



The Lamplighter

FEBRUARY 2026
Monthly Newsletter of
Franklin Presbyterian Church

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God is LOVE.

1 JOHN 4:16



FEBRUARY

ELDER OF THE MONTH: DONNA HOUSTON

ELDER HELPER: CAREN GIBSON

FRIEND OF THE MONTH: NANCY THOMAS

Pastor's Pen

Never Stop!

There's snow and ice outside, they tell me; I wouldn't really know because I haven't even stepped outside. I paid attention to how various churches either worshiped or didn't yesterday. I was watching one service when they had a praise song with these lyrics:

*I'm sorry, when I've just gone through the motions
I'm sorry, when I just sang another song
I'm sorry, when I've come with my agenda
Oh, I'm not here for blessings*

What these lyrics express is, of course, solid and right. But as I listened, they hit me differently.

I thought, "No, I'm really grateful that sometimes I kept going through the motions. It's what kept me from walking away from the faith and ministry. And sometimes I'm thankful I just sang another song, because I actually kept singing even when I didn't feel like it."

The truth is, I still keep showing up in my relationship with Christ with my agenda, and yep, I still sometimes want the gift, not the Giver. Fortunately, God has always worked with imperfect, mixed-motive people.

But here's the upside. Going through the motions has probably kept you married, kept important friendships alive, kept you at your church, and kept you doing the ministry you do and in leadership.

And thankfully, God has always worked with imperfect, mixed-motive people.

You see, eventually your emotions catch up to your obedience.

So, if you're going through the motions today, [congrats](#). Thanks for showing up.

The willingness to show up day after day remains one of the keys to long-term faithfulness—and to effective ministry and leadership.

Tomorrow is a fresh day. And know you are loved!

Pastor Tim



Stewardship Corner

January Average Attendance: 59

Jan. 4 52
Jan. 11 60
Jan. 18 66
Jan. 25 N/A

January Weekly Offering Average: \$4,666.00

Jan. 4 \$960.00
Jan. 11 \$2,466.00
Jan. 18 \$10,572.00*
Jan. 25 N/A

Average Weekly Income Needed for Budget:
\$2,961.54

January Online Giving: \$2,798.89

**includes a member's full 2026 donation*

Ruling Elders Serving on Session

Barry Hain
Keith Lawrence
Bob Heidbrink
Caren Gibson
Donna Houston

Larry Smith
Justin Henninger
Debby Helton
Sam Halcomb

DEACONS:
Meredith Halcomb
Linda Knight
Sylvia Pulliam

Next Regularly Stated Session Meeting: Tuesday, February 3 at 5 pm
(January's Session meeting was rescheduled to this date)

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.

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Rev. Bailey Pickens
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Office Manager
Jason Matteson, **Music Director**
Donna Houston, **Organist**
Shirley Crutcher, **Nursery**

February 2026 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.

February

Sunday, February 1

Morning: Pss 108; 150
Evening: Pss. 66; 23
Gen. 18:16–33
Gal. 5:13–25
Mark 8:22–30

Monday, February 2

Morning: Pss. 62; 145
Evening: Pss. 73; 9
Gen. 19:1–17 (18–23) 24–29
Heb. 11:1–12
John 6:27–40

Tuesday, February 3

Morning: Pss. 12; 146
Evening: Pss. 36; 7
Gen. 21:1–21
Heb. 11:13–22
John 6:41–51

Wednesday, February 4

Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 132; 134
Gen. 22:1–18
Heb. 11:23–31
John 6:52–59

Thursday, February 5

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 6

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

Saturday, February 7

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

Sunday, February 8

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

Monday, February 9

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

Tuesday, February 10

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 11

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 12

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

Friday, February 13

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 14

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

Sunday, February 15

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 16

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 17

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

Wednesday, February 18**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 19

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 20

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

Saturday, February 21

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

Sunday, February 22

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 23

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 24

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

Wednesday, February 25

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 26

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 27

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

Saturday, February 28

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



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Elder of the Month:

Donna Houston

Elder Helper:

Caren Gibson

Ushers:

