



The
VIEW

***We VIEW Life
through the Cross***

**First Presbyterian
Church**

Rev. Burnetta Armour
Pastor

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Rev. Burnetta Armour
Pastor's Pondering



Practicing What You Preach

A couple of Sundays ago, I didn't like my sermon. There was something missing in it, but even after a night of wrestling with it, I still couldn't figure out what was wrong. The next morning, Sunday morning, I drafted a new sermon; yet, I wasn't happy with that one either. By the time worship was to start, I hadn't decided which sermon I was going to preach: sermon A (Saturday night's sermon) or sermon B (Sunday morning's sermon). I decided to leave the choice to my husband who chose sermon A (the one he had already read). When I got up to preach, I shared my sermon troubles with the congregation. I joked that if the sermon wasn't good it was my husband's fault; to which he replied that I was the one who wrote the sermon. We all laughed and church went on with Sermon A.

After church, as I was standing in the narthex shaking hands and visiting, someone mentioned my sermon-choosing woes and then pointed my attention to the title of the sermon that day: "God's Promise of Guidance." I chuckled and said, "I guess the pastor needs to practice what she preaches."

The whole experience got me thinking: why is it so hard to practice what we preach . . . to make our spiritual walk match our spiritual talk? Whether you are a pastor, priest, church secretary, member of the choir, member of the church, or a visitor to a congregation, we all fail to do what we say we will do. We all fail to live the lives Christ calls us to live, lives of love: loving God, neighbor, and enemy, with not just our words but our actions.

Why do we do this? Because we are human beings who sin. We seek after our own self-interest rather than the interest of others. We are more concerned about getting what we believe we deserve than making sure that another gets what he or she needs to live. We focus on ourselves to the detriment of our community. We may want to do good, but the sin of selfishness and pride gets in the way. I love how the Apostle Paul puts it when he writes in Romans 7:15-20 (NIV):

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Pastor's Pondering

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¹⁵ I do not understand what I do.

For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶ And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸ For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. ¹⁹ For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.

All of us are sinners, but the good news is that none of us are without hope. Yes, none of us will practice what we preach with perfection, even pastors, yet, with God's grace, forgiveness, and love working in us, it is possible to practice what we preach sometimes; it is possible to do the good we want to do; and it is possible to be the good creation God made us when He created the world. With God all things are possible, and that is a promise worth remembering even if you fail to practice what you preach.

Peace and Love in Christ
Pastor Burnett

Lenten Scriptures & Sermons

Lenten Sermon Series:

God's Love Shines in the Darkness

Our Lenten Sermon Series this year is entitled "God's Love Shines in the Darkness." We live in the darkness of a sinful world with its wars and rumors of wars, hatred and prejudice, and fear and fear-mongering. Yet, even in the shadows of this time, God's love shines through, piercing the night with a reminder that in the end love always wins. As we journey into Lent this year, we will be looking for those ways that God's love shines in the darkness. We'll hear of God making clothes for Adam and Eve and of God's tender care for us. We'll proclaim the gospel with the Samaritan woman bringing light and love to her people. These are just a few ways that we will find love shining brightly in the world.

So, join us as we seek to see the ways that God's love shines on us in whatever dark places we may find ourselves.

2/22: Ash Wednesday

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Why?

2/26: First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 3:1-21

The Burden of Sin

3/5: Second Sunday of Lent

Psalms 121

Going with the Keeper

3/12: Third Sunday of Lent

John 4:5-30, 39-42

Who Can Be Called?

3/19: Fourth Sunday of Lent

Ephesians 5:8-14 (15-20)

Be Light

3/26: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Psalms 130

Thirsting for Hope

4/2: Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11

This is the Day

4/9: Easter Sunday

Matthew 28:1-10

Things You Find in the Dark

Point of View

Jean Kelly

They're Back!

Those brave, beautiful daffodils are blooming in my yard again despite our very strange winter weather. They inspire me with their persistence. In the March 2019 edition of *The View*, I wrote an article about daffodils and their legend. In case you missed it, I've decided to reprint it here:

The Legend of the 'Lent Lily'

While Easter is still several months away, Lent is fast approaching and with it the flowering symbol of Spring, daffodils. You see them popping up all around yards here in Georgia. Despite cold weather, heavy rain, even wintry mix, the daffodils bravely bloom. Though their botanic name is narcissus, daffodils are sometimes called jonquils, and in England, because of their long association with Lent, they're known as the 'Lent Lily.'

How they got here is uncertain, but, according to lore, connecting the daffodil to not only a sign of winter's end but a lucky emblem of future prosperity, these flowers are found



throughout the world. In Wales, it's said that if you spot the first daffodil of the season, your next 12 months will be filled with wealth, and Chinese legend has it that if a daffodil bulb is forced to bloom during the New Year, it will bring good luck to your home.

