



The Lamplighter

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 2024

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WE LOVE YOU,
MOMS!

Pastor's Pen

On Your Mark...

We are moving headlong into the summer, as school begins to wind down for the year, plans for vacations are made and participating in community events takes on a whole new experience!

Before we get to racing along, however, we need to get ready. Of course, this coming Saturday the 150th run for the roses happens, the unmatched Kentucky Derby. Prior to the "greatest two minutes in sports," the horses are prepared and trained. They are guided into the starting stalls. The jockeys are in position, they are on their mark, get set... all before they GO!

Many times in our participation in church life, we want to GO! as soon as possible, waiting no longer to help or serve or fellowship or worship. And yet many times, we are asked to be patient, prayerful, and positive. In this season, as we leave the Eastertide, celebrate Pentecost together, may we know the Spirit's presence in our individual lives and in the lives of Franklin Presbyterian Church.

How is the wind of the Spirit leading us? How will we grow in this season after Pentecost, the Ordinary Time, the "green" season of growth?

Christ's promise is fulfilled: the Holy Spirit abides with us still. May we prepare, on our mark, get set, before we go... but when we GO, let us GO in peace and service to serve our God!

Grace and Peace,

Daniel



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Approved implementation of “Positive Pay” security program through FBTC at a cost of \$10/month.
- ◆ Approved funds accrued annually through Special Offerings to be used for peace and justice and youth projects upon request of the Session.
- ◆ Approved Pastor Daniel’s service to the greater church at PCUSA General Assembly June 28 – July 4, 2024 in Salt Lake City.
- ◆ Approved Chris Kessler as FPC Elder-Commissioner at Henderson Presbytery meeting May 14 via zoom.



- WEAR RED FOR PENTECOST MAY 19TH: Red is the traditional color of Pentecost, the “birthday” of the church! Wear your best flame, cherry, firetruck, poppy, beet, and cardinal shades to celebrate!



News & Events

Matthew 25 Clothes Closet

will no longer be open on Saturdays due to low participation.

FPC Dinner Group:

For the past several months, a group of us from FPC have been meeting for dinner at El Potrero Mexican Restaurant at Exit 6. We meet at 6:30 pm in the Cantina Room. It has been a great way to fellowship in a private dining area. **Everyone** is welcome, but you need to text Debbie Wyatt at 270-223-7831 so she can make reservations. If our group is larger than 12 people we will divide into 2 tables (or more if needed).

Debbie is out of town now but look for the following email coming up soon in Thursday emails:

'The FPC Dinner Group will be meeting at El Potrero at 6:30 pm this Thursday. Text Debbie Wyatt at 270 223-7831 by 4 pm if you plan on coming so she can make reservations.'

Join us on Saturday, May 4 at 9 am for our Annual Church Work Day. We will be concentrating on the flowers, shrubs & church yard.

Many hands make light work!

FPC WOMAN & MAN OF THE YEAR

Last chance to get your nominations in for Woman of the Year to be announced May 12. Send your nominations for Man of the Year to be announced June 16.

SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM- COMING UP SOON!

More details to come very soon! Be thinking about if you would like to help out this summer!



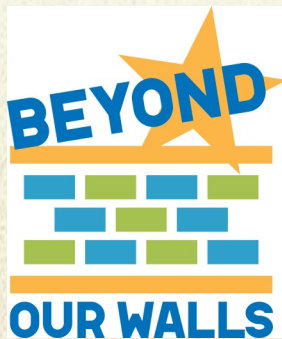
More...News & Events



ART IN THE PARK IS COMING!

We are expanding again this year, and will pop up Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at Jim Roberts Park, Lincoln Park, and the Housing Authority. Last year we saw as many as fifty young people in one hour! This year, we're planning to welcome that many and more. Will you join in and help us? No art skills required, just two hours of time and a pair of willing hands. Sign up is on the Education Wing bulletin board. Please contact Jen Ven Beek or Bailey Pickens with questions!

Benevolence Update



Just since mid-March of this year we have helped over 20 individuals with food and gas assistance and emergency hotel rooms.

