



March 2023



## Walking With God

*"Teach me your way, Lord, so that I can walk in your truth." Psalm 86:11*

Psalm 86 is one of my favorite psalms. It names our need to draw closer to God and the fact that we often struggle to do so. It is cry, a confession, a plea, a prayer, and a reminder. This Lenten season we once again turn to God, both admitting our brokenness, and asking for God to help us to draw near to our Savior once again. The first thing Jesus says to his disciples is, "Come, follow me." The Greek word that Jesus uses actually means "walk with me." In the first letter of John, we are told that as we follow Jesus, we walk in the light, and Paul reminds us that we walk by faith. This Lent, we have an opportunity to walk more closely with Christ through our study of Adam Hamilton's *The Walk*. Over the weeks of this season, we will be reflecting on five simple practices that Jesus' followers have always pursued as they seek to walk with him. This is not an exhaustive list, but these five are foundational. They are all essential parts of a life of discipleship. They are five practices that we can all benefit from focusing on, regardless of our age or stage. By focusing on these, we can strengthen our discipleship muscles and grow in faith this Lenten season. These practices are: Worship and Prayer; Study - The Importance of Listening and Paying Attention; Serve; Give; Share. Each Sunday, we will focus on one of these practices and concrete ways that we can focus on them in our lives. Hamilton observes: "When pursued daily, these practices will increase your spiritual health, deepen your faith, make you more aware of God's presence, and help you live the Christian life." This Lent, let us all seek to walk more closely with Christ and learn God's ways.

### **Make plans to join us for Holy Week and Easter**

Palm Sunday Worship, 11:00 AM

Maundy Thursday Worship, 6:30 PM

Good Friday, Noon

Easter Sunday, 11:00 AM

**Lent at FPC** - This Lent, our entire congregation is invited to consider not just what it means to be a Christian, but what it means to pick up our crosses and follow Jesus. We will be engaging in a congregation wide study of Adam Hamilton's *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life*. Sunday mornings, join our combined adult classes in the Fellowship Hall as we consider one practice for each Sunday of Lent. Our children and youth will do the same in their groups. That same Essential Practice will be the focus of worship and of opportunities to live out that practice in our daily lives. This study includes video from Hamilton as well as an optional participant's guide which can be purchased on Amazon or Christianbook.com. If you need assistance purchasing a book (either financial or technical), contact Pastor Leigh or Jean Gilliland. This study focuses our hearts and lives on spiritual practices that will help us walk closer with God in the holy season of Lent.



**Beginning March 2nd - 30th**

Join us Thursdays in Lent 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 (770-382-3511) by noon on Tuesday to make your reservation.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host Church</u>
<b>March 2</b>	Sam Jones Methodist
<b>March 9</b>	Heritage Baptist
<b>March 16</b>	Trinity United Methodist
<b>March 23</b>	Church of the Ascension
<b>March 30</b>	First Presbyterian

**The Friendship Table** is our mission to provide a free hot meal to anyone in the community who needs a meal and fellowship. Friendship Table volunteers serve this meal every Tuesday evening from 6 to 7 PM in the church's Fellowship Hall. For more information about FT, or to volunteer, contact Rick Shireman at [rickshireman@yahoo.com](mailto:rickshireman@yahoo.com), talk to one of the other FT volunteers, see one of the other church deacons, or look on-line at the Church website at <https://cartersvillepres.org/>. There is an on-line sign-up form for the Friendship Table on the front page of the website.



*For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.*  
**Matthew 25:35**



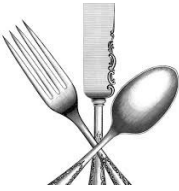
**KICK HUNGER IN THE CAN**

Canned food drive during Lent for Friendship Table meals  
 Shopping carts will be parked at the front and back entrance to Sanctuary for your donations. **Items needed: Green beans, baked beans, Manwich or Sloppy Joe sauce in cans, canned fruit; peaches, pears, individual fruit cups, lemonade mix, iced tea mix. Bags of cookies are welcome as well.** We will not turn anything away this is just some of the needs we know we have. Please make sure all items are in date.


*From the Session:*

**The following are the highlights from the 2/21/2023 Session Meeting:**

1. The infant baptism of Nash Jackson Patterson on 3/5/2023 was approved.
2. Laney Radford was hired as a new nursery worker.
3. Cody Carver was approved as a new member and will be received on 2/26/2023 by reaffirmation of faith.
4. Dale and Laurie Luengen were approved as new members by transfer of letter and will be introduced on 2/26/2023 to the congregation.
5. The Stewardship & Finance recommended 2023 Balanced Budget of \$580,528 was approved.
6. The Hands of Christ Ministry is ending.
7. Pre-school enrollment is currently 89 students with room for 16 more students.
8. Suzanne Collins and Susan Ingram are the new Co-Chairs of the Congregational Care Committee.
9. A Men's Breakfast is planned for 2/26/2023 at 9:00 AM in the Cafe.
10. A Minute for Mission on Friendship Table is scheduled for 2/26/2023.
11. A Food Drive for canned goods is planned during Lent.
12. Lighting in the front yard of the sanctuary is being considered.



