



April 2022



In this Lenten season we have celebrated 3 baptisms. I give thanks for the Sacrament that seals us in God's promises, promises that sustain us through the journey of Lent. I think it is especially appropriate that we had three Baptisms in this Lenten season because our theme has been *Full to the Brim*, an Expansive Lent.

Throughout this season, we have spent time reflecting on Scriptures that speak of God's abundant and expansive grace. We have done nothing to deserve or earn this grace and yet, like water, it spills over. The waters of Baptism speak profoundly to this grace and it is through those waters that we know and experience that grace. For all the difficult moments that we face in life, the grace and lavish love we know in Christ touches us and rushes and flows through our hearts and lives.

As we look toward the conclusion of our Lenten season and Holy Week, we are invited to immerse ourselves in that grace and love even as we walk through the difficult days of Holy Week. How has that grace touched you in these past weeks? Has the Wellness Wheel been a way for you to draw closer to God and the beautiful, full to the brim, life that God invites us all to lead? Has the class on the Lord's Prayer deepened your prayer life? Or have there been moments in worship when you sat in awe of our God?

As we approach Holy Week, let us reflect on this past Season and how we have grown closer to God and then look toward how we can continue that journey through Holy Week. Palm Sunday is a time when we lift our voices and celebrate our King, but also recall that those same voices which proclaimed "Hosanna in the Highest" would soon be crying, "Crucify Him." On Maundy Thursday we will recall Christ's journey to the cross through the Stations of the Cross. On Good Friday, we will acknowledge the darkness and the brokenness and sin that ended our Savior's life.

On Easter Sunday, we will celebrate that Friday is never the end of the story. Resurrection, new life, a life that is full to the brim is the most important part of the story. The story continues in our hearts and lives today through the love and hope we know in Christ. If love is our beginning, how can we continue to live our lives led by love's promises? If we have recognized or experienced aspects of an abundant life in Christ in this season, how can we continue that kind of life? Be a part of our Holy Week and Easter worship so that we all can continue to discover the expansive life that God intends for us.

Peace,

*Pastor Leigh*



## *Holy Week*

at First Presbyterian Church

### **April 10th - Palm Sunday**

9:00 a.m. - Gathering Space

11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary

4:00 p.m. - Community Easter

Egg Hunt at FPC

### **April 14th - Maundy Thursday**

6:30 p.m. - Sanctuary

### **April 15th - Good Friday**

12:00 p.m. - FPC hosts service with  
Sam Jones United Methodist

### **April 17th - Easter Sunday**

9:00 a.m. - Gathering Space

11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary

(No Sunday School)

## *Lenten Lunch*

Join us Thursday, April 7th along with other churches in our community at noon for lunch and worship together. There is no charge for lunch; donations will be accepted. Please call the church office by noon on Tuesday to make your reservation.

| <u>Date</u>    | <u>Host Church</u> |
|----------------|--------------------|
| <b>April 7</b> | First Presbyterian |

## **Musical Moments**

### **Palm Sunday**

We will celebrate Triumphant Entry with Choir and Organ and our special guest musician will be Violinist, Lisa Morrison.



### **Maundy Thursday**

The Stations of the Cross

To encounter the Stations of the Cross is to walk with Jesus from Pilate's House to Calvary and then to watch as His body is placed in the tomb. Tradition holds that during Holy Week in the ancient church, pilgrims made their way to Jerusalem to walk the path He walked during the last days and events of His suffering.

Scripture reading and prayer accompanied this walk, underscoring significant places and events along the way.

Because it is difficult to capture the emotions of Holy Week, we will have different expressions of each of the scriptures utilizing our different senses--

Hearing---organ, choir, oboe, flute, reading, and praying

Seeing---Martha Choate will paint her interpretation of the events of Holy Week during the service

Tasting/Touching---Communion

### **Good Friday**

Because words are sometimes too difficult on Good Friday, the music for that service will be instrumental. In addition to the organ, Oboist, Lisa Sayre will play.