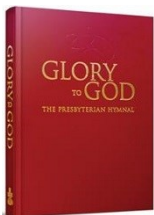
The March birth flower and the 10th wedding anniversary flower, a gift of daffodils is said to ensure happiness. But always remember to present daffodils in a bunch.

The same legends that associate this cheerful flower with good fortune warn us that when given as a single bloom, a daffodil can foretell misfortune.

Smile when you look at the cheery yellow blooms in your yard and think of all that they represent.

Note:

Information for this article attributed to *Teleflora*.



New Hymnals are Coming!

Becky Clark

The possibility of purchasing new hymnals has been discussed off and on over the past several years. Our current one, *The Presbyterian Hymnal*, was published 33 years ago and does not include more recent hymns and songs. At its May 2022 meeting, the worship committee endorsed the idea of buying *Glory to God*, the Presbyterian hymnbook published in 2013.

Reaching this goal was delayed until the start of 2023 because of more immediate needs.

With the approval of Session, the new

hymnals have been ordered. We are getting 200 hymnals and the two-volume accompanist's version. To offset this expense, the worship committee is giving members of the congregation the opportunity to donate \$20 per hymnbook and dedicate each in honor or memory of friends and family members. Each hymnal will have a bookplate with the names of the donor and the person being honored or remembered.

We are starting to collect donations and dedications. A form will be put in the Sunday bulletin and in the narthex. Please consider donating one, two, or more hymnals to support the worship life of our church. Thanks to all who are helping to make this goal a reality.



The Growing Place made a going away card for Ms. Jennifer and had a little party for her.



The birthday girl.



The little ones love it when Ms. Adele reads to them.





Youth ... Our Future

Emily Hassell Recognized

Emily Hassell, one of our newest FPC family members, daughter of Becky Wiegert, and granddaughter of Elaine Wiegert, received her graduation cord for the completion of Mill Creek's EPIC Program.

Mill Creek EPIC is a STEM Certified Program built on learning strategies that are experiential, project-based, innovative, collaborative, and cross-curricular.

Emily is attending Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville to pursue a degree in nursing.

Congratulations Emily, and best of luck on your future endeavors. We know you'll be successful.

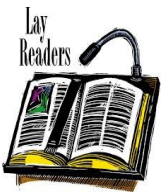


Congratulations Lily Geiger

Pastor Burnetta announced that Lily will be attending Davidson College, near Charlotte, North Carolina, this Fall. Through Davidson's generous grants and financial aid, they have agreed to pay for 85% of her tuition, housing, food, etc.

She will major in religious studies under the Pre-Ministry program that the Davidson campus chaplains provide. She plans to serve in the Ukirk Presbyterian campus ministry, interfaith coalition, and other tutoring and community service organizations while she is there. She is so excited to make new friends, find new mentors, and find new ways to serve others. She will keep us all updated about her college journey.

Congratulations to Lily and her family from all of us!



Liturgists for the Month MARCH

Becky Clark

- MARCH 5..... Charles Massingale
- MARCH 12.....Lily Geiger
- MARCH 19..... Phil Baughman
- MARCH 26..... Bruce Morgan

Thanks to all who serve so willingly!

PLEASE

Please remember to wear your **NEW** name tags every Sunday. We want our guests to be able to learn who we are.

Happy
St. Patrick's Day!



Melody Thomason

FRIENDSHIP NURSING HOME

We have had a relationship of helping FNH over the last few years. Because of Covid restrictions, we have left items at the door and we haven't been able to go in. Well now we have been invited in. Would you be interested in being a part of a group from our church that visits Friendship Nursing Home once a month, late morning hours before lunch? It has been suggested that a singing time would be enjoyed by the residents. You wouldn't need to be a great singer to participate but just willing to form friendships with the residents. We would be open to change activities as other ideas arise or we see what works. If this sounds like something you'd be interested in, sign up in the Upper Narthex to help us get something going.

FPC enjoys helping Friendship Nursing Home. This month more coffee pods were delivered, along with a couple of fidget gloves from Presbyterian Women, and a subscription to the White County News was donated. They are always appreciative of our efforts.

WHITE COUNTY CARING AND SHARING

Did you know that FPC is one of 9 local churches that has for many years joined together to assist individuals in need of assistance with certain bills. Different churches take on the Administrative role monthly. Online applications are reviewed, and a determination is made, and how much money we can contribute for an individuals' needs. Checks are sent directly to landlords, power company, water authority, etc. Criteria are in place that must be met and considered. Caring and Sharing is funded from all churches involved and has received various grants over the years. FPC is in charge February and August. Check out the website:

WhiteCountyCaringandSharing.com



Kim Ciriello

Movie Day

Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 18th, at 2:00 p.m., and join us in the

Fellowship Hall for the movie, *The Secrets of Jonathan Sperry*. This is the story of three 12-year-olds during the summer of 1970, when one of the young men, Dustin, mows the lawn of a seventy-five year-old Sperry. A unique friendship develops and what happens the rest of summer is something Dustin and his friends will never forget. This is an inspiring film for all ages. Come join us. Popcorn and drinks will be provided.

