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*Congratulations to FPC Man of the Year
for 2024 Keith Lawrence!*

WHAT'S NEXT?

In the middle of summer, there's a moment when we realize we're simply trying to get through it before the busyness of fall returns. We might be working to get in a trip, a visit, or just trying to stay cool.

As we've been journeying through the life of David and will continue to do so, we might see some parallels. David already knows he will be the king someday, but he needs to survive right now. He is being praised by the people, he is hated by Saul, and he is on the run.

Yet, he knows that God is with him. David sees what will come and is doing his best to do what God wants right now. It's a strange place to be in, as a child of God.

At FPC, we find ourselves in that spot quite a bit too. We've been praying for more people to join us, for our Bold Approach plans to take shape, and our bold ideas to come to fruition in our ministry. And while it's all happening, sometimes we just feel like we're trying to survive, or stay cool, or keep things moving.

So much so that we forget to take a moment to see how God has been working in us, and growing us in our spiritual formation and in our service. That our love for Jesus Christ informs all that we do as we care for one another, as we grieve with each other, as we rejoice together.

What's Next? is not an easy question to answer in the life of God's church. Yet it is our continued trust in the grace of our Creator, the love of our Redeemer, and the guidance of our Spirit that allows us to Boldly Love God and Boldly Love Neighbor. What a Joy to serve God and neighbor together!

*Grace and Peace,
Pastor Daniel*

PRAYER SERVICE EVERY TUESDAY 11:45 AM-JOIN US!

A new brief (15 minute) service every Tuesday in the sanctuary. Join us whenever you can. We will pray for our community, sing a song, read Psalms and Scripture.

See you there!

**July in the Clothes Closet means
"Christmas in July - Undie Sunday!"**

Bring new underwear for the Clothes Closet any Sunday in July. Men- women, boys, girls - it doesn't matter. But we give away more men and we are currently low on men's small and medium. However, any are appreciated!

A note from Sam Halcomb:

It looks like July 5 - 15 will be the prime sweet corn picking season this year! As many already know, my dad always grew this sweet corn patch for the benefit of the Boys & Girls Club and so those kids could pick corn for themselves and their families. In that spirit, if anyone wants to express gratitude for the corn they can direct those gifts toward the B&GC Garden fund. People can contact me or John for details on picking corn. *Happy Picking!*

Summer Fun & Events!

Summer is here, and Art in the Park is in full swing and going great, and, new this year, VBS! Art in the Park will run through July 18. The following week, July 22-25, will be Vacation Bible School, and we'll round out the week with an art show and ice cream social in the Cornerstone on Friday, July 26th.

Art in the Park and Vacation Bible School both need you! AitP is a great way to meet the families we hope will join us for Vacation Bible School, many of whom do not have a church home or are new to Simpson County. Please speak to Bailey P or Jen VB to jump in.

Our Vacation Bible School theme will be Water All Around the World, using a curriculum from Living Waters for the World. Each night will feature a lesson, music, games, crafts, and a light meal. Help one night or all four! Please speak to any member of the Young Disciples committee, Sylvia P, or Debbie W to join in.

A Cup of Cool Water on the Square

Do you like live music but don't need crowds? Do you want to help improve Franklin Pres's visibility in town? The Gospel & Outreach Team invites you to volunteer at FPC's cooling table during the Friday Nights on the Square concert series this summer! We have ice water, cold lemonade, and hand fans to give away, plus flyers about summer activities. All you need to do is set up on the corner of College and Kentucky (in front of the sanctuary) and be friendly. Speak to Bailey about details, or any member of the Gospel & Outreach Team (Linda K, Prentice K, Curry D, and Bailey P) about the idea!

Stewardship Corner

June Average Attendance: 50

June 2	52
June 9	52
June 16	39
June 23	57
June 30	50

June Weekly Offering Average:

\$1,755.20

June 2	\$2,886.00
June 9	\$2,200.00
June 16	\$1,880.00
June 23	\$1,245.00
June 30	\$565.00

July Online Giving: \$2,362.17

Average weekly income
needed for budget: \$2,692.31

Ruling Elders Serving on Session

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

DEACONS:

Meredith Halcomb
Sylvia Pulliam
Marcella Davis
Linda Knight

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

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS-MONDAY, JUNE 24

- Approved Rev. Bailey Pickens to lead worship on June 30, 2024
- Voted to add Treasurer Bob Thompson and Financial Analyst Stephanie Halcomb to the approved access list for the safety deposit box at Franklin Bank.
- Approved funding recommendations for Young Disciples trip and for new AC unit from Facilities
- Received an update from the Columbarium Subcommittee
- Heard the upcoming events for this summer and fall from Young Disciples and Fellowship

July 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, July 1

Morning: Pss. 57; 145
Evening: Pss. 85; 47
Num. 22:1–21
Rom. 6:12–23
Matt. 21:12–22

Tuesday, July 2

Morning: Pss. 54; 146
Evening: Pss. 28; 99
Num. 22:21–38
Rom. 7:1–12
Matt. 21:23–32

Wednesday, July 3

Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 125; 91
Num. 22:41–23:12
Rom. 7:13–25
Matt. 21:33–46

Thursday, July 4

Morning: Pss. 143;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 81; 116
Num. 23:11–26
Rom. 8:1–11
Matt. 22:1–14

Friday, July 5

Morning: Pss. 88; 148
Evening: Pss. 6; 20
Num. 24:1–13
Rom. 8:12–17
Matt. 22:15–22

Saturday, July 6

Morning: Pss. 122; 149
Evening: Pss. 100; 63
Num. 24:12–25
Rom. 8:18–25
Matt. 22:23–40

Sunday, July 7

Morning: Pss. 108; 150
Evening: Pss. 66; 23
Num. 27:12–23
Acts 19:11–20
Mark 1:14–20