### **Easter Sunday**

We will celebrate the Resurrection with Organ and Choir!!

## *From the Session:*

### **The following are the highlights from the 3/15/2022 abbreviated Session Meeting:**

1. The baptism of Russell Robert Pressley on 3/20/2022 at the 11:00 AM Service was approved.
2. The baptisms of Brian Purtymun and Paula Purtymun on 3/27/2022 at a 3:00 PM called Session Meeting were approved.
3. A John Panter Fundraiser request for the benefit of the people of Ukraine in conjunction with a PC-USA Mission project was approved.
4. A Worship Committee request to return to passing the offering plates and friendship pads beginning 4/3/2022 was approved.
5. A Worship Committee request to service communion on 4/17/2022 (Easter Sunday) was approved.
6. The annual meeting of the FPC congregation will be held on 3/20/2022 at 12:00 Noon.

### **Zoom Bible Study**

Join FPC for a virtual Bible Study on Wednesday nights during Lent. The study began on March 9 and continues through April 13, we meet online at 7:30 p.m. for a study of "The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught," by the Rev. Adam Hamilton. Email [sireland0613@gmail.com](mailto:sireland0613@gmail.com) if you plan to attend so we are sure to get the Zoom link to you!

### **Lenten Wreath**

In searching for ways to incorporate visuals for Lent, we came across the Lenten Wreath. This wreath is made of dried vines and thorns and contains 5 purple candles with the Christ Candle in the middle. On the first Sunday in Lent all the candles were lighted and one was extinguished. On the following Sundays, only the remaining candles are lighted with one being extinguished each Sunday until Good Friday when only the Christ Candle is burning. At that service, it too is extinguished, leaving us in darkness.

On Easter Sunday, the Christ Candle is lighted again and fresh flowers will be added to the wreath of thorns, reminding all of us of the new life we all have in Christ.



### **Family Fun Night**

Wednesday, April 20th

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Good Food/Good Fun! Join us for dinner and a rollicking game of Name That Tune. Test your knowledge of songs from all genres of music.

An evening of fun for all ages.

### **Ladies Night Out**

April 21st - 6:30-8:00pm

Mellow Mushroom Pizza  
Come enjoy good food and fellowship. All ladies are welcome!



### **FPC Book Club**

April 28th - 10:30am

Fellowship Hall

The selected book for April is Jim DeFede's

*The Day the World Came to Town.*

Everyone is welcome.



## *Happenings at FPC*

### **Annual Congregational Meeting and Annual Report**

On Sunday, March 20th, we celebrated the ministry of this congregation for the past year and all that God is calling us to do this year! We gathered for an incredible meal and a time of fellowship. Thank you to everyone who helped and provided food and all who attended. If you would like a copy of the written annual report, you may pick one up in the office.



**We  
celebrated  
three  
baptisms  
in March!**



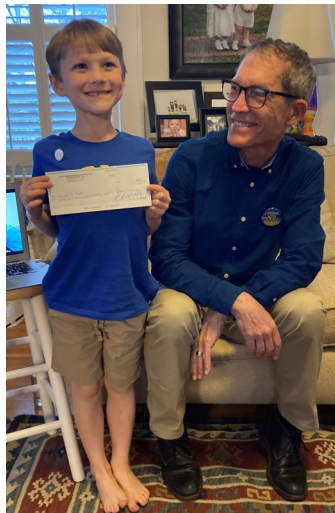
### **Family Fun Night**

Thanks to everyone  
for a great time at  
Family Fun Night!



### **Helping the people of Ukraine**

Thank you to everyone who has reached out with love and prayer and made a donation to support John Panter's fundraiser for the people of Ukraine. Rev. Robert Gamble, of This



Child Here, met with John to thank him personally and to share more about how This Child Here is helping the people of Ukraine, especially, vulnerable children. As of today, over \$7,000 has been raised to support their ministry. For more information about This Child Here: [thischildhere.org](http://thischildhere.org) or speak with John or Pastor Leigh. To support their work through John's fundraiser, you may give to FPC and note that it is for Ukraine.

