



April 2021



The Season of Easter

One: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

All: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

One: Friends, believe the good news!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

This is one of my favorite Assurance of Pardons. It sums up the foundation of our faith and how we are made new in the gift of Christ. I like to think of this Assurance of Pardon as something we proclaim every day. There will always be times when we try to put on the old life, but God's mercies are new every morning. Each new day, we are made new in Christ to go out and serve. We often think of Easter as one day, but Easter is every day. We wake up every day and are once again given the gift of life and the gift of life in Christ. In the church year, there is an entire season of Easter that gives us time to reflect on that good news and what it means for our lives. On Easter Sunday we celebrate and affirm that He is Risen! In the season of Easter we give thanks for God's mercies and love that we know in the Resurrection and contemplate how we can live into that mercy and love. A common phrase that is used in the church is "Easter people." The season of Easter is also a time when we can figure out how to live as Easter people. For this season of Easter, I invite us all to reflect on what it means to be Easter people and to seek to live, not just one day, but every day as people who are made new in Christ each and every day.

Peace,

Pastor Leigh

From the Session

The Session met on March 16, 2021 for its regular Stated Meeting. The following are the highlights from that meeting:

1. A Worship Committee request was approved to upgrade the FPC audio/visual equipment.
2. A request by the Hands of Christ Board to host Summer Camps at FPC was approved.
3. A Community Resource Center request for a fund driver for baby supplies was approved.
4. A Worship Committee request to hold Youth Sunday on 5/2/2021 was approved.
5. A decision on allowing outside groups to return to in-person meetings at FPC was postponed for 30 more days.
6. The Hands of Christ Budget has been approved and a search is on for a reliable bus.
7. The preschool currently has 47 students signed up for the new school year.
8. Our Congregational Care Committee is mailing out Easter cards to older members.
9. The FPC Pastor Nominating Committee will participate in Leigh's Installation Service on 3/21/2021.
10. A Task Force has been appointed to consider returning to an Upper Room Service.
11. An Easter Egg Hunt is being planned for 3/28/2021 (Palm Sunday) from 4:00-6:00 PM.
12. The Mission Committee reminded the Session that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.
13. The Stewardship Committee reported that both income and expenses are on track and in good shape.
14. The Ministry Team appointed to address our roof claim decided to seek competitive roofing bids for the replacement of the Educational Building Roof.
15. A report dated 3/3/2021 was received from the Endowment Committee.
16. The Personnel Committee is working on updated job descriptions for all staff.



FPC's Book Club will meet on
April 22 at 10:30am in the
Fellowship Hall. The selected
book is *The Blessing Way* by
Tony Hillerman.
All are welcome!

THEREFORE,
IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST,
HE IS A NEW CREATION;
THE OLD HAS GONE,
THE NEW HAS COME!
2 CORINTHIANS 5:17



FPC Easter Egg Hunt



Thank you to all of our volunteers that helped out with the Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 28. It was so much fun. Many thanks to our youth who filled and hid the eggs, as well as their amazing acting abilities during the skits. Thank you for the donations of candy and small toys that helped fill over 2000 eggs, and many thanks to the adults who helped out during the afternoon to keep everyone safe.

Finally, a huge thank you to Megan Johnson, Shane Bruno, and family, who helped design and build our tomb for the youth skits. It was exactly what we needed to share the good news of Jesus' Resurrection with everyone.

VBS Save the Date & Volunteers Needed

VBS is coming to FPC this Summer! July 26-30, 9 a.m. until noon

VBS is open to all children in our community, and it is a time for kids to hear God's Message, deepen their faith, enjoy songs, create crafts, and have a wonderful week.

Volunteers with all abilities are needed: teachers, snack coordinators, set builders, guides for our children, game leaders, decorators, etc. There is a place for everyone at VBS!

Join our planning team. We will begin meeting virtually in April, after Spring Break. If you want to volunteer for VBS, contact andrea@cartersvillepres.org. 678-910-6026



Youth Events

Youth Group Calendar

April 4 - No Youth Group (Easter)

April 11 - 4-5:30 - Youth Trip to Coconuts (or Mango's) for ice cream for any youth who are in town, no money needed. (2nd adult needed)

April 18 - 4-5:30 - Youth Sunday Planning (2nd adult needed)

April 25 - 4-5:30 - Youth Sunday Practice (2nd adult needed)

May 2 - Youth Sunday - Youth Leading both the 9 & 11 a.m. worship services. No afternoon youth group.

