



The Franklin Presbyterian

Responding to God's grace through worship, study, and service.

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April 2017

**Worship
Schedule
for the
Summer**

SUMMER WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

NEW SCHEDULE - MAY 21 – JULY 30

Sunday Worship -9:00 a.m. - One Service Only

Coffee Time -10:00 a.m.

Sunday School -10:15 a.m.

As a result of conversations held as part of the strategic planning process and interest generated from previous unified services, the Session voted to have one service in the summer of 2017 and then evaluate the experience to discern if we want to continue with one service in subsequent summers. We will return to two services on August 6.

Strategic Plan Presentation—May 14

A congregational meeting has been called by the Session for Sunday, May 14, to hear a brief presentation of the FPC Strategic Plan. The week prior to that meeting, each member of the church will receive a copy of the plan, which will contain all the session-approved goals and strategies for the next three years of our ministry. We also plan to announce the teams that are being put in place to implement the strategies.

As you know, the Strategic Planning Team has been working for a year on this process, engaging a large cross-section of our congregation in focus groups and both on-line and on-site surveys, and periodically reporting their progress and gaining approval from the session. The team and session worked closely with John Wimberly of Church Consulting Group throughout the process. The team is excited to be able to share with the church the results of this community-wide effort to discern God's call for us.

In the Presbyterian and Reformed tradition, we believe God speaks through the gathering and interaction of God's people. Each time we have gathered, we have sensed God's Spirit moving in and among the people. We believe this plan is a faithful discernment of God's vision for us and look forward to joining together as a community of faith to answer the call. Please join us at the conclusion of both the 8:30 and 11:00 services on Sunday, May 14, for the brief presentation.

NEWS FROM OUR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR -

KIM JOINER

Lenten Disciplines Transformed into Lenten Disciples

When I think of “discipline” I think of going without, but when I hear “disciple” I think of doing and following Jesus’ example. Often, I start a new discipline and after the first week it slips by the wayside. When I think of starting each day with the thought of how to be a disciple it becomes more manageable and I become the hands and feet of Christ that day. How can you find creative ways to be Lenten Disciples during these last days of Lent? Many of the following ideas can be done alone or with family members. Try one, it might be easier than you think:

Genuinely compliment someone who isn’t expecting it.

Pass the peace to each person every day for a week and really mean the peace be with you.

Visit an elderly friend or relative who doesn’t get a lot of visitors.

Surprise someone by doing a task or chore that they normally would do.

Do a craft or piece of artwork that glorifies God.

Add a time for a short prayer and devotion each day.

Do something to take care of the earth.

Thank someone who has been a good influence on your life.

Do something healthy to take care of the body that God gave you.

Light a candle and pray for someone in your life.

Clean up a mess that someone else made “without” complaining.

Read the Holy Week scriptures daily with your family.

Clean out your closet, toy chest, or garage and take the gently used items to GraceWorks.

Another way of being a disciple is walking the path that Jesus’s disciples took. Make a commitment to attend all the Holy Week services and your Lenten discipleship will be enriched immensely.

The journey began on the way to Jerusalem waving palm branches, and we offer a simple reenactment at the beginning of both worship services. All the children of the church are invited to join the choir as they lead the procession into worship on Palm Sunday, April 9.

On Maundy Thursday, April 13, the Spirituality Center (room 211) will be open all day and you are encouraged to explore the prayer stations. The stations are designed for adults, youth and children. If you explore the Spirituality Center between 4:00 and 5:45 p.m. you will have the opportunity to make a Prayer Pretzel that we will have for our dinner meal at 6:00 p.m. The Maundy Thursday service and meal is held in Wilson Hall.

The Good Friday service is a solemn service in the sanctuary that musically and scripturally depicts the last hours of Jesus’ life. We leave this sacred service in silence with heavy hearts looking forward to a brighter Easter.

Alleluia! Easter begins at the sunrise service (6:00 a.m.) in our courtyard and then fellowship and breakfast are enjoyed in Wilson Hall. The trumpets sound at 8:30 and 11:00 as we celebrate the risen Lord together in a bright and festive sanctuary. Come and hear the Easter message to carry with you throughout the Easter season and beyond.

During our Holy Week as the FPC community the children will have the opportunity to have a Holy Week Passport and collect stamps (stickers) from the different services they attend. These will be available on Palm Sunday, March 9. One additional sticker will be given for exploring the Spirituality Center at any point during the week.

So as we walk this Lenten journey together, take one day at a time and each day can bring a new opportunity to be a disciple of Jesus.

Peace of Christ,

Kim Joiner

Join us for Vacation Bible School!

Monday through Thursday, June 19th - June 22

9:00 a.m. to noon

Ages 4 through 6th grade



Flame wants to remind everyone that **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!** Everyone is invited to [click here](#) to register your children or to volunteer. Registration will close on June 1st, and onsite registration **will not** be available.

Hero Central will be open to all superheroes that love music, interactive Bible fun, super science, cool crafts, hands-on mission work, delicious snacks, great games and more! The fun runs from June 19th through June 22nd, 9:00 am- 12:00 noon.

Ages 4 (by 8/15/17) through 6th grades are welcome! Class sizes are limited and we will close registration once we reach capacity. However, children of volunteers are guaranteed a spot!