Monday, July 8

Morning: Pss. 62; 145
Evening: Pss. 73; 9
Num. 32:1–6, 16–27
Rom. 8:26–30
Matt. 23:1–12

Tuesday, July 9

Morning: Pss. 12; 146
Evening: Pss. 36; 7
Num. 35:1–3, 9–15, 30–34
Rom. 8:31–39
Matt. 23:13–26

Wednesday, July 10

Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 132; 134
Deut. 1:1–18
Rom. 9:1–18
Matt. 23:27–39

Thursday, July 11

Morning: Pss. 116;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 26; 130
Deut. 3:18–28
Rom. 9:19–33
Matt. 24:1–14

Friday, July 12

Morning: Pss. 84; 148
Evening: Pss. 25; 40
Deut. 31:7–13, 24–32:4
Rom. 10:1–13
Matt. 24:15–31

Saturday, July 13

Morning: Pss. 63; 149
Evening: Pss. 125; 90
Deut. 34:1–12
Rom. 10:14–21
Matt. 24:32–51

Sunday, July 14

Morning: Pss. 103; 150
Evening: Pss. 117; 139
Josh. 1:1–18
Acts 21:3–15
Mark 1:21–27

Monday, July 15

Morning: Pss. 5; 145
Evening: Pss. 82; 29
Josh. 2:1–14
Rom. 11:1–12
Matt. 25:1–13

Tuesday, July 16

Morning: Pss. 42; 146
 Evening: Pss. 102; 133
 Josh. 2:15–24
 Rom. 11:13–24
 Matt. 25:14–30

Wednesday, July 17

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;
 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 1; 33
 Josh. 3:1–13
 Rom. 11:25–36
 Matt. 25:31–46

Thursday, July 18

Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 16; 62
 Josh. 3:14–4:7
 Rom. 12:1–8
 Matt. 26:1–16

Friday, July 19

Morning: Pss. 51; 148
 Evening: Pss. 142; 65
 Josh. 4:19–5:1, 10–15
 Rom. 12:9–21
 Matt. 26:17–25

Saturday, July 20

Morning: Pss. 104; 149
 Evening: Pss. 138; 98
 Josh. 6:1–14
 Rom. 13:1–7
 Matt. 26:26–35

Sunday, July 21

Morning: Pss. 19; 150
 Evening: Pss. 81; 113
 Josh. 6:15–27
 Acts 22:30–23:11
 Mark 2:1–12

Monday, July 22

Morning: Pss. 135; 145
 Evening: Pss. 97; 112
 Josh. 7:1–13
 Rom. 13:8–14
 Matt. 26:36–46

Tuesday, July 23

Morning: Pss. 123; 146
 Evening: Pss. 30; 86
 Josh. 8:1–22
 Rom. 14:1–12
 Matt. 26:47–56

Wednesday, July 24

Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 48; 4
 Josh. 8:30–35
 Rom. 14:13–23
 Matt. 26:57–68

Thursday, July 25

Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 80; 27
 Josh. 9:3–21
 Rom. 15:1–13
 Matt. 26:69–75

Friday, July 26

Morning: Pss. 130; 148
 Evening: Pss. 32; 139
 Josh. 9:22–10:15
 Rom. 15:14–24
 Matt. 27:1–10

Saturday, July 27

Morning: Pss. 56; 149
 Evening: Pss. 118; 111
 Josh. 23:1–16
 Rom. 15:25–33
 Matt. 27:11–23

Sunday, July 28

Morning: Pss. 67; 150
 Evening: Pss. 46; 93
 Josh. 24:1–15
 Acts 28:23–31
 Mark 2:23–28

Monday, July 29

Morning: Pss. 57; 145
 Evening: Pss. 85; 47
 Josh. 24:16–33
 Rom. 16:1–16
 Matt. 27:24–31

Tuesday, July 30

Morning: Pss. 54; 146
 Evening: Pss. 28; 99
 Judg. 2:1–5, 11–23
 Rom. 16:17–27
 Matt. 27:32–44

Wednesday, July 31

Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 125; 91
 Judg. 3:12–30
 Acts 1:1–14
 Matt. 27:45–54

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LECTOR/USHER SCHEDULE

Elder of the Month:

Nancy Thomas

Elder Helper:

Keith Lawrence

Ushers:

*Don Chandler
Bob Heidbrink*

Lector

*Debby Helton
Amy Gant*

MEETINGS

BIBLE STUDY: Weds at 5:30 pm

Fellowship: 07/9 at 2 pm

Facilities: 07/14 at 4 pm

SESSION: Next mtg. Mon. Aug. 19

FPC Men-07/13; 27

VBS-07/22-07/26

JULY 2024

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 <i>Cheyenne Brown</i>	4 Office Closed	5	6
7 Communion <i>Kate Halcomb</i>	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 <i>Marla Knight-Dutille</i>	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 <i>Frankie Shumaker Curry Davis</i>
28 <i>Jane Rahm</i>	29	30	31			

*Birthdays in italics Pastor Daniel will be on out of town June 28-July 4 (GA Support)

AUGUST:

**Summer Bible Study: King David,
Wednesdays at 5:30 with supper!
We will be following the life and times
of King David, paralleling Pastor
Daniel's sermon series. Join us for
Bible study Wednesdays at 5:30.**

★ **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**
9:30 AM

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:45 AM

Elder of the Month: Chris Kessler
Elder Helper: Bob Thompson

Friend of the Month: Debbie Wyatt

Aug. 3 FPC ANNUAL YARD SALE

Aug. 6 RED CROSS 12-6

Aug. 10 PRESBYTERY AT FPC

If you have anything you would like
added to the August Lamplighter,
please send it to the office no later than
Monday, July 29.



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