



# The Lamplighter

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### Holy Week

Monday, April 14 at

First Methodist

Tuesday, April 15 at

Zion Lutheran

Wednesday, April 16 at Nazarene

Thursday, April 17 at Harvesters

Good Friday, April 18 at

Franklin Presbyterian

*(all services at Noon and  
sponsored by the FS Ministerial  
Fellowship)*

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT FPC

#### Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 13, 10:45 am

#### Maundy Thursday

April 17 at 7 pm

#### Good Friday

April 18 at Noon

#### Easter Breakfast

9:00 am

#### Easter Sunday

10:45 am in the Sanctuary



Continue to check your email throughout Lent and Easter for schedule updates & opportunities!

*One Great Hour of  
Sharing Sunday, April 20*

## The Fruits of Easter

The Easter season marks the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. There is a sense in which Easter is just as much about our lives today as resurrected people. Paul makes it clear that Jesus is the “first fruits of those who have fallen asleep” (1 Cor. 15:20).

That is a great analogy. Throughout history, people have brought the first fruits of the harvest as an offering to the Lord, both as an expression of thanksgiving (“Thank You, Lord, for the initial harvest) and of trust (“We trust You, Lord, to sustain us with the rest of the harvest”).

We have been celebrating the Season of Green Lent. We understand that all of creation is waiting for resurrection and Jesus’ death, and resurrection is the beginning of the end. He is the “first fruit” of God. Christ tells us over and over that the harvest is ready and all that is needed are workers to reap the harvest. We are the workers, and we have been adding chores to our list this Green Lent season. We have learned to look for the sources of our food and the planting of native plants to sustain life.

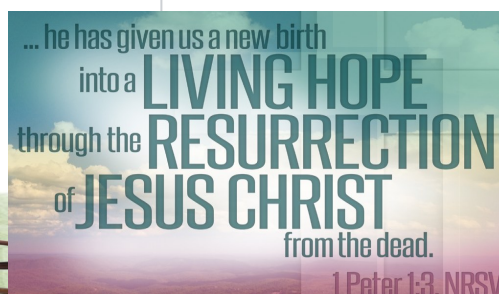
Death entered the world through one Adam, and like an infection it spread to everyone and everything. But now, life has entered the world through Jesus, and new creation has turned the tide. Life is spreading to the world. The kingdom of God is here. Saint Augustine wrote:

*“Man, indeed, brought death to himself and to the Son of Man. But the Son of Man, by dying and rising again, brought life to man.”*


So now, because of the resurrection of Jesus everything is turning around. The sun has pierced through the clouds of winter, and now, the first shoots of grass are popping up. The first sprouts are showing up on the trees and flowers. The world is coming alive.

Just as we see the initial signs of spring and know that the coming warmth will eventually overcome those last cold blasts of winter, just as we see the initial buds on a plant and know that the hills and trees and yards will remember green again, we look back to the resurrection and say: *This is the beginning of the end of death’s cruel, cold reign. This is the first fruit. There’s a harvest coming!*

Pastor Tim



... he has given us a new birth  
into a **LIVING HOPE**  
through the **RESURRECTION**  
of **JESUS CHRIST**  
from the dead.  
1 Peter 1:3, NRSV

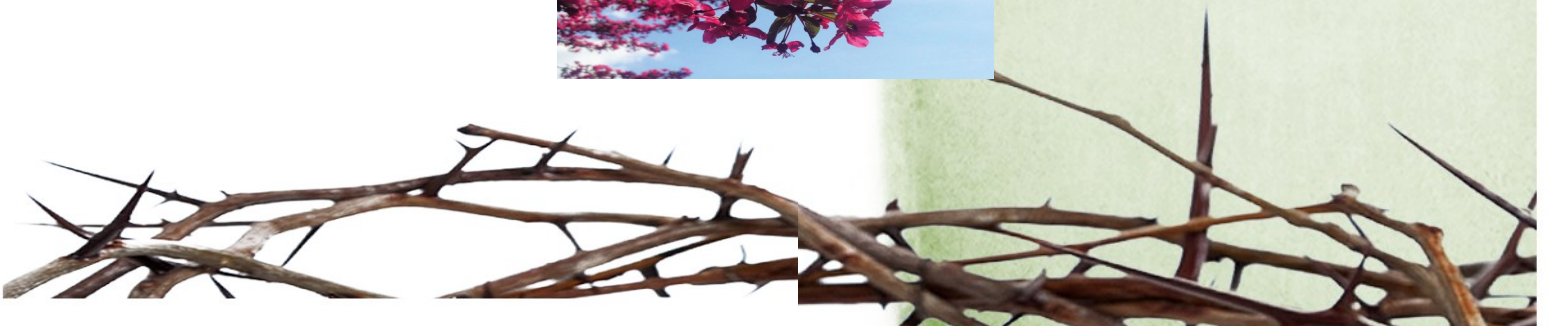


“He is not here,  
He Has RISEN!

*-Mark 6:16*

### SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Approved up to \$3814 for renewing windows in the offices and the parlor (Remove paint, sand, clean, paint, caulk)
- ◆ Approved up to \$2410 for renewal of sanctuary windows
- ◆ Approved Certificate of transfer for Mary Jo Dreher to First Methodist church, Columbus, Mississippi
- ◆ Approved the use of the Cornerstone for a baking class by non-profit Banjo Bakes of Bowling Green. The class will be April 29.
- ◆ Approved the policy that cars may not be parked on FPC property for more than overnight. People will be informed that they may park their car to sleep overnight but must leave the next day.
- ◆ Approved working with visiting professor at WKU Kelly Coppinger. She, along with her PR Portfolio class, will spend time in Franklin talking with members, leaders, and community members. At the end of the class they will give multiple options that might give us a framework to make better communication decisions including consistency in our messaging, emails, social and print media.



# *FPC News & Events*

On Sunday, April 20 we will have a spot set up in the Cornerstone both during breakfast and after worship that if you wish to update your church directory photo or add one for the first time you may do so!



Annual Friday Fish Fry that benefits Live the Proof will be held April 4 & 18 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Cornerstone. For \$10 you can get a fish sandwich or for \$15 you can get a fish plate with sides.

## **Why I Joined the Living Waters for the World Franklin Team**

Several years ago, I had the privilege of serving on the Earth Day Festival Committee. During that time, I met Don Halcomb, a member of Franklin Presbyterian Church. Don's excitement was contagious as he shared about his church's mission project to bring clean drinking water to communities in Guatemala. His passion sparked my curiosity, and desire to help.

**Water has always been my beverage of choice. I consider it a privilege to have safe, clean water whenever I want to fill my glass. All those years ago, Don and Donna planted a seed in my heart—a desire to help bring this precious resource to those who aren't as fortunate. I firmly believe that access to safe drinking water is a right, not a privilege.**

As the years passed, I still felt a strong pull toward this mission, but it wasn't yet my season to volunteer. Then, a few years later, Donna Houston spoke at the Rotary Club of Franklin about the Cup Bearer Program. As a single mother, traveling internationally wasn't feasible for me, and the \$1,200 training cost to participate seemed out of reach. But I was thrilled to learn that with just \$5 a month, I could contribute to providing clean drinking water to those in need. I signed up immediately.

One year ago, I realized that not only did I have the time to commit to traveling to Guatemala, but I had also saved enough to cover the training expenses. It was finally my season to serve in a hands-on way. I now look forward to volunteering alongside this powerhouse of beautiful, strong women who are making a difference—not only in our own lives by serving others, but in the lives of those who need clean water the most.

***If you've ever felt called to help, I encourage you to learn more. It only takes a small step to create a ripple effect of change.-Robin Hollingsworth***



MARCH

ELDER OF THE MONTH:

Bob Heidbrink/Chris Kessler

ELDER HELPER:

Barry Hain

FRIEND OF THE MONTH:

Chris Kessler



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Ruling Elders

Serving on Session:

Barry Hain

Keith Lawrence

Bob Heidbrink

Donna Houston

Caren Gibson

Chris Kessler

Justin Henninger

DEACONS:

Linda Knight

Marcella Davis

Meredith Halcomb

Sylvia Pulliam

CLERK OF SESSION:

*Donna Houston*

Next Session Meeting:

Tuesday, April 29 at 5 pm

### *Stewardship Corner*

**Mar. Avg. Attendance: 51**

Mar. 2	43
Mar. 9	62
Mar. 16	54
Mar. 23	48
Mar. 30	46

**Mar. Avg. Offering: \$2,903.40**

Mar. 2	\$1,946.00
Mar. 9	\$7,943.00*
Mar. 16	\$2,150.75
Mar. 23	\$1,443.00
Mar. 30	\$1,035.00

*\*includes a member's full offering for the year*

**March Online Giving:**

**\$2,528.12**

**Avg. Wkly. Income Needed**

**for Budget:**

**\$2,692.31**

## April 2025 Daily Lectionary

*These Scripture readings are from the two-year daily lectionary of the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox Press, 2018). The readings from the three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals are not included in this document.*

### [Year One]

#### April

##### **Tuesday, April 1**

Morning: Pss. 34; 146  
Evening: Pss. 25; 91  
Jer. 17:19–27  
Rom. 7:13–25  
John 6:16–27

##### **Wednesday, April 2**

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 27; 51  
Jer. 18:1–11  
Rom. 8:1–11  
John 6:27–40

##### **Thursday, April 3**

Morning: Pss. 27;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 126; 102  
Jer. 22:13–23  
Rom. 8:12–27  
John 6:41–51

##### **Friday, April 4**

Morning: Pss. 22; 148  
Evening: Pss. 105; 130  
Jer. 23:1–8  
Rom. 8:28–39  
John 6:52–59

##### **Saturday, April 5**

Morning: Pss. 43; 149  
Evening: Pss. 31; 143  
Jer. 23:9–15  
Rom. 9:1–18  
John 6:60–71

##### **Sunday, April 6**

###### **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Morning: Pss. 84; 150  
Evening: Pss. 42; 32  
Jer. 23:16–32  
1 Cor. 9:19–27  
Mark 8:31–9:1

##### **Monday, April 7**

Morning: Pss. 119:73–80;  
145  
Evening: Pss. 121; 6  
Jer. 24:1–10  
Rom. 9:19–33  
John 9:1–17

##### **Tuesday, April 8**

Morning: Pss. 34; 146  
Evening: Pss. 25; 91  
Jer. 25:8–17  
Rom. 10:1–13  
John 9:18–41

##### **Wednesday, April 9**

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 27; 51  
Jer. 25:30–38  
Rom. 10:14–21  
John 10:1–18

##### **Thursday, April 10**

Morning: Pss. 27;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 126; 102  
Jer. 26:1–16 (17–24)  
Rom. 11:1–12  
John 10:19–42

##### **Friday, April 11**

Morning: Pss. 22; 148  
Evening: Pss. 105; 130  
Jer. 29:1 (2–3) 4–14  
Rom. 11:13–24  
John 11:1–27  
or John 12:1–10

##### **Saturday, April 12**

Morning: Pss. 43; 149  
Evening: Pss. 31; 143  
Jer. 31:27–34  
Rom. 11:25–36  
John 11:28–44  
or John 12:37–50

##### **Sunday, April 13**

###### **Palm/Passion Sunday**

Morning: Pss. 84; 150  
Evening: Pss. 42; 32  
Zech. 9:9–12  
1 Tim. 6:12–16 or Zech.  
12:9–11; 13:1, 7–9  
Matt. 21:12–1

##### **Monday, April 14**

###### **Monday of Holy Week**

Morning: Pss. 119:73–80;  
145  
Evening: Pss. 121; 6  
Jer. 11:18–20;  
12:1–16 (17)  
Phil. 3:1–14  
John 12:9–19

##### **Tuesday, April 15**

###### **Tuesday of Holy Week**

Morning: Pss. 34; 146  
Evening: Pss. 25; 91  
Jer. 15:10–21  
Phil. 3:15–21  
John 12:20–26

**Wednesday, April 16****Wednesday of Holy Week**

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 27; 51  
Jer. 17:5–10, 14–17 (18)  
Phil. 4:1–13  
John 12:27–36

**Thursday, April 17****Maundy Thursday**

Morning: Pss. 27;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 126; 102  
Jer. 20:7–11  
(12–13) 14–18  
1 Cor. 10:14–17; 11:27–32  
John 17:1–11 (12–26)

**Friday, April 18****Good Friday**

Morning: Pss. 22; 148  
Evening: Pss. 105; 130  
Gen. 22:1–14  
1 Peter 1:10–20  
John 13:36–38 or John  
19:38–42

**Saturday, April 19****Holy Saturday**

Morning: Pss. 43; 149  
Evening: Pss. 31; 143  
Job 19:21–27a  
Heb. 4:1–16  
Rom. 8:1–11

**Sunday, April 20****Resurrection of the Lord /  
Easter**

Morning: Pss. 93; 150  
Evening: Pss. 136; 117  
Exod. 12:1–14  
John 1:1–18  
or Isa. 51:9–11  
Luke 24:13–35 or John  
20:19–23

**Monday, April 21**

Morning: Pss. 97; 145  
Evening: Pss. 124; 115  
Jonah 2:1–10  
Acts 2:14, 22–32  
John 14:1–14

**Tuesday, April 22**

Morning: Pss. 98; 146  
Evening: Pss. 66; 116  
Isa. 30:18–26  
Acts 2:36–41 (42–47)  
John 14:15–31

**Wednesday, April 23**

Morning: Pss. 99;  
147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 9; 118  
Micah 7:7–15  
Acts 3:1–10  
John 15:1–11

**Thursday, April 24**

Morning: Pss. 47;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 68; 113  
Ezek. 37:1–14  
Acts 3:11–26  
John 15:12–27

**Friday, April 25**

Morning: Pss. 96; 148  
Evening: Pss. 49; 138  
Dan. 12:1–4, 13  
Acts 4:1–12  
John 16:1–15

**Saturday, April 26**

Morning: Pss. 92; 149  
Evening: Pss. 23; 114  
Isa. 25:1–9  
Acts 4:13–21 (22–31)  
John 16:16–33

**Sunday, April 27****Second Sunday of Easter**

Morning: Pss. 93; 150  
Evening: Pss. 136; 117  
Isa. 43:8–13  
1 Peter 2:2–10  
John 14:1–7

**Monday, April 28**

Morning: Pss. 97; 145  
Evening: Pss. 124; 115  
Dan. 1:1–21  
1 John 1:1–10  
John 17:1–11

**Tuesday, April 29**

Morning: Pss. 98; 146  
Evening: Pss. 66; 116  
Dan. 2:1–16  
1 John 2:1–11  
John 17:12–19

**Wednesday, April 30**

Morning: Pss. 99;  
147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 9; 118  
Dan. 2:17–30  
1 John 2:12–17  
John 17:20–26

LECTOR/USHER  
SCHEDULE

**Elder of the Month:**

*Caren Gibson*

**Elder Helper:**  
*Keith Lawrence*

**Ushers:**  
*Karen McCollum*  
*John McCollum*

**Lector**

WEEKLY EVENTS &  
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- **BIBLE STUDY** Wednesdays at 4:30
- **Women's Group:** 3rd Monday 5 pm (@ D'Legion Restaurant)
- **Facilities** meets Wed. April 9 at 4
- **SESSION** meets April 29 at 5 pm

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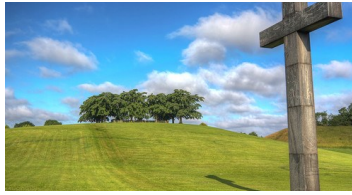
FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 LTP Fish Fry	5
6 Communion	7	8 RED CROSS 12-6 <i>Ezra Van Beek</i>	9 <i>Cathy Ware</i>	10	11 <i>Kelli Joyce</i>	12
13 PALM SUNDAY	14	15	16	17 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7 PM	18 LTP Fish Fry GOOD FRIDAY at NOON	19
20 <b>EASTER</b> <i>Lois Van Beek</i>	21	22	23 <i>Gary Graves</i> <i>Elizabeth Webb</i>	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

\*Birthdays in italics



## Looking Ahead —May



### ELDER OF THE MONTH:

Justin Henninger

### ELDER HELPER:

Barry Hain

### FRIEND OF THE MONTH

Sylvia Pulliam

- **May 11:** FPC Woman of the Year
- **May 26:** Memorial Day

### CONTACT US:

#### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday  
9:00 a.m.—2:30 pm

#### CLOTHES CLOSET

Tuesday & Thursday  
12:00-2:00 pm

#### TELEPHONE

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#### CHURCH STAFF:

Tim Leigh

#### Interim Pastor

Rev. Bailey Pickens

#### Community

#### Connections Director

Candice Mendoza,

#### Office Manager

Jason Matteson,

#### Music Director

Donna Houston,

#### Organist

Shirley Crutcher, **Nursery**



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## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sundays at 9:30 am  
(no Sunday School 04/20)

### **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**

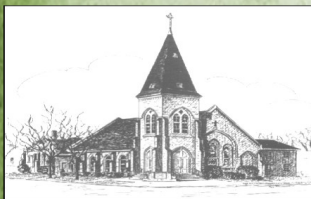
Sundays at 9:30 am-NURSERY  
(no Sunday School 04/20)

### **BIBLE STUDY**

Reading through the Bible  
Wednesdays at 4:30 pm



Do you have something to go in the  
May Lamplighter? Submit it to the  
office by Monday, April 28.



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