There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$10 per child that may be paid online at <https://fpcfranklin.logosconnect.com/funds/give>. The registration fee is waived if you are able to volunteer for all four days of VBS or an equivalent amount of time (12 hours) before and/or after VBS. If you are able to volunteer for two days (or 6 hours before and/or after VBS), the fee will be reduced to \$5 per child. The nursery will be available for young children of volunteers. Scholarships are available and you may contact Tony Inglis at vbs@fpcfranklin.org for more information.



NEW MEMBER DINNER

On the evening of March 10, David and Diane Bell's home was filled with joy, laughter, and hospitality during the New Member Dinner. Looking around the room, I saw smiles and easy flowing conversations and was reminded of Romans 15:7: "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." The space was filled with hospitality as we welcomed our newest members into our faith community.

In addition to our newest members, other members were present and able to build connections in the warm environment of the Bell's home. Thank you for all who joined us for this special evening, and we missed those who were out of town.

As we welcomed our new members, we talked about the gift of community. We reminded all that community is created by building relationships which can happen through all our various ministries. We encouraged our new members as we encourage everyone to find ways to deepen connections with others and with God. Through these conversations may all feel welcomed just as Christ welcomes each of us.

Anne Keener

With Joy and Thanksgiving we welcome: Don and Judi Arnold; Janet Bozeman; Tim Churchill; Rachael Dziedzic; Carolyn Hoyer and Dee Griner; Dale and Barbara Roos; and David and Dianne Green



SUMMER WORSHIP SERMON SERIES AND ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Resume' and Eulogy: Character and the Christian Life

"No one ever says on his or her death bed, 'I wish I'd spent more time at the office.'"

I've heard some variation on this theme all my life. It speaks of a desire deep in the human heart that our days have meaning and purpose beyond the measures of external success our culture often proposes. I don't think I've ever heard it as clearly and with as much impact as when I heard David Brooks discuss "resume' virtues" and "eulogy virtues." Brooks is an opinion writer for the *New York Times* and a best-selling author. In the book The Road to Character, he focuses "on the deeper values that should inform our lives. Responding to what he calls the culture of the Big Me, which emphasizes external success, Brooks challenges us, and himself, to rebalance the scales between our 'resume' virtues' – achieving wealth, fame, and status – and our 'eulogy virtues,' those that exist at the core of our being: kindness, bravery, honesty, or faithfulness, focusing on what kind of relationships we have formed" (summary from book jacket).

I will preach a series of sermons this summer on themes from the book, bringing them into conversation with biblical texts that will help fill out these virtues for our own context as individuals and as a community of faith. On select Sundays, we will also continue the exploration and conversation in a Sunday school class that will dive more deeply into the book. (see below for class dates.)

I encourage everyone to get a copy of the book and read it alongside the biblical passages as we gather to worship and study together.

- Peace, Pastor Chris

Sermon Series

June 18 -	Genesis 1:26-28; 2:4b-9, 21-25 <i>Resume' and Eulogy</i>	August 6 -	1 Corinthians 13 <i>True Loves</i>
June 25 -	1 Corinthians 1:18-31 <i>The Big Me and the Humble Path</i>	August 13 -	Ephesians 2:1-10 <i>Our Hearts are Restless...</i>
July 2 -	Mark 1:9-20 <i>The Summoned Self</i>	August 20 -	Job 38:1-7; 42:1-6 <i>Dizzying Freedom</i>
July 9 -	Psalm 51:1-12 <i>Sin and Misplaced Loyalty</i>	August 27 -	Mark 8:22-26 <i>Character in the Age of the Selfie</i>
July 16 -	Luke 14:25-35 <i>Struggle and the Gospel</i>		
July 23-	Matthew 7:7-27 <i>The Great-Souled Person</i>		
July 30-	Micah 6:1-8 <i>Dignified Brokenness</i>		

Adult Sunday School on

The Road to Character

Room 211 10:15 a.m.

May 28

June 4, 18, 25

July 2, 9, 23, 30

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our newest members, George and Elaine Carr and Sally Wanzer. On Sunday, March 26, the session welcomed them into membership. We are delighted to have them as part of our faith community and to be part of their faith journey. Please find an opportunity to introduce yourself and welcome them.



George and Elaine Carr have lived in Franklin for 8 years but spent many years in Arlington, Texas where they both worked for Lockheed Martin. They are faithful volunteers at GraceWorks and Williamson Medical Center which they both enjoy. George and Elaine were married in the Presbyterian church 59 years ago. After many years in the Methodist church, they shared that joining First Presbyterian feels like coming home.

Sally Wanzer moved to Franklin in December to be near four of her grandchildren. In Sally's words, she is an "Atlanta Girl" even though she spent the past 12 years in Memphis. She was introduced to the PCUSA while in Memphis and knew she wanted to find a PCUSA church when she moved here. Sally is a Spiritual Director and was a Stephen Leader in a previous church. She enjoys traveling and is looking forward to getting connected here at First Presbyterian.



FLOWERING THE CROSS

Easter Sunday we will once again flower the cross in the narthex. Please bring fresh cut flowers and place on the cross as you arrive in worship .

EASTER MEMORIAL/HONORARIUM

Donations in the amount of \$10 are being accepted. If you would like to give an Easter Memorial/Honorarium, please fill out the form in the announcements and return to the offering plate or call the office at 794-5114. Checks should be made payable to:

First Presbyterian Church (Easter Memorial/Honoraria).