### **Dare to Serve Project at Johnson Cove**





**Donations Needed:** Large bags of individually wrapped candy or small toys that can fit into plastic Easter Eggs. The youth will safely fill the plastic eggs we already have with the donated items. Please drop off any donations to the church office during office hours or the Large Baskets outside of the Sanctuary and Gathering Space on Sundays. Contact [andrea@cartersvillepres.org](mailto:andrea@cartersvillepres.org) for any questions.

### College/Young Adult Care Packages

If you have a college student, young adult, or a child in the military please send their address to [andrea@cartersvillepres.org](mailto:andrea@cartersvillepres.org).

The youth are going to put together Care Packages in April. If you would like to donate to the packages, please check out our [Amazon Wish List](#) or send in donations or gift cards.



### Bible Presentation

On Sunday, March 20, three of our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders received bibles given to them by First Presbyterian Church. Anna Godfrey, Marion Panter, and Harris Presley came forward during worship, and their new bibles were blessed. Anna, Marion, & Harris were encouraged to read the bible, as they grow in their faith and knowledge of God throughout their lives.

Thank you for every person who supports and loves the children and youth of this congregation. Thank you for your investment in the spiritual development of all of our children and youth at FPC.



**VBS Save the Date & Volunteers Needed**  
**June 27 - July 1**  
**9:00 - Noon**

VBS is coming to FPC this Summer! June 27-July 1, 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! To volunteer for VBS contact [andrea@cartersvillepres.org](mailto:andrea@cartersvillepres.org)

### Youth Group Calendar

**April 3** – Spring Break – No Youth Group  
**April 10** – Easter Egg Hunt – Youth at church by 3 p.m.  
**April 14** – Maundy Thursday Worship (6:30 p.m.)  
**April 15** – Good Friday Worship (noon)  
**April 17** – Easter Sunday, No Sunday School  
**April 20** – FAB Lunch  
**April 24** – Youth Sunday Practice + Dinner (4-6:30 p.m.)

**May 1** – Youth Sunday (9 & 11 a.m. Worship Services, No Youth Group)

**May 4** – FAB Lunch

**May 8** – Mother's Day – No Youth Group

**May 11** – FAB Lunch

**May 15** – Graduation Sunday – Food Truck Lunch

**May 22** – Last Day of Sunday School





# Hands of Christ After School Program



Hands of Christ will celebrate our dedicated and hard-working staff during the week of May 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. Our amazing staff of teachers, paraprofessionals, bus drivers, and kitchen staff help us to fulfill our mission to the students and their families. They are the hands and feet of Christ!



## Summer Camp is Coming Soon!

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| June 6-10  | Cave Expedition with field trip to Ruby Falls          |
| June 13-17 | Out of this World Expedition with field trip to Tellus |
| June 20-24 | H2Oooohhh! with Waterslide and fun day                 |



# First Presbyterian Preschool



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## April Dates to Remember

**\*Egg Drop**  
**April 1 @ 9:00**

**\*Spring Break**  
**No School April 4-8**

**\*Spring Pictures**  
**April 12 and 13**

**\*Easter Egg Hunts/Parties**  
**April 14**

**\*Good Friday**  
**No School April 15**

**\*Teacher Appreciation Week**  
**April 25 - 29**

During science class, Mrs. Rosemary's class digs up soil and learns about what lives in the soil. Mrs. Paige, our science teacher, does a fantastic job bringing in God's creation and His love to her lessons each week!



**Our special visitor, Louis the Leprechaun, came to visit the preschool on St. Patrick's Day!**

Pictured above: Mrs. Louisa's Pre-K class.

We currently have 93 students registered for next school year! We have availability in our 2 year old / 2 day Class and our 3 year old Classes. If you know anyone interested in attending our preschool, please have them call or email me.