**Ladies Night Out**  
 March 16th at Table 20  
 6:30 – 8:00pm All ladies  
 are welcome!



**FPC Book Club**  
**March 23rd - 10:30am**  
**Cornerstone Room**  
 The book selection this  
 month is Miep Gies's  
**Anne Frank Remembered.**  
 Come join us. Everyone is welcome.



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**of CARTERSVILLE**  
**BLOOD DRIVE**  
**Wednesday, March 8, 2023**  
**2:00 pm – 7:00 pm**  
**Gathering Space**

*All presenting donors will receive a gift!*

[All donors will receive a \\$10 VISA Prepaid E-Gift Card](#)  
[and your name will be entered into a drawing to](#)  
[win a \\$3,000 VISA Prepaid Gift Card.](#)

For more information, to schedule an appointment, & to  
 do RAPIDPASS, go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter  
 sponsor code: firstprescartersville

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**Montreat Youth Conference June 11-17, 2023**  
**\$100 Deposit due by March 12th**

- Check out [Montreat Youth Conferences](#) for more information
- Total cost of the trip will depend on housing costs (GA Lodge is now using a management company, and an invoice has not been sent yet), but it will be a minimum of \$450/ participant for the conference, food, and housing.
- Scholarships are available – Just ask Pastor Leigh or Andrea
- Adults - If you are prayerfully considering being a chaperone, please reach out to Andrea to set up a meeting to go over expectations of being an adult chaperone on a youth trip.

Email or text Andrea to register

To pay the deposit: Send a check to the office or pay online – Memo: Montreat (child’s name)

[www.cartersvillepres.org/give/](http://www.cartersvillepres.org/give/)

If you have any questions, contact [andrea@cartersvillepres.org](mailto:andrea@cartersvillepres.org) - 678-910-6026



**Easter Egg Hunt  
Donations Needed**

FPC will be hosting a Community Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 26 at 4 p.m. Invite your friends & neighbors. We will also be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for the families at The Good Neighbor Shelter on March 19, so we need A LOT of donations.

**Donations Needed:** Large bags of individually wrapped candy or small toys that can fit into plastic Easter Eggs. Please drop off any donations to the church office during office hours, place in the Large Baskets outside of the Sanctuary, or have items directly mailed to the church. Please mail to Andrea Roche 183 W Main St. Cartersville, GA, 30120. Contact [Andrea@cartersvillepres.org](mailto:Andrea@cartersvillepres.org) for any questions.



**Youth Group Calendar**

- March 5** – Youth Group + Dinner (4-6:30)
- March 7** (Tues) – Serve at Friendship Table
- March 12** – Youth Group + Dinner (4-6:30)
- March. 19** – Easter Egg Hunt With Good Neighbor
- March 26** – Community Easter Egg Hunt (3-5 p.m.) at FPC

**Youth Group Dinners**

We need help providing dinners for our youth during Youth Group on Sunday nights. Anyone, any group, any family is invited to sign up to prepare, cook, & serve dinner for our youth group one Sunday evening. It doesn't have to be a fancy meal. Delicious meals we have had in the past: Breakfast for Dinner, Pasta Bar, Publix subs, southern cooking (with Zaxby's chicken), and a Taco Bar.

**Dates Available: March 5, and April 16**

To sign up for a date or for more information contact [andrea@cartersvillepres.org](mailto:andrea@cartersvillepres.org).



**VBS Save the Date & Volunteers Needed**

**VBS is coming to FPC this Summer!**

**July 10-14, 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!

If you want to volunteer for VBS, contact [andrea@cartersvillepres.org](mailto:andrea@cartersvillepres.org).



# First Presbyterian Pre-School 2023

Lindsay Scoggins ~ Director  
April Paulk ~ Assistant to Director

## Registration Update:

We have 90 students already enrolled for August 2023!

We have availability in our 2-year-old  
and Pre-K classes.

Encourage friends and family to enroll today to ensure a spot!