PROGRESSIVE DINNER, APRIL 29



Save the Date! April 29th is the Progressive Dinner. Join us for appetizers, fellowship, and dinner. Interested in hosting? Contact: Jessica Queen (615)557-4595 or jessicaqueenslp@gmail.com. Hosts provide the main entree and location and guests bring the side dishes and desserts.

Psalm 126:2 "Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.'"

Put the evening of April 29th on your calendars for a night of fellowship, laughter, and joy with church members. This is a great opportunity to meet people from both sides of the pews and from both services that you might not mingle with on a regular Sunday. Sign-ups to follow as host locations are determined.

SAM FOR 55+



The Senior Adult Ministry (SAM) is a ministry of the Christian Education Committee, and we are asking for feedback for future events. [Click here](#) to read our survey. You may email your responses to Kim Joiner at kjoiner@fpcfranklin.org or stop by the Senior Adult Ministry bulletin board in Wilson Hall and pick up a printed survey to give your ideas.

PRIMETIMERS OUTINGS

When:	Come join a group who enjoys sharing and spending time in fellowship and also enjoys a good meal.
Fourth Thursdays	
Where:	
Various Venues	
Time:	Sign up on the bulletin board in Wilson Hall or call the church office.
6:00 p.m.	(615) 794-5114.
Who:	
Primetimers	

Mainly folks 55+, but younger adults are always welcome.



Journey to Easter—Holy Week Passport

The children of the church will be given the opportunity to get their Holy Week Passports “stamped” (receive stickers) throughout Holy Week. The passports will be available on Palm Sunday, April 9. Stickers will be given for:

Palm Sunday

Spirituality Center

Maundy Thursday

Good Friday

Easter Day

The passport will have scriptures and simple

explanations for young children.



A Prayer for Holy Week

Holy Lord,

We go with you this week from life to death - and to a
joyous resurrection.

We remember your example of sacrifice and service, and
your saving grace.

As we gather this week, at work, school, home or
church, may we remember all that you have done for
us and all that you call us to do for others. Amen.

(Adapted from Peanut Butter and Jelly Prayers)

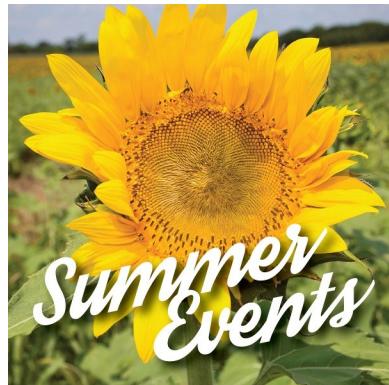
JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL FPC EASTER EGG HUNT

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt for children age 10 and under will be held on Saturday, April 15 at 11:00 a.m. Please bring 12 filled eggs (per child) and designated snacks. We are requesting that those attending please bring the following refreshments: If your last name begins with: A-I sweet snacks, J-R salty snacks, S-Z water/juice boxes. We will gather at 11:00 in Wilson Hall and the eggs will be hidden outside at 11:15. In the event of inclement weather this event will be held in Wilson Hall.



Summer GIFTS:

Growing
In
Faith
Together



Summer Sunday School will be all about **Growing in Faith Together**. We will have many multigenerational opportunities to learn and grow together!

Summer Growing Sundays:

MAY 28—SEPT. 3

10:15 a.m. SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL START**FUTURE SENIORS!**

Thomas, Lena, and Violet are learning “church friends” are so much fun! They aren’t even a year old yet but are already building wonderful bonds. They are being loved and nurtured in the faith by our wonderful nursery staff. We give thanks for their attentive and welcoming presence in the nursery. Kate Lasseter and Kelly Oldham serve as coordinators and the staff includes: Lety Arias, Lisa Bell, Linda Cairatti, and Scott Dufrechou.

**NaCoMe Play Date - May 6**

The Congregation is invited to come out and play! NaCoMe Conference Center is a short drive and offers a variety of outdoor activities that will be available: human foosball, ziplining, climbing tower, creek wading, archery, hiking, horseshoes, ring toss, gaga ball, ultimate Frisbee, volleyball, games, and just “porch rocking.”

Day fee includes lunch and dinner. Adults/Teens \$20; Children (K-5th) \$12; and Younger children are free.

[Click here](#) to register.

MISSIONS

BRIGHTSTONE

March 2NDSAT - BrightStone was a beautiful snowy success!

Mike Anderson pressure washing in the snow will long be remembered!

It was a great day!



April 2NDSAT/Mission Partner - My Friends House - April 8, Bird Feeder Build; 8:00 a.m. Wilson Hall. Last year \$1000.00 went to Hard Bargain through birdhouse sales. This year we are changing it up a bit and making fifty cedar bird feeders with a My Friends House Logo. They are available at cost of \$30.00 while they last, you can pre-purchase through the connection card. All profits go to My Friends House. Tina Edwards, Executive Director of MFH will be with us to share the work they have been doing on behalf of at-risk boys since 1982. They are a non-profit community-based organization that seeks to meet the service/support needs of the youth of Williamson County and Middle Tennessee referrals. Their focus is helping youth change negative behaviors, learn to make good choices and provide opportunities to grow and develop into responsible young adults.