~Blessings, Lindsay



"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**



## *April Birthdays*

|    |                  |    |                   |
|----|------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1  | Martha Campbell  | 16 | Mya Shields       |
| 2  | Nan Collier      | 17 | David Dundee      |
| 2  | Evan Bergman     | 18 | Billy Noble       |
| 3  | Joan Green       | 18 | Loveline Itoe     |
| 3  | Kerry Stough     | 19 | Jean Gilliland    |
| 4  | Brayden Mullinax | 20 | Mike Tobin        |
| 5  | LaRue Whitehead  | 20 | Jacob Brush       |
| 5  | Patty Richardson | 20 | Johnathan Shrader |
| 5  | Jake Noble       | 21 | Margaretta Shaw   |
| 6  | Betty Gilbert    | 21 | Randy Ellis       |
| 8  | Jimmy Cline      | 21 | Sam Bailey        |
| 8  | Perry Rentz      | 23 | Jessica Gardner   |
| 9  | Denise Kennedy   | 28 | Sharon Ellis      |
| 9  | David Tilley     | 28 | Harrison Paul     |
| 9  | Ella Bridges     | 28 | Alice Hembree     |
| 12 | Will Pruitt      |    |                   |
| 13 | Norman Daugherty |    |                   |
| 13 | Corey Tobin      |    |                   |
| 16 | Mason Cline      |    |                   |



## *In April We Pray for Our Church:*

**Staff:** Andrea Roche, Priscilla Milton (ASP), Pam Nealey (ASP), Jennifer Belisle (Preschool), Sharon Ellis (Preschool)

**Officers:** Suzanne Collins (Session), Molly Collins (Diaconate)

**Ministries:** Congregational Care Team

**Families: April 1-7:** Cheryl Harris, Clark and Mary Hart, Janet Hart, Clay and Catheryn Hembree (Alice, Graham), John and Lynn Herman (Ian)

**April 8-14:** Lois Hill, Katie Hoskins (Luke), Kate Howard, Hannah Howell, Harvey and Sandy Howell

**April 15-21:** Brad and Pam Hughes, Kent Hughes, Jerry and Susan Ingram, Jim and Lynne Ireland, Sean and Rhonda Ireland (Allyson, Emily)

**April 22-30:** Evelyn Itoe (Bemo), Loveline Itoe, Jean Ivie, Justin and Emma James (Hayleigh, Hunter, Hayden), Andy Johnson



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## ***April Calendar***

**April 4 - 8 Spring Break - No Preschool & HOC Afterschool**

**April 4**

6:00pm - Mission Committee Meeting

**April 5**

6:30pm - Properties Committee Meeting

**April 6**

7:30pm - Zoom Bible Study "The Lord's Prayer"

**April 7**

10:30am - Ladies Bible Study

12:00pm - Lenten Lunch @ FPC

**April 10 - Palm Sunday**

9:00am - Modern Worship Service/Gathering Space

11:00am - Traditional Worship Service/Sanctuary

4:00pm - Easter Egg Hunt @ FPC

**April 11**

6:00pm - Worship Committee Meeting

**April 12**

7:00pm - Faith Development Committee Meeting

**April 13**

7:30pm - Zoom Bible Study "The Lord's Prayer"

**April 14**

6:30pm - Maundy Thursday Service

**April 15**

12:00pm - Good Friday Service @ FPC

**April 17 - Easter Sunday**

9:00am - Easter Worship Service/Gathering Space

11:00am - Easter Worship Service/Sanctuary

**April 18** - Church office closed

5:30pm - Stewardship & Finance Meeting

**April 19**

7:00pm - Session Meeting

**April 20**

5:30pm - Family Fun Night

**April 21**

6:30pm - Ladies Night Out @ Mellow

Mushroom Pizza

**April 25**

7:00pm - Diaconate Meeting

**April 28**

10:30am - Book Club Meeting

