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Lent 2024

Sundays in Lent 11 AM Worship

Remember who you are, and embrace who God is calling you to be, as we gather in worship to

-Praise-

Sing the Lenten journey with music from the Taizé community in France

-Proclaim-

Hear inspiring messages from our guest ministers, as they share words of transformation and hope.

-Pray-

Engage in community-crafted prayers of the people that reflect and resonate with your soul.



March 3, 2024 Lent 3: You Are Cleansed and Changed
March 10, 2024 Lent 4: You Are Welcomed and Inviting
March 17, 2024 Lent 5: You Are Dying and Living

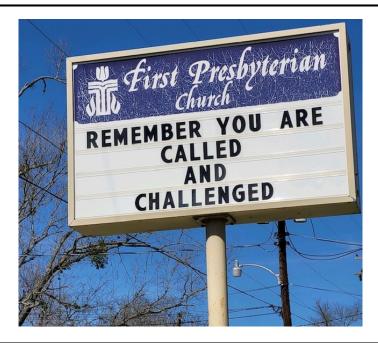
Holy Week and Easter Worship Schedule

March 24, 2024	Palm Sunday	11AM Worship
March 28, 2024	Maundy Thursday	5:30 PM Worship
March 31, 2024	Easter Sunday	11 AM Worship

Council Actions

February 19, 2024

- Prayed together and shared joys and concerns
- Listened to options for the future of the church presented by COM Representative
- ♦ Elected Commissioner to Presbytery meeting February 22 in Ft. Worth
- Selected Home Communion Elders for March
- Noted the services for Holy Week—Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday at 5:30, and Easter



PRIMARY ELECTION

Tuesday, March 5, 2024



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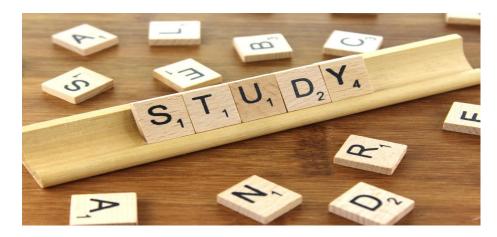
Music and Worship Arts Facilitator—Joshua Allen

FINANCE AT A GLANCE



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January 2024:		
IN	OUT	BALANCE
\$8,577	\$9,583	-\$1,006
December 2023:		
IN	OUT	BALANCE
\$11,994	\$17,018	-\$5,024
Year to Date:		
IN	OUT	BALANCE
\$8,577	\$9,583	-\$1,006

The **Christian Education Committee** has not officially met; however, they have been in communication with each other. The Lenten Study will be a discussion study of the book **A Way Other Than Our Own** by Walter Brueggemann — a thought-provoking author. This study will guide and lead us as we go through the season of Lent. We will conclude our discussion study on Palm Sunday, March 24th. We will not have a Sunday Study Session on Easter Sunday, March 31st. If you'd like to join in the study discussion, please join us in the church parlor on Sunday mornings at 9:45.



The **CE Green Team** has filed the report and paperwork to receive our annual Certified Green Congregation designation. We anticipate receiving our official certificate of continued designation this month. Remember to recycle and reuse!

Jimmy, Steve, Lynn, Kathy & Claudia



Greetings from the Building & Grounds Committee!

Hello March --- we are so glad to greet you. You are going to be a busy month.

Remember to "spring" forward by turning your clocks forward on March 10th when Daylight Savings Time begins. (NOTE: move your clocks forward when you go to bed Saturday night as the time change happens at 2:00 am). This is also a good time to check and change the batteries in your smoke alarms. Your fire departments recommend and appreciate it!

On March 19th, we escort in the first day of Spring. The gardeners will be chomping at the bit to get into the soil and plant.... Just remember, Easter is sometimes the benchmark for the last freeze!

We are looking forward to Spring weather where we can enjoy the outdoors and enjoy watching God's beauty unfold.

See you around the Building and Grounds,

Steve, John T., Tom, Charlie, Weldon, Kathy, Michael & Claudia

NEW COMMITTEE LEADERS

Building & Grounds	Steve, Chair	John, 2 nd Chair
Christian Education	Jimmy, Chair	Steve, 2 nd Chair
Communications	Liz, Chair	Claudia, 2 nd Chair
Fellowship/Member Care	Mary, Co-Chair	Claudia, Co-Chair
Stewardship/Finance	Tom, Chair	Steve, Liaison
Outreach	Claudia, Chair	Liz, 2 nd Chair
Personnel	Claudia, Chair	Lynn, 2 nd Chair
Worship	Mary, Chair	Jimmy, 2 nd Chair
Clerk of Session	Kathy	Jimmy, Vice Clerk

We invite you to join one of these Committees – There are many ways to share your time and talents with us. Thank you.

We Reach Out

As we continue our transition phase, we've rearranged leadership for Outreach since our last newsletter.

We continue our efforts in the community with our weekly delivery of **Meals on Wheels** each Friday. **Adopt-A-Block** will resume on Sunday, March 10th after church service. Moving it to this time we are hopeful that we'll be able to greet and visit with more of our neighbors. All are



welcome to join us. Bring your walking shoes to change into! In addition, the committee determined that the Henderson Fire Department will be the next recipient of our **Hustle Kindness**. Date is TBD but we'll let you know in case you want to Hustle with us.