770-382-0755 or [Lindsay@cartersvillepres.org](mailto:Lindsay@cartersvillepres.org)



*Lots of Love  
shared for  
Valentine's  
Day!*



## Important Dates

### Square One Art Fundraiser

March 3 – March 16

### Bartow County Library Visits

Friday, March 10

### St. Patrick's Day Parties

Friday, March 17

### Annual Egg Drop

Friday, March 24

### Easter Parties and Egg Hunts

Tuesday, March 28 – 2-day class

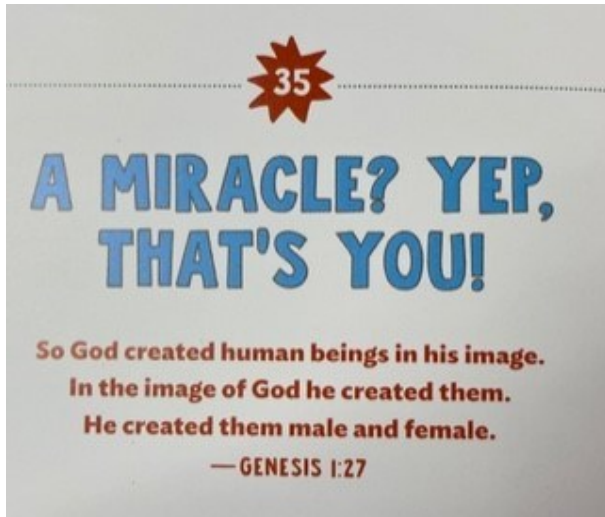
Friday, March 31 – 3 and 5-day classes

### Pettit Preserve Field Trip – Pre-K / K

Thursday, March 30



# Hands of Christ After School Program



In our Thursday enrichment class, students created "DNA" after hearing that God creates a completely unique person with each one of us.

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!!

Hands of Christ will join the fun by celebrating *Read Across America* the week of Feb. 27- March 3. This week will highlight the life and works of Dr. Seuss. On Thursday, students all across the nation will be reading for pleasure in their classrooms.



# SPRING

Break

April 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>

ASP resumes April 10<sup>th</sup>



Summer camp registration  
begins April 10th!

## *March Birthdays*

1	Bettye Parker	21	Courtney Keen
1	Rhonda Gaffoglio	22	Lauren Paul
3	Debby Crim	24	Catheryn Hembree
4	Jean Dudley	24	Hannah Wilson
5	Linda Mukete	25	Peggy Zierer
8	Judy Steed	25	Barrie Stodgell
8	Kathy Thomas	26	Ian Herman
8	Carla Purdy	27	Brac Panter
8	Justin James	28	Steve Barnes
8	Meredith Gaines	30	Paula Purtymun
10	Lauren Warlick	31	Drew Johnson
13	Kyle Tucker		
13	River Knight		
14	Ariel Conlin		
16	Gracie Pruitt		
18	Randy Thompson		
19	Sandy Howell		
19	Julian Cline		
21	Kim Rentz		



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

**Staff:** Lindsay Scoggins, Paige Lathem (ASP), Carol McDaniel (ASP), Peyton Miller (Preschool), April Paulk (Preschool)

**Officers:** Robert Sims (Session), Becky Carr (Diaconate)

**Ministries:** Congregational Care

**Families: March 1-7:** Linda Motuba (Sofia), Emmanuel and Linda Mukete (Rowan, James), Tom and Jennifer Nebergall (Lee, Logan), Terry Nelson, Joe and Carolyn Noble

**March 8-14:** Billy and Sonya Noble (Will, Jake), Ellyn Olson (Grey, Eden), Peter Olson, Scott and Susan Panter, Brac and Louise Panter (Marion, John)

**March 15-21:** Bettye Parker, Taylor Choate Patterson (Nash), Lauren Paul (Conner, Harrison), Tommy and Beth Porter, Jonathan and Lauren Pressley (Harris, Marshall, Russell)

**March 22-31:** Randy and Heather Pullen (Maddie), Terry and Carla Purdy, Brian and Paula Purtymun, Mike and Pam Radford, Mike Rawls

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## ***March Calendar***

**March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

11:30am - Wednesday Prayer Group/Prayer Room

**March 2**

10:30am - Ladies Bible Study Group

12:00pm - Lenten Lunch @ Sam Jones Methodist

**March 5**

First Communion Celebration

**March 7**

6:30pm - Properties Committee Meeting

**March 8**

2:00pm - Red Cross Blood Drive

**March 9**

12:00pm - Lenten Lunch @ Heritage Baptist

7:00pm - 12 Women of the Bible Study Group

**March 12**

Daylight Savings Time Begins

**March 13**

6:00pm - Worship Committee Meeting

**March 14**

7:00pm - Faith Development Committee Meeting

**March 16**

12:00pm - Lenten Lunch @ Trinity UMC

6:30pm - Ladies Night Out @ Table 20

**March 19**

Easter Egg Hunt w/Good Neighbor Shelter

**March 20**

5:30pm - Stewardship & Finance Meeting

**March 21**

7:00pm - Session Meeting

**March 23**

10:30am - FPC Book Club

12:00pm - Lenten Lunch @ Church of the Ascension

**March 26**

4:00pm - Community Easter Egg Hunt

**March 27**

7:00pm - Diaconate Meeting

**March 30**

12:00pm - Lenten Lunch @ FPC



PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD