 John 1:1–7
John 14:1–7

Monday, April 8

Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Exod. 14:21–31
1 Pet. 1:1–12
John 14:(1–7) 8–17

Tuesday, April 9

Morning: Pss. 98; 146
Evening: Pss. 66; 116
Exod. 15:1–21
1 Pet. 1:13–25
John 14:18–31

Wednesday, April 10

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118
Exod. 15:22–16:10
1 Pet. 2:1–10
John 15:1–11

Thursday, April 11

Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113
Exod. 16:10–22
1 Pet. 2:11–3:12
John 15:12–27

Friday, April 12

Morning: Pss. 96; 148
Evening: Pss. 49; 138
Exod. 16:23–36
1 Pet. 3:13–4:6
John 16:1–15

Saturday, April 13

Morning: Pss. 92; 149
Evening: Pss. 23; 114
Exod. 17:1–16
1 Pet. 4:7–19
John 16:16–33

Sunday, April 14

Third Sunday of Easter

Morning: Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117
Exod. 18:1–12
1 John 2:7–17
Mark 16:9–20

Monday, April 15

Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Exod. 18:13–27
1 Pet. 5:1–14
Matt. (1:1–17) 3:1–6

Tuesday, April 16

Morning: Pss. 98; 146
 Evening: Pss. 66; 116
 Exod. 19:1–16
 Col. 1:1–14
 Matt. 3:7–12

Wednesday, April 17

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 9; 118
 Exod. 19:16–25
 Col. 1:15–23
 Matt. 3:13–17

Thursday, April 18

Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 68; 113
 Exod. 20:1–21
 Col. 1:24–2:7
 Matt. 4:1–11

Friday, April 19

Morning: Pss. 96; 148
 Evening: Pss. 49; 138
 Exod. 24:1–18
 Col. 2:8–23
 Matt. 4:12–17

Saturday, April 20

Morning: Pss. 92; 149
 Evening: Pss. 23; 114
 Exod. 25:1–22
 Col. 3:1–17
 Matt. 4:18–25

Sunday, April 21

Fourth Sunday of Easter
 Morning: Pss. 93; 150
 Evening: Pss. 136; 117
 Exod. 28:1–4, 30–38
 1 John 2:18–29
 Mark 6:30–44

Monday, April 22

Morning: Pss. 97; 145
 Evening: Pss. 124; 115
 Exod. 32:1–20
 Col. 3:18–4:6 (7–18)
 Matt. 5:1–10

Tuesday, April 23

Morning: Pss. 98; 146
 Evening: Pss. 66; 116
 Exod. 32:21–34
 1 Thess. 1:1–10
 Matt. 5:11–16

Wednesday, April 24

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 9; 118
 Exod. 33:1–23
 1 Thess. 2:1–12
 Matt. 5:17–20

Thursday, April 25

Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 68; 113
 Exod. 34:1–17
 1 Thess. 2:13–20
 Matt. 5:21–26

Friday, April 26

Morning: Pss. 96; 148
 Evening: Pss. 49; 138
 Exod. 34:18–35
 1 Thess. 3:1–13
 Matt. 5:27–37

Saturday, April 27

Morning: Pss. 92; 149
 Evening: Pss. 23; 114
 Exod. 40:18–38
 1 Thess. 4:1–12
 Matt. 5:38–48

Sunday, April 28

Fifth Sunday of Easter
 Morning: Pss. 93; 150
 Evening: Pss. 136; 117
 Lev. 8:1–13, 30–36
 Heb. 12:1–14
 Luke 4:16–30

Monday, April 29

Morning: Pss. 97; 145
 Evening: Pss. 124; 115
 Lev. 16:1–19
 1 Thess. 4:13–18
 Matt. 6:1–6, 16–18

Tuesday, April 30

Morning: Pss. 98; 146
 Evening: Pss. 66; 116
 Lev. 16:20–34
 1 Thess. 5:1–11
 Matt. 6:7–15

LECTOR/USHER SCHEDULE

Elder of the Month:

Chris Kessler

Elder Helper:

Nancy Thomas

Ushers:

*Chris Kessler
Craig Kessler*

Lector

*Larry Gibson
Rebekah Adamson*

APRIL 2024

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Bailey Out April 1-4 Candice Out April 1-4	2	3	4	5	6	
7 Communion	8 Ezra Van Beek	9 Red Cross 12-5 Cathy Ware	10	11 Kelli Joyce	12	13
14 Souper Sunday	15	16	17	18	19	20 Lois Van Beek
21	22	23 Gary Graves Elizabeth Webb	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				30

* Birthdays in italics

Pastor Daniel will be on Study Leave April 23-26.

MEETINGS

Fellowship 04/09 at 2 pm

Facilities: 04/10 at 4 pm

SESSION: 04/15 at 5 pm

Handbells-Wed. at 5:15

Choir-Wed. at 6:30

Grief Group-04/11 & 04/25 5 pm

FPC Men-04/13 & 04/20

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.

ONLINE DIRECTORY

If we have your e-mail address, you will be able to access the mobile app with your smart phone.

You can also print a copy of the directory from our website! To access, use: fpc5864535 as the password.



Sync Our Church Directory to Your Mobile Device

Now you can sync our church directory directly to your Apple, Android or Kindle Fire device with a FREE app!

Search for other members, and then email, call or text – right from the directory app.

It's Easy!

1. Scan this QR code:



(If you don't have a QR code scanner app, go to your device's app store and search for "Instant Church Directory.")

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



If any of your information has changed, please send the correct details to the church office. Thank you!



Looking Ahead...

MAY

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Justin Henninger

ELDER HELPER: Jane Rahm

FRIEND OF THE MONTH: Sandy Sparley

May 12–FPC Woman of the Year

May 19–Pentecost Sunday
Graduation Sunday

May 26–Office Closed for Memorial Day

Get your votes in for FPC Woman of the Year! Send those names to the office of those you think are deserving.

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“WE GAVE
OUR TODAYS
IN ORDER
THAT YOU
MIGHT
HAVE YOUR
TOMORROWS.”
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Art in the Park is expanding to a third day through a new partnership with Franklin Housing Authority. It's easy and fun to get involved, no art skills needed! Speak to Jen or Bailey for more information.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 AM

ADULT
Sunday School

NEW BIBLE STUDY STARTS APRIL 9: The Holy Spirit through the Book of Acts (6 weeks)

The Acts of the Apostles has many aspects: It's a history, a theological treatise, a journalistic long-form piece... and it's the book that talks most about the Holy Spirit in the whole Bible.

Come on this six-week roller coaster for shipwrecks, riots, speeches, miracles, and the surprises held up the sleeves of the sometimes-neglected third Person of the Trinity. We will reference maps and a commentary or two in addition to scripture, so you can dig in or zone out according to your preference and comfort.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 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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