We continue to encourage and participate in collecting the food items for **HIM** and then delivering the food. We will also be codifying our continued support of other causes in the community and within the Presbytery Special Offerings.

We are currently in the first **Special Offering – One Great Hour of Sharing.** This important special offering that runs through Easter. One Great Hour of Sharing this year is themed -

REPAIRING THE BREACH — PROVIDING RELIEF FROM NATURAL DISASTERS, FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY, AND SUPPORT FOR THE POOR AND OPPRESSED. We encourage you to participate in this offering as you can and your heart leads you.

We invite each of you to share the grace of God with all you meet. **The Outreach Team** invites you to join us -- there's always room for more helping hands and open hearts.

As always, peace be with you.

Claudia, Liz, Mary, Kathy, Lynn, Louise, John, Kelly, Jimmy, Weldon

Spring is coming. **The Worship Team** has been busy preparing for this time – the journey to Easter.

March 24, Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Palm Sunday is the last Sunday of Lent. It is a joyful occasion celebrated with palm branches during the service.

We will observe **Maundy Thursday** during an evening service on Thursday **March 28 at 5:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. We will observe a joint Maundy Thursday and Good Friday observance and will include an Agape Meal during service. Agape Meal is a tradition of table fellowship among Christians that helps to foster communal feeling and promotes harmony, goodwill and congeniality among believers.

Maundy Thursday is the day in Holy Week that commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with His disciples. It is a significant Christian observance where Jesus instituted the Eucharist, washed the disciples' feet as a symbol of humility and service, and foretold His betrayal. The term "Maundy" is derived from the Latin "mandatum," meaning "commandment," referring to Jesus' new commandment to love one another as He loved them. Good Friday, March 29th is the day in Holy Week that commemorates the crucifixion and death of Christ on the Cross. It is a solemn and reflective time for Christians.

And then, as Christians, we will celebrate Easter on Sunday, March 31st during an Easter Service at 11:00 am. Easter, the celebration of Jesus Christ's resurrection. It is the central event of the Christian faith and is celebrated with joy and worship and a symbol of new life and hope.

We are asking our congregation and friends to participate during this holy time in our "Prayers of the People." We have a basket in the narthex where we invite you to write on a slip of paper and share your prayers for our world, our community, our church and your prayers for yourself and family.

We are thankful and blessed to have our pulpit filled with these wonderful servants:

March 3rd - Rev. Jerry Carpenter

March 10th – Rev. Brendan McLean

March 17th – Rev. David Reeder

March 24th - Sharon Templeman — Palm Sunday

March 31st - Jimmy Chapman – Easter Sunday

Worship Team - Mary, Joshua, Jimmy, Kathy, Lynn, Liz, Claudia

Guest Pastors in February:

Rev. Jerry Carpenter (right)

Kathy welcomed Louise to membership in the FPC

Rev. David Reeder (bottom right)

Rev. Kenny Rigoulot (bottom left)







The first day of Spring will greet us on Tuesday, March 19th. This welcome event will follow the start of Daylight Savings Time (Spring forward) on Sunday, March 10th and the celebration of St. Patrick's Day on Sunday, March 17th. All

this before Holy Week where, we as Presbyterians, will observe Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and then celebrate Easter.

Please mark your calendar and plan to share in our traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage lunch after service on March 17th.

In addition, the Fellowship Team is working with the Worship Team to provide the Agape Meal for the joint Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Service we will observe together on Thursday, March 28 at 5:30 pm.



Always know, that each of you are with us always in mind, body and spirit even when we're not together in person.

The Fellowship and Member Care Team: Claudia, Mary, Lynn, Kathy, Chris, Suzanne

Communications

Weekly your Communication Committee posts the church service bulletin to the website, assists with the streaming of the worship service, and posts songs used in the worship service to license companies as required by copyright laws. Also, we have continued to keep the church website updated and the Facebook page active with current postings. Monthly we collect newsletter submissions, conduct multiple proofreads of the newsletter draft, and sign off on the newsletter for publication and distribution. With many responsibilities, our committee members keep busy and meet multiple times per month by telephone, text, face-to-face, and e-mail doing what they do best - "communicating."

If you have something to include in the newsletter, the submission deadline is the third Friday of each month. Please e-mail submissions to Liz and Claudia. We remain resolute, excited, devoted, and honored to serve the congregation.



Team Members are Liz, Claudia, Weldon, and Kathy.

March 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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					Meals on Wheels	
3 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/ Communion with Jerry Carpenter Home Communion	4	5 VOTE	6	7	8 Meals on Wheels	9 spring ahead!
10 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship with Brendan McLean Adopt-a-Block	11	12	13	14	15 Meals on Wheels Connections Deadline	16
17 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship with David Reeder, Corned Beef & Cabbage Luncheon	18	19 Spring	20	21 2:30-LEAN Meeting 6:00 Session Meeting	22 Meals on Wheels	23
24 Palm Sunday 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship with Sharon Templeman	25	26	27	28 Maundy Thursday 5:30 Curated Holy Thursday and Good Friday combined Service	29 Good Friday Meals on Wheels	30 Easter Vigil
31 Easter Sunday 11:00 Worship with Jimmy Chapman						He is Risen

Duty Elder for March:

Jimmy

Liturgists for March:

3-Kathy

10-Steve

17-Stefen

24-Suzanne

31-Claudia

