



March 2020



Anthony the Great was one of the desert fathers who lived in the 3rd century. Known for his holiness and walk with God, people traveled into the desert to learn from him. One day somebody asked Anthony, "What shall I do in order to please God?" He replied, "Do what I tell you, which is this: wherever you go, keep God in mind; whatever you do, follow the example of holy scripture; wherever you are, stay there and do not move away in a hurry. If you keep to these guide-lines, you will be saved." That is ancient wisdom for modern times.

During Lent we seek to focus or refocus our lives on the things of God. We try to break the ordinary in our lives and live in the extraordinary, the full life God intends for us. Complacency often has us in its grip and it becomes a challenge to break, but break it we must. Not to live the life God has for us is a sin. And it is foolish to do otherwise.

Paul in Philippians 3 (AMP) said, "For my determined purpose is that I may know him." Paul did not drift into his relationship with Christ. It was a concerted effort on his part and it is that kind of effort we need to commit ourselves. Lent is about deep cleaning. It is a time of profound soul searching. It requires us to stand before our Lord with hearts exposed. As we approach the celebration that is Easter, let us think deeply about how our lives need to be aligned with the life of the risen Lord.

Together let us pray ...

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. (Psalm 139)

Blessings on this Lenten journey.

Mike

Lenten Lunch

Schedule

March 5

Lenten Lunch @
Trinity at the Well
Dr. Mike
Anderson, speaker

March 12

Lenten Lunch @
Church of the
Ascension

March 19

Lenten Lunch @
First Presbyterian

March 26

Lenten Lunch @
Faith United
Methodist





Wednesday Night Activities

Dinner 5:30pm

Suggested donation for dinner adults \$10, seniors \$7, children 10 & under \$5, children under 3 eat free, and the family maximum is \$28. The meal includes an entrée, vegetable side dish, bread, dessert and drink.

March Programs at 6:15pm

March 4 - Taize' Service: Contemplative service featuring music, scripture reading, prayer and silent meditation

March 11 - Evensong

March 18 - Taize' Service

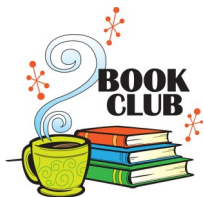
March 25 - Evensong



On Thursdays in Lent we will once again gather with churches from around the community to have a simple lunch together and one of the pastors will lead us in a brief devotional in keeping with the Lenten season. The lunch is from 12:00-12:55pm. There is no charge, donations will be accepted. To make a reservation call the church office at 770-382-3511 by noon on Tuesday.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host Church</u>
March 5	Trinity at the Well
March 12	Church of the Ascension
March 19	First Presbyterian
March 26	Faith United Methodist
April 2	Sam Jones United Methodist

Older Adult Ministry 2020



The Book Club Group meets March 12th at 10:30am in the Cornerstone Room. The book this month is "Leaving Cold Sassy Tree" by Olive Anne Burns. We will walk over to the Church of Ascension afterwards for the Lenten Luncheon.



Trip to the High Museum of Art in Atlanta, April 17th
 We will meet at the church at 9:30am, have lunch in Atlanta and tour the museum. To reserve your spot on the bus call the church office.
 Lunch is dutch treat and the museum ticket is \$14.50

Barnsley Gardens - Planning is underway! Lunch and tour date to be announced.

From the Session

The Session met on February 18, 2020 for its regular Stated Meeting. The following are the highlights from that meeting:

1. Mark Bridges presented the Proposed 2020 Annual Budget (Total Revenue \$684,046) to the Session which was approved.
2. Paul Green presented the January 2020 Revenue & Expense Report which was approved.
3. Scott Panter and Katie Godfrey presented a draft of the proposed Ministry Information Form which incorporated information obtained from the recent Listening Sessions and it was approved.
4. Scott Panter reported that 197 students are enrolled in the Hands of Christ program and the Board is looking into new ways to reach out to more at-risk students.
5. Katie Godfrey reported that the Congregational Care Committee is looking for new ways to reach out to out to our members.
- 6; Nancy Kelly reported on plans for the approaching Lenten and Easter seasons.
7. Nannette Enloe reported that Wednesday Night programs featuring community service organizations have been well received. Vacation Bible School is scheduled for 6/1-5 for ages 3 through 5th Grade.
8. Brad Hughes reported that a Blood Mobile is scheduled for 3/11/2020.
9. Dennis Collier is looking for volunteers to be on-call on a monthly basis to handle issues that would involve the Properties Committee.
10. Paul Green and Scott Panter attended the 2/13/2020 Presbytery Meeting as commissioners.



**Red Cross Blood Drive
March 11th**

3pm-8pm - 2nd floor Café Area

Make a date to donate!

To schedule an appointment go to
www.redcrossblood.org and enter
sponsor code: firstprescartersville

Ladies Night Out

**Thursday, The City Cellar
March 19th at 6:30pm**

Come enjoy food, fun and fellowship! All women of the congregation are welcome, please feel free to invite your friends too! To RSVP for nursery care contact the church office 770-382-3511.