The majority of our funds for this program come from donations for which without, we wouldn't be able to offer the help to the level that we do. If you would like to learn more about Benevolence please contact the church office! Also, donating is easy. Just place your donation in the offering plate with Benevolence written in the memo line. Those who donate online, may also note that your donation is for Benevolence!

May 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]

Wednesday, May 1

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118
Lev. 19:1–18
1 Thess. 5:12–28
Matt. 6:19–24

Thursday, May 2

Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113
Lev. 19:26–37
2 Thess. 1:1–12
Matt. 6:25–34

Friday, May 3

Morning: Pss. 96; 148
Evening: Pss. 49; 138
Lev. 23:1–22
2 Thess. 2:1–17
Matt. 7:1–12

Saturday, May 4

Morning: Pss. 92; 149
Evening: Pss. 23; 114
Lev. 23:23–44
2 Thess. 3:1–18
Matt. 7:13–21

Sunday, May 5

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Morning: Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117
Lev. 25:1–17
Jas. 1:2–8, 16–18
Luke 12:13–21

Monday, May 6

Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Lev. 25:35–55
Col. 1:9–14
Matt. 13:1–16

Tuesday, May 7

Morning: Pss. 98; 146
Evening: Pss. 66; 116
Lev. 26:1–20
1 Tim. 2:1–6
Matt. 13:18–23

Wednesday, May 8

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118
Lev. 26:27–42
Eph. 1:1–10
Matt. 22:41–46

Thursday, May 9

Ascension of the Lord
Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113
Dan. 7:9–14
Heb. 2:5–18
Matt. 28:16–20

Friday, May 10

Morning: Pss. 96; 148
Evening: Pss. 49; 138
1 Sam. 2:1–10
Eph. 2:1–10
Matt. 7:22–27

Saturday, May 11

Morning: Pss. 92; 149
Evening: Pss. 23; 114
Num. 11:16–17, 24–29
Eph. 2:11–22
Matt. 7:28–8:4

Sunday, May 12

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Morning: Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117
Exod. 3:1–12
Heb. 12:18–29
Luke 10:17–24

Monday, May 13

Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Josh. 1:1–9
Eph. 3:1–13
Matt. 8:5–17

Tuesday, May 14

Morning: Pss. 98; 146
Evening: Pss. 66; 116
1 Sam. 16:1–13a
Eph. 3:14–21
Matt. 8:18–27

Wednesday, May 15

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118
Isa. 4:2–6
Eph. 4:1–16
Matt. 8:28–34

Thursday, May 16

Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 68; 113
 Zech. 4:1–14
 Eph. 4:17–32
 Matt. 9:1–8

Friday, May 17

Morning: Pss. 96; 148
 Evening: Pss. 49; 138
 Jer. 31:27–34
 Eph. 5:1–32
 Matt. 9:9–17

Saturday, May 18

Morning: Pss. 92; 149
 Evening: Pss. 23; 114
 Ezek. 36:22–27
 Eph. 6:1–24
 Matt. 9:18–26

Sunday, May 19**Day of Pentecost**

Morning: Pss. 104; 150
 Evening: Pss. 29; 33
 Deut. 16:9–12
 Acts 4:18–21, 23–33
 John 4:19–26

Monday, May 20

Morning: Pss. 5; 145
 Evening: Pss. 82; 29
 Prov. 3:11–20
 1 John 3:18–4:6
 Matt. 11:1–6

Tuesday, May 21

Morning: Pss. 42; 146
 Evening: Pss. 102; 133
 Prov. 4:1–27
 1 John 4:7–21
 Matt. 11:7–15

Wednesday, May 22

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;
 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 1; 33
 Prov. 6:1–19
 1 John 5:1–12
 Matt. 11:16–24

Thursday, May 23

Morning: Pss. 97;
 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. Ps. 16; 62
 Prov. 7:1–27
 1 John 5:13–21
 Matt. 11:25–30

Friday, May 24

Morning: Pss. 51; 148
 Evening: Pss. 142; 65
 Prov. 8:1–21
 2 John 1–13
 Matt. 12:1–14

Saturday, May 25

Morning: Pss. 104; 149
 Evening: Pss. 138; 98
 Prov. 8:22–36
 3 John 1–15
 Matt. 12:15–21

