

Worship Bags for Children

We love having children in worship at FPC. You will find in the narthex special bags provided to help our children worship and praise God during worship. Please monitor your child, so that we don't have crayon where it doesn't belong, and please return the bags when the service is over. We welcome additional suggestions, and we are so glad your little ones are here.

Join us for Wednesday Night Fellowship

Women's Bible Study in the Barksdale room

40 Days of Love by Rick Warren

Men's Bible Study in the Henry Reynolds Class

Godspeed: The Pace of Being Known

Alexander Hall Bible Study

Entering the Passion of Jesus by Amy-Jill Levine

Confirmation Retreat

The Confirmation Retreat was a wonderful experience!

A big thank you to Frank and Penny Cannon for facilitating the Friday session "*Will You Devote yourself to the Prayers?*" and to Jukie and Cindy Leary for facilitating the Saturday session "*Are You Ready to cross Over?*" A big thank you to Luke Penney, Brian Pinson, and Preston Goforth for helping to chaperone and lead activities. A big thank you to our mentors for joining us to review faith statements and to fellowship at lunch. Please pray for our confirmands as they deliver their faith statements to the Session tonight.

Youth Choir sings 11:00 Sunday, March 29 (Meet in the Choir Room at 10:30)

LOGOS Choirs sing Palm Sunday (11:00), April 5 (Meet at 10:30 LOGOS Music room)

March 15th – Sunday School – 10:00 – 10:45 – Youth Room –

Luke and Carson Penney/Advisors

Pine straw for Sale before 11:00 Service

Chili Fundraiser – Alexander Hall – immediately following 11:00 service

*No youth group tonight

March 18th – Pine straw sale before Wednesday night supper

Go Out To Eat – Meet in youth room 5:30 for short Devo/Activity and Blessing then G.O.T.E. – return to church for pick-up by 7:00

MEN OF THE CHURCH SPRING CLEANUP AND BREAKFAST

The men of the church will be doing a spring clean-up around the church on Saturday morning, March 21. We will begin at 8:00 in Alexander Hall with breakfast and a time of fellowship. Following breakfast we will be doing things like cleaning ground gutters, making minor repairs, and moving light furniture. We plan to be finished by noon. For more information, see the March Spire or contact Doug Feldmaier. **To help us plan for the breakfast**, please sign up on the sheet in the lobby or by contacting the church office at 229-5814 or office@firstgreenwood.com.

aGAPe This is just a reminder that aGAPe meets on Tuesday, March 17, 2020. EVERYONE IS INVITED, but you must have a reservation. Anthony Price will be speaking on What's New and Exciting at Pathway House. He will focus on the homeless in Greenwood and bring us up-to-date on the status of helping them. People start coming at 11:30 AM, and lunch is served at noon and followed by the program. Hope you have a reservation.

Sunday, March 15

9:00 a.m. - Worship Service
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:00 a.m. - Confirmand Class (BR)
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
12:00 noon - Youth Lunch Fund-raiser (AH)
4:00 p.m. - Chancel Bells
4:45 p.m. - Personnel (CR)
5:00 p.m. - Youth Music
5:30 p.m. - Session (Chapel)

Monday, March 16

SPIRE DEADLINE
5:00 p.m. - PGS (Sanc)
6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts (HR)
6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts (AH)
6:30 p.m. - Girl Scouts (FISH)

Tuesday, March 17

9:15 a.m. - Staff
10:00 a.m. - Seekers Bible Study (BR)
11:30 a.m. - aGAPe (AH)
2:00 p.m. - Emerald Bells
2:30 p.m. - GNC
6:00 p.m. - Chorale Board (BR)
7:00 p.m. - Chorale

Wednesday, March 18

7:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study (AH)
8:30 a.m. - Noah's Ark Dads & Donuts (Sanc/AH)
12:00 noon - Lenten Lunch (First Baptist)
4:45 p.m. - Chime Choir
5:00 p.m. - Legoz/LOGOS
5:30 p.m. - WNF (AH)
5:30 a.m. - WAY - GOTE
6:15 p.m. - Small Groups (BR/HR)
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 19

10:00 a.m. - Sojourners Board (HR)
10:30 a.m. - Listening For God (BR)
4:30 p.m. - Shalom Bible Study (BR)

Friday, March 20

Saturday, March 21

8:00 a.m. - MOC Breakfast & Clean-up (AH)

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS in the sanctuary are given by The Bell Family to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents, Jack & Mary Bell and their stepmother, Margaret Nickles Bell.

YOUTH LUNCH FUNDRAISER

TODAY immediately following church in Alexander Hall

\$5.00 for Bowl of Chili (with fixings), Texas Toast, and a Drink

Funds go toward TWIG & BigStuf

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

MARCH 18th, 5:30 pm

Menu: LUCK OF THE IRISH:

Corned beef, cabbage, carrots & potatoes, cornbread
Wednesday Night Fellowship offers opportunities for children, youth, and adults.

Church Family Dinner at 5:30 in Alexander Hall.

Sign up by Monday, 229-5814.

Check *The Spire* for more information.

