



# First Presbyterian Church

## EPISTLE

**Our Mission: Connecting with God and sharing the Good News  
of Jesus Christ with the community.**

### **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Choir Director

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Accompanist

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Sound Room Technician

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Nursery

*From your Session*

## **The Season of Lent**

As we journey through this season, I'd like to share with you a few of the many descriptions of Lent that I've encountered:

- A season of sorrowful reflection; a season of grief.
- A time of simplicity and solemnity. A time to reflect on our dependence on God's mercy and our understanding of faith.
- Lent is preparing good things for us just as eternal life was being prepared for us in Jesus' ending ministry.
- A time to review the times when God extricated us from trouble.
- A time to remember the goodness of Jesus.
- A time of prayer and meditation.

Any prayer, as long as it means something to you, is a step in the direction God intended. If you have a favorite prayer that speaks to you, take some time to focus on what it truly means and see if you can incorporate that prayer into your everyday life. In addition to prayer, there are many Lenten meditations. A good one about the work, ministry and passion of Jesus can be found in the gospel of Luke.

Here at FPCD, one of the ways we are journeying through Lent this year is with our Wednesday evening suppers at 6 p.m. followed by two different studies from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. We hope you will join us if you haven't already done so.

Listen, too, to this poem about Lent. It was written by Ann Weems (1934-2016), the daughter of a Presbyterian minister, who was a noted writer, speaker, liturgist and worship leader. This poem comes from *Kneeling in Jerusalem*, her book of poetry about Lent and Easter.

"Lent is a time to take the time  
to let the power of our faith  
story take hold of us,  
a time to let the events  
get up and walk around in us,  
a time to intensify  
our living unto Christ,  
a time to hover over  
the thoughts of our hearts,  
a time to place our feet in the  
streets of Jerusalem  
or to walk along the sea and  
listen to his word,  
a time to touch his robe  
and feel the healing surge  
through us,  
a time to ponder and a time to  
wonder...

Lent is a time to allow a fresh new  
taste of God!"

*Jocelyn*



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## Recipes Needed for New Cookbook

The last time we published a church cookbook here was in 1988 so it's time to put a new one together for 2018 and there should be lots of recipes to share. We need to fill the book with recipes in the following categories:

- Appetizers, pickles, relishes
- Soups, salads, vegetables
- Main dishes
- Bread, rolls, pastries
- Cakes, cookies, desserts
- Candy, jellies, preserves
- Beverages, gravies, sauces
- Miscellaneous

In addition to your recipes, we could use your help. Please consider joining Joan and me as we work to put this cookbook together. We'd like to get it done as soon as possible since all the proceeds from the sale of the cookbook will benefit the trip to Carnegie Hall in November by our Duncanville Community Chorus.

Please send your recipes to the church email address ([info@fpd.org](mailto:info@fpd.org)) and please submit as many as you would like. Remember they don't need to be just your own recipes; they can come from family, friends and neighbors as well.

Thank you.

*Jocelyn*

## PW Ladies' Bible Study

Sarah Circle will meet Tuesday March 13, 2018 in the home of Jocelyn Bolles at 7 pm. We will be studying Lesson 7. We welcome any woman who would like to attend an evening Bible study.

The Agape Ladies' Bible Study will hold its March meeting at 1 pm at the church on Wednesday the 14th. The Lesson for that day is #7 from the Horizons publication *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*, entitled "In Community with the Hope of the Future." The Bible passages to read for preparation are Hebrews 11:1-3; Hebrews 3:1-9; Psalms 95; Hebrews 4: 1-11, and Hebrews 6:9-12. Call Connie Steger at 972.291.0922 if you have any questions. All are welcome.