Rebuilding Rainelle

"Rebuilding Rainelle" 04/23 - 04/29. Join this Habitat like work week in response to families in West Virginia who were affected by the 2016 floodwaters. This is our third year to work with the Appalachian Service Project. Go with us! Contact mission@fpcfranklin.org.





After much study, FPC is planning to train interested people of this congregation in water installation at the LLWU in Oxford, Mississippi. On Thursday, April 6, at 6:15 p.m. in Wilson Hall, the mission committee invites all in the congregation interested in learning about water installation and ways to be involved to join us to hear from Steve Young, Executive Director of Living Waters for the World. We are excited to begin this new venture and invite you to join us.

clean water

for a generation



GraceWorks is completely out of several items for the children's fuel bags. Needed: individual sizes of the following: juice boxes, salty items, sweet items, pudding cups, and little packages of fruit snacks. GraceWorks volunteers do almost 700 fuel bags each Wednesday. The bags are boxed and distributed to various schools and the teachers put them in the back packs of the free lunch children on Fridays.



Mark your calendars, our Second Annual Mission BBQ Dinner is April 30 at 6:00 p.m. Our Lesvos Team Leader, Lisa Harris of Servant Group International will join us to tell us about both local and global opportunities.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF MUSIC, MICHAEL SNODDY

Rebirth and New Life



Greetings to All!

As part of our presentation of the Rutter *Requiem* at St. Andrew Lutheran Church we had an opportunity to hear the church's pipe organ. It is unusual in that it was not originally built for the St. Andrew congregation but for the Episcopal Cathedral of Christ the King in Kalamazoo, Michigan in 1970. The cathedral building, completed in 1969, would be sold in later years as the cathedral parish faced mounting financial obstacles. It is interesting to note that the former cathedral building has also found new life and houses another congregation. The rebirth, of both former cathedral edifice and its Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ is a bit of an Easter story in and of itself, as I am certain that to many it must have seemed like the end.

It must have also seemed like an incredibly depressing end for the friends and followers of Jesus. Not only had their leader been suddenly arrested and executed, but they had not been able to say their good-bye. They had scattered and run, and by the time they returned, he was dead.

The next morning, however, even before daylight, a group of faithful women (Mary Magdalene and others) took additional spices to anoint Jesus' body and headed for the tomb. On the way, they worried about who would move the stone for them when they arrived at the tomb. But upon arrival they saw that the stone had been rolled away. The gospel of Matthew records: "There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like the dead. (Matthew 28:2-4). The women entered the tomb and found it empty, but two brilliant angels told them Jesus had risen!

Like Mary and her friends, like the cathedral parish in Michigan, and like you and me, we have all faced down the fear and dread of the "end" and the "what if" that certainly follow. Easter invites us to embrace life's uncertainties, even as Jesus reminds us that, "I have come so that you may not only have life, but have life more abundantly." Easter Day places then a new perspective on both our endings and beginnings, on rebirth and new life. May you find it anew this Easter season and beyond.

A blessed and holy Easter be yours,

Michael

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Musical Offerings for March

Chancel/Chapel Choir

April 2 (Lent V) – J. Edward Campbell, piano

April 9 (Palm Sunday) – *Draw Nigh to Jerusalem*, David. H. Williams

April 16 (Easter Day) – *Alleluia, Alleluia* (Sunrise Service), Natalie Sleeth
My Eternal King, Jane M. Marshall

April 25 (Easter II) – *Peace I Leave with You*, Matthew Glandorf

April 30 (Easter III) – *Day of Arising*, Carl Schalk

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Carillon Adult Handbell Choir

April 16 – *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*, arr. Barbara Kinyon

Summer Music Opportunities

The choir will be on its usual summer break beginning at the end of May and we would like to invite you to share your musical gifts with our very appreciative congregation. For more information and details please see the Director of Music in the Music Office.

Montreat Worship & Music Conference – June 25-30

Join the music staff at Montreat this summer for *Then Sings My Soul*, the 2017 Montreat Worship & Music Conference. Daily worship, workshops, classes, and rehearsals for all ages. More information is available through the Music Office or online at www.PresbyMusic.org.



2017 Schedule Reminders

Children's Music Gathering Time – Each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. (Room 215)

Carillon Adult Handbell Choir – Each Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. (Room 213)

Chancel/Chapel Choir – Each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. (Room 215)



You are invited!

2017 Senior

Recognition Luncheon

Sunday, April 2, 2017

12 noon in Wilson Hall

Bibles will be presented to:

Dylan Christopher Akers

Juliette Matthews Garst

Andrew Parkes Grisham, Jr.

Richard Franklin Hargis, III (Trey)

Molly Louise Hoeffler

Ronald Wayne Kitchings

Alexandra Rosa Belding Pulliam (Lexie)

Sarah Ann Turri

RSVP for a delicious lunch catered by Buci di Beppo and a special celebration!

Cost:

\$10 adults;

\$5 children 10 and under

\$30 family maximum,
payable at the door.

Reservations: [Click here](#) or call the church office today.

High School Senior Bibles

Imagine our college students missing home and their church family. As they are struggling and asking God for guidance, they open the Bible they received on Senior Sunday.

They immediately see the countless signatures and messages on the inside covers. Some people they know well (their covenant partner, Sunday school teachers, youth leaders...) while others they are unable to picture, but together they are the church. By reading the messages, the students are reminded that they are loved and remembered by this community of faith even when they are away. We will be presenting the Bibles to the seniors in worship this Sunday. Even if many are unable to be present the Bible will be given to them as a gift from our congregation.