May 9 - No Youth Group (Mother's Day)

May 16 - End of Year Youth Group - Open to Ideas

As the weather gets warmer, we are always looking for fun, safe, outdoor activities for our youth.

Feel free to contact Andrea if you have an idea for our youth.

If you or a member of your immediate family is quarantined or awaiting test results, please do not come to youth group or any church activities. We can always zoom you in!

If you have any questions, contact Andrea:

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First Presbyterian Preschool

Lindsay Scoggins ~ Director

April Paulk ~ Assistant to director

Beth Weathersby ~ Board Chairman



April Dates to Remember

- **Easter Parties**
April 1
- **Good Friday**
No School April 2
- **Spring Break**
No School April 5-9
- **Spring Pictures**
April 13 and 14
- **Egg Drop**
April 16 @ 9:00

Kastilyn, Tensley, and Avery after reading time in Ms. Jennifer's Class.



"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'"

Matthew 19:1



Pre-K kids, James and Marina posing for Ms. Beth

We continue to lead tours of our pre-school for potential students. We are just a little behind in registration numbers compared to last year at this time. However, many of those signed up, pulled out in August because of Covid-19. Our goal is to have enough students to bring back our music teacher and return to some of our regular activities.

April Birthdays

1	Martha Campbell	18	Billy Noble
2	Nan Collier	18	Loveline Itoe
3	Joan Green	20	Jacob Brush
3	Kerry Stough	20	Johnathan Shrader
5	LaRue Whitehead	21	Margaretta Shaw
5	Patty Richardson	21	Randy Ellis
5	Jake Noble	21	Sam Bailey
6	Betty Gilbert	23	Jodi James
7	Clayton Forbes	23	Jessica Gardner
8	Jimmy Cline	23	Jennifer Ennerberg
8	Perry Rentz	26	Carolyn Bowen
9	Denise Manning	28	Sharon Ellis
9	David Tilley	28	Harrison Paul
9	Ella Bridges	28	Alice Hembree
12	Betty-Byrd Randolph	29	Marie Creed
12	Will Pruitt		
13	Norman Daugherty		
16	Mason Cline		
16	Mya Shields		
17	David Dundee		



In April We Pray for Our Church:

Staff: Lindsay Scoggins, Ken Turner (ASP), Kim Turner (ASP), Kelly Forrester (Preschool), Anna Clair Mathison (Preschool)

Officers: Kyle Russell (Session), Karen Russell (Diaconate)

Ministries: Congregational Life

Families: April 1-7: Mary Cullens, Ann Cummings, John and Lori Cummings (Jack, Maggie), Norman Daugherty, Lee Davis, Logan Davis

April 8-14: Randy and Deborah Davis, Don Denhoff, Bill and Marilyn Devine, Julie Dioh, Chamblyn Dudley

April 15-21: Blake and Jean Dudley (Ethan), David and Betty Dundee, Eric Dunlap, Jane Dysart, Randy and Sharon Ellis (Alaina)

April 22-31: Nannette Enloe, Lars and Jennifer Ennerberg (Ian, Rowan), Kathy Farnon, Vernon and Becky Ferguson, Bonnie Floyd

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April Calendar

April 2

12:00pm - Good Friday Service @ Sam Jones UMC

April 2 - 9 Preschool Spring Break

April 4

Easter Sunday

April 5

Church office closed

April 5 - 9 Hands of Christ ASP Spring Break

April 6

6:30pm - Properties Committee Meeting

April 12

6:00pm - Worship Committee

April 13

7:30pm - Faith Development Meeting

April 19

5:30pm - Stewardship & Finance Meeting

April 20

6:30pm - Mission Committee Meeting

7:00pm - Session Meeting

April 22

10:30am - Book Club Meeting/Fellowship Hall

April 26

7:00pm - Diaconate Meeting