- ♦ Vacation Bible School June 1 - 5 9:00am - Noon
- ♦ High School Youth Montreat Week June 13-20
- ♦ Art & Music Camp July 6 - 10 9:00 - Noon
- ♦ Middle School Montreat @ Maryville July 15 - 19



First Presbyterian PreSchool 2020

Beth Weathersby and Lindsay Scoggins ~ Co-directors

April Paulk ~ Assistant to directors

Registration for next year is underway. We have space for Babies (12- 18 mos.), Toddlers (18- 24 mos.), and graduated 2-year-old classrooms. We will continue with 3 and 4-year-old classes and a Kindergarten Classroom. Feel free to share this information with someone who might be interested. Our doors open at 7:40 A.M. for parents scurrying to work. Dismissal starts at 11:15 for babies and toddlers. Older students leave at 11:30.



Important Dates

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sunday, March 8, 2020

St. Patrick's Day parties

Tuesday and Wednesday

March 17 and 18

Spring Break

April 6 - April 10



Ms. Rosemary has returned to the pre-school after several months battle with a virus.

We all thank you for prayers and monetary contributions to assist her with many medical bills.

John and all of us welcome back Ms. Rosemary!

Hands of Christ

After School Program

March 2020



Hands of Christ students are touring The Booth Western Art Museum throughout the spring. Each tour is followed by an art lesson with Lynnette Torres. The children love creating western art work like they have seen hanging in the museum!

SPRING Break

April 6th - 10th

ASP resumes April 13th



June 1-5 8:30am-3:30pm

VBS: Champions in Life

(field trip to LakePoint Station)

June 8-12 8:30am-3:30 pm

Life in the Outback

(field trip to Zoo Atlanta)

June 15-19 8:30am-3:30pm

Alice in Pastaland

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!!

Hands of Christ will join the fun by celebrating *Read Across America* the week of March 2-6. This week will highlight the life and works of Dr. Seuss. On Friday, students all across the nation will be reading for pleasure in their classrooms.



Dr. Seuss

March Birthdays

1	Bettye Parker	16	Gracie Pruitt
1	Jerry Simmons	19	Sandy Howell
1	Rhonda Gaffoglio	19	Julian Cline
2	Ben Tilley	20	Colin Hughes
3	Debby Crim	21	Courtney Meckley
3	Madelaine Stough	22	Lauren Paul
5	Jean Daugherty	22	Amanda Neal
5	Linda Mukete	24	Lori McAllister
6	Janet Hart	24	Hannah Wilson
8	Judy Steed	25	Peggy Zierer
8	Kathy Thomas	25	Barrie Stodgell
8	Carla Purdy	26	Ian Herman
8	Justin James	27	Brac Panter
8	Meredith Gaines	30	Hannah Bridges
10	Roy Bethune		
10	Lauren Warlick		
10	Rowan Ennerberg		
13	Kyle Tucker		
13	River Knight		
14	Ariel Conlin		



In March We Pray for Our Church:

Staff: Mike Anderson, Charla Banks (ASP), Joyce Bird (ASP), April Paulk, (Preschool), Joy Sultan (Preschool)

Officers: David Dundee (Session), Kathe Keck (Diaconate)

Ministries: Congregational Care Ministry

Families: March 1-7: Lane and Tracey Baker (Alexandria), Alice Baker, Mike and Cynthia Ball, Elise Bares and John Shrader (Anderson, Johnathan, Edward), Brad and Susan Barrett

March 8-14: Karl Baumheckel, James and Anne Marie Benton (Jimmy, David), Bobby and Amy Bergman (Evan, Gillian), Roy Bethune, Peyton Boulter

March 15-21: Gary and Kay Boulter, Andy and Kim Bowen (Brooke), Brandon and Elizabeth Bowen (Thomas, Katherine), Alan and Carolyn Bowen, Lin and Lori Bradley (Will, Weston, Wyatt)

March 22-31: David and Tonya Branyon (Mallory), Ben Bridges, Hannah Bridges, Mark and Sandy Bridges, Phil and Donna Bridges

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Story Vernon, children & youth intern

March Calendar

March 1

12:00pm Annual Congregational Meeting/
Covered Dish Luncheon

March 2

7:00pm Evening Circle Meeting

March 3

6:30pm Properties Committee Meeting

March 4

6:15pm Taize' Service

March 5

12:00pm Lenten Lunch@Trinity at the Well

March 8

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March 11

3:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive

6:15pm Evensong

March 12

10:30am Book Club Group

12:00pm Lenten Lunch@Church of the
Ascension

March 16

5:30pm Stewardship & Finance Committee

March 17

6:15pm Worship Committee Meeting

6:30pm Mission Committee Meeting

7:00pm Session Meeting

March 18

6:15pm Taize' Service

March 19

12:00pm Lenten Lunch@FPC

6:30pm Ladies Night Out @ City Cellar

March 23

7:00pm Diaconate Meeting

March 25

6:15pm Evensong

March 26

12:00pm Lenten Lunch@Faith United
Methodist

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