Please take time this week to stop at the table in Wilson Hall, sign each Bible and be part of reminding each student that they are a beloved child of God and are loved by this congregation.

FPC Confirmation Class and Covenant Partners - 2016 – 2017

Confirmation Sunday - April 30, 2017

The students have prepared the worship liturgy and will be serving as liturgists and ushers. They will present their Statement of Faith's to the Session on April 23. Please be in prayer for them as they continue on the journey to be confirmed.

Student	Covenant Partner
Hannah Anderson	Laura Lewis
Bailey Dvorak	Mike Moyers
Reagan Gentile	Joy Crunk
Hendley Haws	Paula Snyder
Sklyar Lahoda	Karen Sartin
Anna Marie Love	Tony Inglis
Ashlyn Moyers	Anne Parsons
Caroline Oldham	Shelly Hughes
Julia Pianta	Jane Herron
Jacob Ross	Tim Kelly
Miller Sartin	Michael Snoddy
Emma Rose Smith	Susan Bowling
Emma Sower	Jessica Queen
Myers Tschantz	Phillip Whiteside
Madison Zander	Jenna Crunk

The church nurtures those baptized as children and calls them to make public their personal profession of faith and their acceptance of responsibility in the life of the church. When these persons are ready, they shall be examined by the session (G-3.0201c). After the session has received them as active members they shall be presented to the congregation during a service of public worship. In that service the church shall confirm them in their baptismal identity. They shall reaffirm the vows taken at Baptism by

- a. professing their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior,
- b. renouncing evil and affirming their reliance on God's grace,
- c. declaring their intention to participate actively and responsibly in the worship and mission of the church. (W-3.3602)

They are commissioned for full participation in the mission and governance of the church, and are welcomed by the congregation. (W-3.3502; W-3.3602-.3608; W-3.3701)

- The Book of Order - Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)





Sunday Night Summit only has a few more meetings before summer. Don't miss out on the fun! Join us for fellowship, games, study, and dinner on April 2, 9, 23, & 30.

6th grade "Step Up" to Youth: On April 2 all 6th graders are invited to participate with the middle school youth at SNS. They will get a chance to preview activities and get to know the other middle school students. They will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the downstairs youth wing. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. and pick up is at 7:00 p.m.



Helpers needed for Easter Egg Hunt!

Sign up on the Youth Bulletin Board if you can help with the hunt, games or wearing the bunny costume (shhhh!).
Saturday, April 15, 11:00 a.m. at the church.



Youth Auction was a huge success!

Thank you to all of you who attended and donated. This year we exceeded what we raised last year by over a thousand dollars. We were able to raise \$8,113 for youth mission trips! Our high school youth will be serving in Detroit, MI in June and our middle school youth will be serving in Asheville, NC in July. We are so grateful to be a part of a congregation that so loves and supports our youth! There are still a few spots available on both the summer mission trips. If you are interested in participating, please email jbrinker@fpcfranklin.org for more information.



YOUTH SUNDAY 2017

Here I am Lord.

Is it I Lord?

I have heard you calling in
the night.

I will go Lord,
if you lead me.

I will hold your people in
my heart.



Sunday, March 12 was Youth Sunday at FPC. Our youth planned, practiced, and carried out both the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services. And what a wonderful job they did! They shared their diverse gifts with the congregation and did everything from play musical instruments, to write prayers for the service, and four teens preached the sermon. They led the congregation in the Call to Worship and prayers, and they shared the story of the Abraham's call with the young children of our church. They greeted our congregation as they entered into worship and they collected and gave thanks in prayer for the offering. A highlight from the service is when our youth joined our choir scholarship students in singing "Here I Am, Lord." As they sang, we were reminded that Youth Sunday is one of the many ways that our youth are listening and responding to God's call in their lives, saying "Here I Am Lord", and we are reminded again that the youth are not the future of the church, they are the church right now. Thanks be to God!

PRESCHOOL NEWS



The Week of the Young Child 2017

The Week of the Young Child is an annual celebration hosted by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. First Presbyterian Preschool joins NAEYC with continued opportunities to celebrate and learn. April 23-28, 2017, will find children, parents and educators of young children focusing on healthy eating and fitness at home and school, working and building together, problem-solving and creating, and inviting parents to join in the fun. Dance parties with a live band comprised of parents and Michael Snoddy on piano will entertain and entice students to sing and move to the music. Every week is Week of the Young Child at First Presbyterian Preschool.

Children will make fairy houses to welcome fairies to the preschool garden. Parent volunteers also get involved in this annual project. (Each spring the fairy garden gets better and better!) Classes will enjoy a photo book in preparation for welcoming the fairies.

First Presbyterian Preschool classes are for ages 2 - 5. Children must be two years old by August 15, 2017, to enroll. Preschool hours are 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. with aftercare to 2:55 p.m. Call Cheri Lindsley for information or to schedule a visit at (615)791-9061.



FPC Franklin is hosting a Blood Drive

When: Sunday, May 7, 2017
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Where: Wilson Hall

Why: Blood Donation is Important....and YOU can help patients who need blood products!

To make an appointment to donate, please visit www.redcrossblood.org and use Sponsor Code FPCF19.