2020 Lenten Pilgrimage

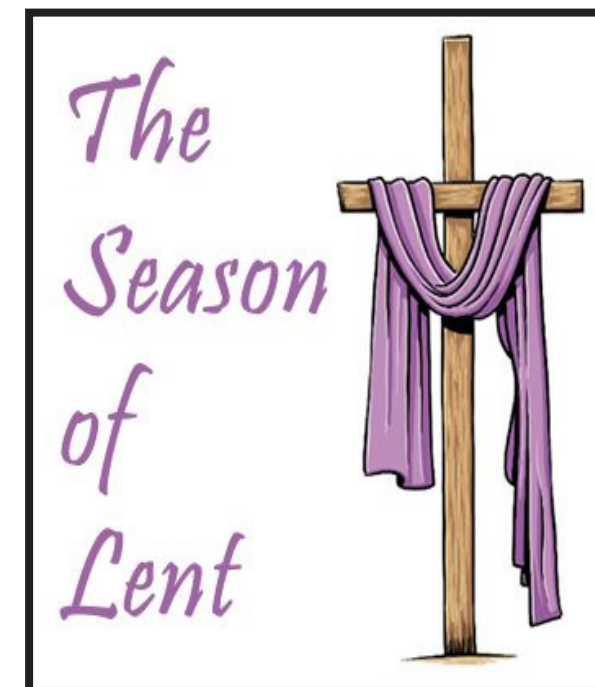
During Lent, area churches invite the community to worship and have lunch together every Wednesday. Lunch is served twice with a worship service in between seatings. Meals will be served at 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. Lenten Pilgrimage worship will be from 12:35 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. **First Baptist Church will host on March 18th.** Check the Spire for a complete list of churches and dates.

Noah's Ark is selling Krispy Kreme Original Glazed Doughnuts as a fundraiser. We are also offering vouchers that can be used for a box of the dozen glazed doughnuts at any Krispy Kreme location. Orders are due Tuesday, March 17th. The box of donuts and the voucher will sell for \$8.00 each. The doughnuts will arrive at the church by noon on Thursday, March 19th. Order form can be found in the church lobby.

Third Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2020

11:00 am



Senior Pastor -- The Rev. Dr. Kyle D. Hite
Director of Christian Education -- Elise Collins
Director of Music Ministries -- Steve Skinner
Parish Associate -- The Rev. Dr. Brad Christie
Teaching Pastor & Organist -- The Rev. Bob Glick
Noah's Ark Director -- Kim Masters

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Office hours: M-Th: 8:00 - 5:00 and Fri: 8:00 - 12:00

11:00 Ushers: Tommy Davis, Janie Bowen, Roy & Lynn Hemphill, and Beth Justesen

Greeters: Marion Smith, John Sutton, & Jason Willard

Acolytes: Laura Margaret & Charlie Fennell

PRELUDE “Beautiful Savior” Robert Hobby

WELCOME AND GREETING Dr. Kyle D. Hite

(Please sign and pass the Member/Guest Registry. If you are a guest, your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address will be most helpful.)

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.
People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

MINUTE FOR MISSION (Officer Nominations) Bob Roddey

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT “All for Jesus” STAINER

ADORATION

Our Lenten wreath is composed of purple candles symbolizing the royalty of our God and King. The rough burlap symbolizes hardship, trials, and temptation like when Jesus was in the wilderness. The black fabric symbolizes the suffering and death of Christ as well as the cold, dark tomb. The wreath of barbed wire symbolizes the crown of thorns mockingly placed on Christ’s head.

***LENTEN READING** Bennett Erickson and his confirmation elder, Philip Bell
Lent is a time for reflection. God provides opportunities to be filled with his wonder!

Aimee Clark shares what makes her feel the wonder of God: “Lyle. Bright sunny days after long periods of rain. The first green leaves in spring. Christmas morning.”

Be mindful today of where Jesus wants to meet you . . . and maybe even delight you as we journey through Lent.

Today, we extinguish three candles on our Lenten journey.

Leader: God is all around us!
All: Fill us with your wonder, Lord!
Leader: God is within us!
All: Make us mindful of You, Lord!
Leader: Let us worship our God who loves us and calls us His own.
All: Let us worship in all we see and do.

***OPENING HYMN** ** #161 “As Morning Dawns” (Psalm 5) WAREHAM

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Dr. Kyle D. Hite

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried:
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Steadfast God, we admit that we are easily swayed by the company we are in and their opinions. We find it difficult to speak our deeper convictions in the face of those who disagree and deride our views. We should rather be in the company of those who agree with us and need to find the courage of our convictions. Forgive our fickleness in preferring to tell people what they want to hear. Hear our prayer for the sake of your bold and truthful Son, Jesus Christ.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends in Christ...we are forgiven!
People: Thanks be to God!

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

(On Screens) “The Power of the Cross” O TO SEE THE DAWN

GIVING OF TITHES and OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem “O Taste and See” Ralph Vaughan Williams
Charlie Fennell, soloist

***Response #579** “Glory Be to the Father” GLORIA PATRI

***Offertory Prayer**

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 11:32-38
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON “Disciple Little James”

PASTORAL PRAYER with THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** (On Screens) “Onward Christian Soldiers” ST. GERTRUDE

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Minister: The peace of the Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

*(At the conclusion of the service, please share the peace with another.
Be sure to greet those who are unfamiliar to you or those you have not seen in a while.)*

POSTLUDE “Allegro” John Stanley

AIDS FOR WORSHIP - Large print hymnals and wireless hearing devices are available from the ushers.

*Congregation Stands
**Late comers may be seated

Seasonal Color: Purple