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March 2018

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# FPCD *monthly* PRAYER CALENDAR

*Remember each other in Prayer*

**MARCH 2018**

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 Jack & Diane Pegues  Dean & Ginger Hertenstein	2 Charles Tyer  Eddie & Brenda Everett Grant	3 Jaime & Lorraine Cordova Vanessa, Valerie, Jimmy & Jason
4 Connie Steger  Joan Brown  Christy & Brandon Cowand	5 Nadine Daum Ariel, Leah, Aeris & Benjamin  Eddie & Darlene Cowand	6 Carlos & Caryn Benitez Andrés & Rachelle  Carol McKinney	7 Larry & Margaret Lewis. Heather, Zephyr, Erin & Christian  Carol Orwing	8 Scott & Kathleen Hartless J.R.  David Hertenstein & Evelyn	9 Bobby & Teresa Reed Matthew & Rylee  Pat Sparr  Glenn Favors	10 Jeff & Nyadia Thorpe Vincent & Caden  Albert Teel
11 David & Sandy Gaskins Alexander, Aiden Beau & Blake  Ana Ortiz	12 Miguel & Fanny Penalosa  Susan Murphy Anna Murphy	13 Doris Metzger  Ross Shipman  Clint Benford	14 Billie Cowand  Gary & Nita Malone  Barbara Notari	15 Eugene & Armelia Jimmerson  Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz	16 Bob Harrison  Darrell & Sharon Ingram	17 Gary & Linda Simons  Dick & Nancy Bergman
18 Paul & Claudia Griffith  Jennifer Johnson	19 Roy & Wendy Jensen  Gary & Candice Morris	20 Dennis & Susan Walters Dale, Evelyn & Andrew	21 Kent & Lori Glover Taylor & Charlie  Sam & Charlotte Fithian	22 David & Katherine Liddle Caleb & Jonathan	23 Brittany & Joseph Haywood  Tricia Henderson	24 Jim & Janet Stahl  Leo & Marlene Skinner
25 Paul & Jen Schaefer Caleb, Micah, Josiah, & Sarah	26 Irving & Peggy Kezar Angel, Brandon, Cyleigh, Devon, & Elyssa	27 Dub & Gwen Guthrie Neal  Bill & Vangie Jackson	28 Jocelyn Bolles  Steve & Marna Bayless	29 Sean & Lucy Russell Lucy, Sydney, Logan, Weston, & Tristan	30 Julia McConnell  Donna To	31 <b>Pray for our Church, and our City.</b>

## Worship Volunteer Schedule

March 2018

March 4	Greeters Ushers Tellers End of Service Ministry Communion Servers	Leo Skinner & Billie Cowand Dub Guthrie & Eddie Cowand Lori Glover & Brenda Everett Dick & Nancy Bergman Paul Griffith, Edelmira Ruiz, Jaime Cordova, Connie Steger, Margaret Lewis
March 11	Greeters Ushers Tellers End of Service Ministry	Armelia & Eugene Jimmerson Eugene Jimmerson & Irving Kezar Teresa Reed & Joan Brown Paul Griffith & Jaime Cordova
March 18	Greeters Ushers Tellers End of Service Ministry	Darlene Cowand & Anna Murphy Jack Pegues & Albert Teel Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis Sean Russell & Edelmira Ruiz
March 25	Greeters Ushers Tellers End of Service Ministry	Youth Youth Darrell Ingram & Anna Murphy Anna Murphy & Doris Metzger

**“I am  
*the light*  
of the world.”**

**John 8:12**



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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

**Christian Education** — **9:15 a.m.**  
**Worship Service** — **10:30 a.m.**

**WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE**

**Youth Group** — **6:00 p.m.**

## March Birthdays

If we've missed your birthday and you would like us to include it in this "birthday" section of the newsletter, please contact us at (972) 298-3043 or info@fpcd.org. Thank you.

Bobby Reed, March 2  
 George Huttar, March 3  
 Dennis Walters, March 3  
 Jimmy Cordova, March 4  
 David Gaskins, March 5  
 Irving Kezar, March 5  
 Paul Barton, March 8  
 Nancy Bergman, March 9  
 Vincent Thorpe, March 9  
 Blake Gaskins, March 9

Roy Jensen, March 10  
 Jennifer Johnson, March 11  
 Vangie Jackson, March 12  
 Pat Sparr, March 12  
 Dudley Austin, March 17  
 Dick Bergman, March 23  
 Evelyn Hertenstein, March 24  
 Tom Harmon, March 27  
 Carol Orwig, March 31



### 2018 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>
January	\$15,726	\$21,608