OR

Contact Connie Bond at cbond@comcast.net / 615-790-4043 or Don Bittick at dbittick@msn.com / 615-794-5768.



Why donate blood?

- Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.
- More than 41,000 blood donations are needed every day.
- One in five of your neighbors will need blood.
- More than 1.6 million people were diagnosed with cancer last year. Many of them will need blood, sometimes daily, during their chemotherapy treatment.
- A single car accident victim can require as many as 100 pints of blood.
- 800 units of blood are needed every day in Middle Tennessee.
- 50% of Middle Tennessee residents can give blood. Only 5% actually do. **You can be part of that 5% when you donate.**
- Blood cannot be manufactured – it can only come from generous donors.
- Donating blood is a safe process. A sterile needle is used only once for each donor and then discarded.
- Blood donation is a simple four-step process: registration, medical history and mini-physical, donation and refreshments (we all enjoy refreshments!).
- **One donation can help save the lives of up to three people.**

If you're not eligible to donate, please consider asking a friend to donate at this drive or volunteer to work at this drive! To make an appointment to donate, please visit www.redcrossblood.org and use Sponsor Code FPCF19.

Please contact Connie Bond at cbond@comcast.net / 615-790-4043 or Don Bittick at dbittick@msn.com / 615-794-5768 if you have questions, would like to volunteer to work the drive, or would like to schedule a donation appointment.



April 2, 2017
5th Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Senior Recognition Sunday
 - Molly Hoeffler

Liturgists:

8:30: Duke Ellis
 11:00: Clarke Oldham

Children's Worship:

Story: Jesus the King

8:30: Melina Stevens; Emma Wilson
 11:00: Christine Grisham; Jack Hoeffler

Hospitality Team 1:

8:30: Fred and Sue Banner; Margaret, Phillip, Sanders and Shelby Whiteside; Paul and Rebecca Wilson
 11:00: Jenna Crunk; Kay Hartman; Tony, Lauren, Claire and Kinley Inglis; Dave Peacock; Cary, Robin and Lexie Pulliam

April 23, 2017
2nd Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Acts 2:14a, 22-32;
 John 20: 19-31

Sermon: *Spirit of the Sender*
 Warner Durnell

Liturgists:

8:30: Ryan Fox
 11:00: Mike Moyers

**Children's Worship: Story: Jesus Is Risen:
 The Road to Emmaus**

8:30: Melina Stevens; CW Helper
 11:00: Rhonda Moyers; Madison Zander

Hospitality Team 4:

8:30: Betsy Adgent; Will Crunk; Priscilla Duarte; Ryan, Sarah, Hannah and Elizabeth Fox; Keith Legenzoff; Ruthie Moulton; Don Savage
 11:00: Chris, Julie, Spencer, Ellie and Gracie Jones; Jessica Queen

April 9, 2017
Passion/Palm Sunday

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon: "Who is This?" - Chris Joiner

Liturgists:

8:30: Duke Ellis
 11:00: Clarke Oldham

Children's Worship: Story: Jesus' Last Passover - Matthew 26:26-28

8:30: Casey Pianta; Libby Loftin
 11:00: Rhonda Moyers; Hannah Anderson

Hospitality Team 2:

8:30: Duke Ellis; Myers Parsons; Tim and Leah Stein; Bruce and Betty Waterman; Susan Williams
 11:00: J. Edward and Brenda Campbell; Roberta Chamberlain; Mike and Judy Darnell; Bruce, Jaclyn, Sammy and Joseph Tarkington

Communion Preparation

Becky Hunt; Jane Plumley

Communion Clean-up

Priscilla Duarte; Sara Hinds

Communion for Shut-ins

Mike Moyers; Herb Nappier

April 30, 2017
3rd Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Luke 24:13-35

Sermon: "Open Eyes" - Chris Joiner

Liturgists:

8:30: Confirmation Sunday
 11:00: Confirmation Sunday

Children's Worship: Story: The Good Shepherd and the Wolf - Psalm 23

8:30: Christine Grisham; Nicole Reimer
 11:00: Patti Kelly; CW Helper

Hospitality Team 5

April 16, 2017
*Resurrection of the Lord/
 Easter*

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon: "Suddenly" - Chris Joiner

Liturgists:

8:30: Ryan Fox
 11:00: Mike Moyers

Children's Worship: Story: Jesus is Risen - Appearance to Mary Magdalene (Easter)

8:30: Karen Sartin; Cara Moyers
 11:00: Kim Joiner; Madison Zander

Hospitality Team 3:

8:30: Chris, Jennifer, Meryl, Brooks and Hollis Godwin; Chris, Casey, Jack Julia and Samuel Pianta
 11:00: Jean Ramsay; Brent, Jennifer, Emma, Elijah and Owen Sower; Ken, Ann, Josh and Madison Zander

Easter Sunrise Service - 6:00 a.m.
FPC Courtyard

Scripture: John 20:1-18

Sermon: "Holding On and Letting Go"
 Chris Joiner

THANK YOU

Dear Rev. Joiner,

First, let me just say, thank you! Words cannot express our gratitude for our partnership with First Presbyterian Church. Your referrals and contributions to Insight Counseling Centers in 2016 show the value you place on providing quality mental health services to your congregants and others in our community.