Sunday, May 26**Trinity Sunday**

Morning: Pss. 103; 150
 Evening: Pss. 117; 139
 Job 38:1–11; 42:1–5
 Rev. 19:4–16
 John 1:29–34

Monday, May 27

Morning: Pss. 135; 145
 Evening: Pss. 97; 112
 Prov. 10:1–12
 1 Tim. 1:1–17
 Matt. 12:22–32

Tuesday, May 28

Morning: Pss. 123; 146
 Evening: Pss. 30; 86
 Prov. 15:16–33
 1 Tim. 1:18–2:15
 Matt. 12:33–42

Wednesday, May 29

Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 48; 4
 Prov. 17:1–20
 1 Tim. 3:1–16
 Matt. 12:43–50

Thursday, May 30

Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 80; 27
 Prov. 21:30–22:6
 1 Tim. 4:1–16
 Matt. 13:24–30

Friday, May 31

Morning: Pss. 130; 148
 Evening: Pss. 32; 139
 Prov. 23:19–21, 29–24:2
 1 Tim. 5:17–22 (23–25)
 Matt. 13:31–35

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LECTOR/USHER SCHEDULE

Elder of the Month:

Justin Henninger

Elder Helper:

Jane Rahm

Ushers:

*Linda Knight
Prentice Knight*

Lector

*Tori Henninger
Amy Gant
Sylvia Van Beek*

MEETINGS

Worship: 05/01 at 4:30 pm

Fellowship: 05/14 at 2 pm

SESSION: 05/20 at 5 pm

Handbells-Wed. at 5:15

Choir-Wed. at 6:30

FPC Men-05/04 & 05/18

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FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Communion	6	7	8 <i>Leroy Brown</i>	9 <i>Sam Halcomb</i>	10	11 <i>Carol Switzer</i>
12 <i>Malita Joiner</i>	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 PENTECOST <i>Mary Jo Dreher</i>	20 <i>Loretta Eve Bob Thompson</i>	21	22 <i>Maxine Key</i>	23 <i>Sylvia Van Beek Sylvia Pulliam Margaret Crowder</i>	24	25
26	27 <i>Sally Brown</i>	28	29	30	31	

*Birthdays in italics

Stewardship Corner

Avg Attendance: Avg. Offering \$,.00

Apr. 7	36	Apr. 7	\$1,940.00
Apr. 14	53	Apr. 14	\$2,610.00
Apr. 21	62	Apr. 21	\$1,966.00
Apr. 28	47	Apr. 28	\$238.00

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

April Online Giving: \$2,249.95

(March avg attendance 61; avg offering \$2,091)


Looking Ahead..

JUNE:

ELDER OF THE MONTH:
Bob Thompson

ELDER HELPER OF THE MONTH:
Keith Lawrence

FRIEND OF THE MONTH:
Donna Houston



*FPC Woman of the Year
Sunday, May 12*

*FPC Man of the Year
Sunday, June 16*

Ruling Elders Serving on Session:

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

DEACONS:
Meredith Halcomb
Marcella Davis
Linda Knight
Sylvia Pulliam

Clerk of Session: Donna Houston

**THE NEXT SESSION MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE
MONDAY, MAY 20 AT 5 PM.**

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Matthew 25 Study, Sunday School
through May 19**

Franklin Presbyterian is a Matthew 25 church!
But... what does that mean? Join us for three
more weeks looking at the PC(USA)'s Matthew
25 Initiative and exploring the Biblical basis and
practical implications of its three aims: Building
congregational vitality, dismantling structural
racism, and eradicating systemic poverty. Big
aims! Let's talk about them!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

**Bible Study: The Holy Spirit in Acts through
May 21**

The Acts of the Apostles is a history, a theologi-
cal treatise, a journalistic long-form piece... and
it's the book that talks most about the Holy
Spirit in the whole Bible. Hop on for the last
three weeks of this roller coaster book for
shipwrecks, riots, speeches, miracles, and the
surprises held up the sleeves of the sometimes-
neglected third Person of the Trinity.

CHILDREN/YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays at 9:30 am



*Do you have something to go in the
Lamp lighter? Submit it to the office by
the last Thursday of each month.*



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