



# First Presbyterian Church

## EPISTLE

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

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Nursery

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### ***From our Pastor***

I began preparing for writing this article by reading old newsletter articles from 2008 and on. When I think of the work we have done together, the thing that impressed me is that it continues to carry on. Enthusiasm for the Lord Jesus does not wane, even when circumstances go entirely against us, as has been the case for our 2020 national tragedy of the coronavirus. In fact, we continued to gather each week, living within the boundaries of restrictions until they were loosened, and continued to worship and explore how to go deeper in our walk as a disciple.

This year you all led the Lent Wednesday night Bible studies. Each week that night's leader drew out the participants' perspectives on the practice of our faith. We talked about walking with God through thick and thin by worshiping, praying, studying, serving, giving, and sharing. Your insights showed a great deal of maturity—you have grown since 2008! And so have I.

As we enter Holy Week, we walk with more confidence, more faith, more trust, and more thought that we need to be ready for what the Lord is bringing us. "Be ready" your elders say! It's our new catch phrase and you have picked it up.

A few years ago I wrote this about the spiritual gifts given to the church: "Some might expect the pastor to do all these things. But to think that these gifts are bundled into one person would be a tremendous misinterpretation of Scripture. Actually Peter tells us we are all considered priests who are holy and set apart for God. As God's own people, we are to become united, learn to walk by faith . . . speak the truth in love to others, and build others up in love. While we go about ministering for God, we become

mature ourselves. It's the process—the doing—that brings maturity."

The newsletter article continued: "Now if we think this ministry of outreach is ONLY for each other in the church we are badly mistaken. These gifts are meant to flow OUT of the church to the community around us. Thus we have a history of public ministry; public storytelling; public worship through music; public generosity to the poor; public prayer in public places like the schools, the city government, business organizations, altruistic organizations, and with friends and neighbors. . . ."

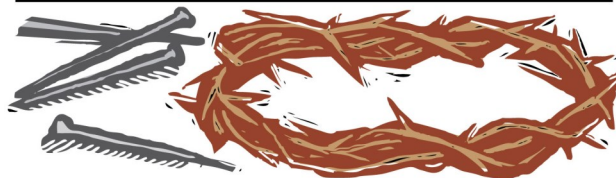
As we reflect this Easter season, a season when we are beginning to build back the church after a long season of hardship we might ponder, *why is Jesus' church still alive after 2,000 years?* Perhaps it is because we are committed to live not for ourselves, but for Christ Jesus who lives in us. And when we do, we become more ourselves, more alive and free than we ever imagined.

So, let us restore our sanctuary, putting our best gifts toward it, and be ready to help our neighborhood recover from a very tough year. We have much hope to experience and much hope to offer others. Let's live there and be ready because He is Risen!

Happy Easter,

*Pastor Ginger*





# HOLY WEEK

## **Maundy Thursday, April 1**

7:00 PM - Maundy Thursday Service

## **Good Friday, April 2**

7:00 PM - ONLINE ONLY Worship Service

Join us to watch TGIF: A Good Friday Event at

[www.fpcd.org/good-Friday](http://www.fpcd.org/good-Friday)

## **Holy Saturday, April 3**

All Day Prayer Vigil - 6 AM-Midnight

[CLICK HERE to sign up for a time to pray!](#)

## **Easter Sunday, Apr. 4**

6:45 AM - Sunrise Service

8:00 AM - Breakfast on the Lawn - with special goody bags available for children.

10:30 AM - Worship Service

Sarah Circle will meet on April 13 in the home of Joan Brown at 7 pm. We will be studying Lesson 9, The Shunammite Woman, in the study guide *Women of the Old Testament*.

We invite any woman that is interested in a bible study to join us.



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## Diaper Day Blessings

Thank you so much for your help with providing diapers and wipes for Bridges! Your generosity helped make Diaper Day a success.





**Worship Volunteer Schedule  
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<b>April 4</b>	<b>Tellers</b>	Lori Glover & Jaime Cordova
<b>April 11</b>	<b>Tellers</b>	Brenda Everett & Linda Simons
<b>April 18</b>	<b>Tellers</b>	Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis
<b>April 25</b>	<b>Tellers</b>	Joan Brown & Teresa Reed

**WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE**  
Impact Youth  
Fearless Youth Group

— 5:30 p.m.  
— 6:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**  
Christian Education  
Worship Service

— 9:15 a.m.  
— 10:30 a.m.

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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## April 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.

Anna Murphy, April 2	Evelyn Walters, April 15
Weston Russell, April 2	Sandy Gaskins, April 16
Bob Harrison, April 7	Destinee Hertenstein, April 18
Adelmo Ruiz, April 13	Brandon Kezar, April 27



### 2021 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>
February	\$14,462*	\$18,732**
Jan-Feb	\$35,671***	\$64,325****

\*\$3,220 of this for building fund  
 \*\*\$2,000 of this for building projects  
 \*\*\*\$4,770 of this for building fund  
 \*\*\*\*\$30,655 of this for building projects