Bob Heidbrink

Barry Hain

Lector

Debby Helton

WEEKLY EVENTS & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

HAND BELLS: Wed. at 5:15 pm

CHOIR: Wed. at 6:30 pm

PNC: Feb. 2 at 6:30 pm

SESSION: Feb. 3 at 5 pm

FACILITIES: Feb. 11 at 4 pm

FPC WOMEN: Mon. Feb. 16 @11am

FEBRUARY 2026

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 VIRTUAL WORSHIP ONLY	2 Why do Pres... 5:30 pm	3	4 RITI	5	6	7
8 Communion	9 Why do Pres... 5:30 pm	10	11 RITI	12	13 <i>John Helton</i>	14 Presbytery of WKY meeting at FPC
15	16 Why do Pres... 5:30 pm <i>Don Chandler</i>	17	18 RITI	19	20	21 <i>Charlie Shumaker</i>
22 <i>Jason Matteson</i>	23 Why do Pres... 5:30 pm	24	25 RITI	26	27	28

* Birthdays in italics

**February Lamplighter from
the Matthew 25 Clothes Closet**

We were disappointed to have to close the Clothes Closet the last week of January, but safety was our main concern.

Here are the totals from our December "Undie Sunday". A big thanks to all the churches who contributed!

Franklin Presbyterian Church = 172

Franklin Baptist Church = 24 + \$85 donation

Franklin United Methodist Church = 184

Calvary Baptist Church = 22

Zion Lutheran Church = 224

It total, we received **626** pairs of underwear, which will go a long way in supplying our needs. Our bins are full and so are our reserve bins!

Thanks to everyone who helped out this year.



Only one more month of RITI for this season. During the recent frigid and icy weather, Room in the Inn utilized local hotel rooms to make sure our guests had a safe place to be along with warm food, while also making sure our community RITI volunteers and coordinators were able to stay home and also stay safe.

Please check the sign up sheet in the educational wing to see what opportunities are still needed for the rest of this season. A HUGE thank you to all of those that have helped in any way so far. We couldn't continue this without you!

PRESBYTERY MEETING

February 14, 2026 is a special day for Franklin Presbyterian. We will be hosting the Presbytery of Western Kentucky's quarterly meeting.

The meeting will begin with Worship at 9:30 AM. Our own Pastor Bailey Pickens will be leading the service and after her message will be installed as Moderator of our Presbytery for 2026.

We are so pleased to share this news and ask you to reserve the day and be with us to show our support for Bailey and participate in a very special Worship.

Know you're loved.
Pastor Tim

YOU ARE INVITED!!!

WHAT: WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

FINDING RESILIENCE, JOY, AND OUR
IDENTITY IN JESUS CHRIST
WHEN: THIRD MONDAY EACH MONTH
AT 11:00 AM

FEBRUARY 16, 2026
WHERE: CORNERSTONE

DEBBIE WYATT WILL LEAD OUR
DISCUSSION FOR LESSON SIX: FINDING
OUR JOY IN CHRIST: "I WILL SAY IT
AGAIN, REJOICE". IF YOU NEED A STUDY
GUIDE, PLEASE SEE SUE ZUST.
A LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.
PLEASE LET SYLVIA PULLIAM (270-776-
2757) KNOW IF YOU WILL NOT BE
ATTENDING.



***JOIN US WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 18 AT 7 PM!***



WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY FEBRUARY 25

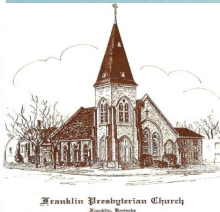
The first three weeks of February we will take a break, before beginning a new study on **February 25th: [Animate: Practices](#)**. This study combines video lessons from current teachers and theologians, rich discussion, and daily steps to put faith into action. Plus, the journal-workbook is really neat. Join in Wednesdays at 4:30pm, in person or on Zoom.

Adult & Children's Sunday School

Sundays at 9:30 am

CONVERSATION CLASS: WHY I'M A PRESBYTERIAN

Ever wondered why Presbyterians do, say, don't do, and don't say the things we do, say, don't do, and don't say? Come talk about it! We'll meet **Monday nights at 5:30 in the Parlor**. Or check the weekly email for a Zoom link!



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