Last year, Insight Counseling Centers served 638 individuals, families, and couples in a total of 5,675 sessions of counseling—25% growth from 2015! First Presbyterian's financial contribution of \$1,635 helped us provide a total of \$448,786 in financial assistance to clients who could not otherwise afford quality counseling services.

Sincerely,

Taylor Cochran, Director of Development and Marketing

Thank you so much for your support during my time of need. The comfort provided by the flower ministry and the community of faith at FPC, Franklin has meant more than I can convey. Please accept this gift for Sanctuary flowers so that others can share in these blessings.

Sincerely,
 Sandra Fields





ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

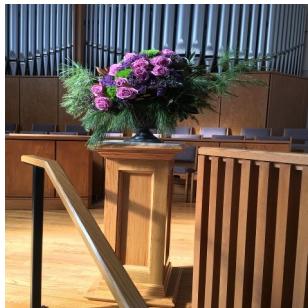
A congregational meeting has been called for April 9 at the conclusion of both services of worship. The meeting is called to hear the annual report of the congregation and corporation, and place in nomination Jennifer Godwin, Steve Lewis, Jessica Queen, Bruce Tarkington and Fred Williams for the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee.

ALL THINGS POSSIBLE MILESTONE CELEBRATION—MAY 21

You are invited! Come help us celebrate the progress of our All Things Possible Capital Campaign on May 21 following the one service of worship at 9:00. We will hear updates on the financial progress and the progress of the projects possible as a result of the campaign. This successful campaign is a big part of our story at FPC. As with any good celebration, there will be food so please join us for worship and stay to celebrate together.

DEATHS

The First Presbyterian Church family extends prayers and sympathy to the following people and to other members of their family during their time of loss:



The family of Judy Darnell on the death of her father, **Walter Murphrey**, who died on March 1.

The family of Therese Howell on the death of her sister-in-law, **Judy Howell**, who died on March 5.

The family of Janice Stevens on the death of her father-in-law, **James Stevens**, who died on March 2.

The family of Russell Henderson on the death of his niece, **Allie Henderson**, who died on March 21.

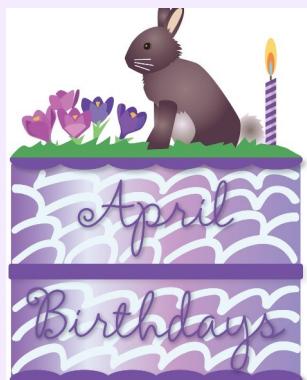
STEPHEN MINISTRY

For there is nothing that God cannot do.

Luke 1:37

There is nothing God cannot do. If you or someone you know is in pain or struggling with life, consider contacting a Stephen Minister. Stephen Ministers are Christian caregivers trained to listen and walk life's journey with their Care Receiver. Call our Stephen Minister confidential telephone line at 615-746-7888 or email stephenministry@fpcfranklin.org. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you.





APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 Alex Peiffer Jackson Phillips Gay Sakich 2 David Boyette Cate Carver 3 Jenna Crunk 4 Laura Lewis Drake Stanfill Doris Tapscott 5 Allison Crawford Therese Howell Kelley Jefferson Robin Pulliam Nicole Reimer	6 Dale Roos 8 Mark Lewis Caroline Oldham 10 Walker Dorman Chris Mayo Madison Milburn John Savage Janice Stevens 11 Michael Gentile 12 Chuck Cairatti Betty Willoughby 13 Paula Snyder 14 Libby Daughdrill Katy Moore 15 Jessica Cole Ruth Ann Peters Sarah Turri 16 John Albert Wyatt Coleman	17 Chase Reimer 18 Steve Lewis Laura Beth Russell Jim Sumrall Jr. 19 Ann Petersen Eddy Roumen Karen Sumrall Rebecca Wilson 20 Libbey Roumen 21 Cathie Davidson 22 Anne Parsons 23 Jayme Medina 24 Melissa Dufrechou Betty Webb 25 Randy Bechtel Ian Raines Kathy Schwartz Jake Wilson	25 Gavin Akers Melissa Albert Don Snow 26 Cooper Houston Cathy McCall Laura Wheeler 27 Troy Dover Sandra Fields Dianne Green Sandy Gwydir Barbara Roos 28 Elijah Sower 29 Rob Lucas Shirley Malchow Dylan Wood 30 Joan Bittick Reid Frazier John Grimm Gay Shanafelt
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Please note: Birthdays are published weekly in Enews and monthly in the newsletter. If you would prefer not to be listed, please email rgarner@fpcfranklin.org for the Enews and the newsletter.

CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	February Actual	February Budget	March—Feb. Actual	March—Feb. Budget
Income	71,753.34	77,930.00	1,007,016.82	1,011,160.00
Fixed Expenses	59,990.62	68,770.00	823,628.75	816,660.00
Other Expenses	23,294.16	16,569.00	186,333.13	194,500.00
Income over/ (under expenses)	(11,531.44)	(7,409.00)	(2,945.06)	0.00

APRIL 2017 DAILY LECTORY

These Scripture readings are from the two-year daily lectionary of the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox)

Saturday, April 1

Morning: Pss. 43; 149
Evening: Pss. 31; 143 Jer. 23:9–15 Rom. 9:1–18 John 6:60–71

Sunday, April 2

5th Sunday in Lent Morning:
Pss. 84; 150
Evening: Pss. 42; 32 Jer. 23:16–32 1 Cor. 9:19–27 Mark 8:31–9:1

Monday, April 3

Morning: Pss. 119:73–80; 145
Evening: Pss. 121; 6 Jer. 24:1–10 Rom. 9:19–33 John 9:1–17

Tuesday, April 4

Morning: Pss. 34; 146
Evening: Pss. 25; 91 Jer. 25:8–17 Rom. 10:1–13 John 9:18–41

Wednesday, April 5

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 27; 51 Jer. 25:30–38 Rom. 10:14–21 John 10:1–18

Thursday, April 6

Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 102 Jer. 26:1–16 (17–24) Rom. 11:1–12 John 10:19–42

Friday, April 7

Morning: Pss. 22; 148
Evening: Pss. 105; 130 Jer. 29:1 (2–3) 4–14 Rom. 11:13–24 John 11:1–27 or John 12:1–10

Saturday, April 8

Morning: Pss. 43; 149
Evening: Pss. 31; 143 Jer. 31:27–34 Rom. 11:25–36 John 11:28–44 or John 12:37–50

Sunday, April 9

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 Matt. 21:12–19

Monday, April 10

Monday of Holy Week Morning:
Pss. 119:73–80; 145 Evening:
Pss. 121; 6 Jer. 11:18–20; 12:1–16 (17) Phil. 3:1–14 John 12:9–19

Tuesday, April 11

Tuesday of Holy Week Morning:
Pss. 34; 146
Evening: Pss. 25; 91 Jer. 15:10–21 Phil. 3:15–21 John 12:20–26

Wednesday, April 12

Wednesday of Holy Week
Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 27; 51 Jer. 17:5–10, 14–17 (18) Phil. 4:1–13 John 12:27–36

Thursday, April 13

Maundy Thursday Morning:
Pss. 27; 147:12–20

Evening: Pss. 126; 102 Jer. 20:7–11 (12–13) 14–18 1 Cor. 10:14–17; 11:27–32 John 17:1–11 (12–26)

Friday, April 14

Good Friday Morning: Pss. 22; 148
Evening: Pss. 105; 130 Gen. 22:1–14 1 Peter 1:10–20 John 13:36–38 or John 19:38–42

Saturday, April 15

Holy Saturday Morning:
Pss. 43; 149
Evening: Pss. 31; 143 Job 19:21–27a Heb. 4:1–16 Rom. 8:1–11

Sunday, April 16

Resurrection of the Lord /
Easter Sunday 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

Monday, April 17

Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115 Jonah 2:1–10 Acts 2:14, 22–32 John 14:1–14

Tuesday, April 18

Morning: Pss. 98; 146
Evening: Pss. 66; 116 Isa. 30:18–26 Acts 2:36–41 (42–47) John 14:15–31

Wednesday, April 19

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118 Micah 7:7–15 Acts 3:1–10 John 15:1–11

Thursday, April 20

Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113 Ezek. 37:1–14 Acts 3:11–26 John 15:12–27

Friday, April 21

Morning: Pss. 96; 148
Evening: Pss. 49; 138 Dan. 12:1–4, 13 Acts 4:1–12 John 16:1–15

Saturday, April 22

Morning: Pss. 92; 149
Evening: Pss. 23; 114 Isa. 25:1–9
Acts 4:13–21 (22–31) John 16:16–33

Sunday, April 23

2nd Sunday of Easter Morning:
Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117 Isa. 43:8–13 1 Peter 2:2–10 John 14:1–7

Monday, April 24

Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115 Dan. 1:1–21 1 John 1:1–10 John 17:1–11

Tuesday, April 25

Morning: Pss. 98; 146
Evening: Pss. 66; 116 Dan. 2:1–16 1 John 2:1–11 John 17:12–19

Wednesday, April 26

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118 Dan. 2:17–30 1 John 2:12–17 John 17:20–26

Thursday, April 27

Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113 Dan. 2:31–49 1 John 2:18–29 Luke 3:1–14

Friday, April 28

Morning: Pss. 96; 148
Evening: Pss. 49; 138 Dan. 3:1–18 1 John 3:1–10 Luke 3:15–22

Saturday, April 29

Morning: Pss. 92; 149
Evening: Pss. 23; 114
Dan. 3:19–30 1 John 3:11–18
Luke 4:1–13

Sunday, April 30

3rd Sunday of Easter Morning:
Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117
Dan. 4:1–18 1 Peter 4:7–11
John 21:15–25





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SUNDAY WORSHIP: 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
 SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45 A.M.

Return Service Requested

CHURCH STAFF

Chris Joiner, Pastor
 Anne Keener, Pastoral Assistant
 Michael Snoddy, Director of Music
 Kim Joiner, Director of Christian Education
 Janelle Brinker, Director of Youth Ministries
 Cheri Lindsley, Preschool Director
 Glenda Andrews, Office Administrator
 Sarah Cochran, Accountant
 Becky Garner, Administrative Assistant
 Jerry Russell, Sexton
 Peter Riek, Assistant Sexton
 Kate Lasseter, Nursery Coordinator
 Kelly Oldham, Nursery Coordinator
 Thomas D. Walker, Pastor Emeritus

ACCOUNTANT'S CORNER



Sarah is available in the church office on Monday 9-2,
 Wednesday 9-2, and Thursday 9-2.



FPC CHURCH CALENDAR

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