On Saturday, April 15th, at 2:00 p.m., we will again have Game Day. This will be the Saturday immediately following Easter.



Building & Grounds

Hugh Walters

The utility costs are the largest single expense items in the B & G Budget. The costs for the month of January were:

- ◆ Water - \$335
- ◆ Propane - \$1774
- ◆ Electricity - \$1596

These costs were unusually high due to the cold weather and the burst waterpipes.

Please help us keep these costs to a minimum by turning off lights when not in use, and by using smaller rooms for meetings rather than heating the entire Fellowship Hall.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Presbyterian Women

Lindalee Walters

The PW served a delicious meal following worship on the 5th Sunday, January 29th. The meal was provided to emphasize the Annual Thank Offering which benefits national and global mission projects.

To date the offering amounts to \$665. The generosity of our congregation is greatly appreciated.



As always plenty of delicious food and desserts. There were 2 dessert tables.



Presbyterian Men

Bruce Morgan

We enjoyed a great BBQ (tenderloin, too) and Brunswick Stew lunch, with chocolate eclair cake, prepared by Linda Leslie and Lindalee Walters.

We will prepare and serve the pancake supper before the Ash Wednesday service. Donations last year more than covered the cost

of our purchases. Thanks to Tony (the money man) for getting the fixin's from Sam's.

We also decided to give \$600 toward the cost of the new hymnals. Another donation will cover the cost of a month's First Lunch.

Thanks to all of you, over the years, for the "hat money" that helped build our bank account, allowing us to support various causes.

Presbyterian Women

Lindalee Walters

CT COMMITTEE MEETING

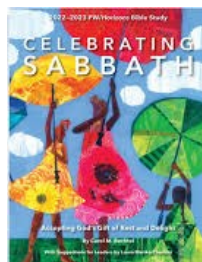
PW Coordinating Team will meet on Wednesday, March 1st, at 1:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall, immediately following the Wednesday Lenten Bible Study.

PW BIBLE STUDY

We will meet Thursday, March 9th, at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, to study Lesson 6, "Sabbath and Hospitality" of the *Celebrating Sabbath* series. Rachel Romfo will lead the lesson and Cheryl Cook will be the hostess. The author plays the harp, and we enjoy hearing her perform as part of the study. **All ladies are invited to attend.** We will set up Zoom for anyone who needs to join Bible Study by Zoom. Please join us for fellowship and study of God's word.

PW SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Several ladies have expressed an interest in attending the PW Bible Studies but are unable to attend on Thursday mornings. We now have a PW Bible Study available on the third Sunday of each month at 10:00 a.m., prior to worship. No prior readings and study are necessary. The study is introduced with a video presentation by the author with discussion following. The focus of the study this year is Sabbath. Carol Bechtel, the author, introduces each lesson and also shares a musical treat as she plays her harp. Those women who are employed outside the home are encouraged to attend. We hope to see you on **March 19th** for Lesson Two: *Sabbath and Creation* in the small conference room off the upper narthex.



PW ANNUAL GATHERING

The Annual Gathering will be held March 18th at First Presbyterian Church, Athens, GA. This will be a time when all the Presbyterian Women in our Northeast Georgia Presbytery gather together for worship, to conduct business, and for fellowship. All women are encouraged to attend. We will carpool from the church, leaving at about 7:00 a.m., and we will return about 4:00 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the Upper Narthex for registration. There is no registration fee, but we are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the Food ministry for students at Columbia Seminary. Any questions, please contact Elaine Wiegert or Lindalee Walters.

CELEBRATION OF THE GIFTS OF WOMEN – BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 30th. The Sunday worship service will be led by women as we Celebrate the Gifts of Women. A meal will be served following worship, and there will be an opportunity to donate to the Birthday Offering.

This year the Making Miracles Group Home, Tallahassee, FL, is one of the recipients of this offering. They provide a full year of housing and support for young mothers to break the cycle of addiction, abusive relationships, incarceration and early motherhood. Additionally, the Berhane Yesus Elementary School in Dembi Dollo, Ethiopia, will receive funds to add classroom space to accommodate the increased need for education for children of farmers, migrant workers, and displaced persons.

OPPORTUNITY FOR SHARING

There is a need for reading glasses for adults and children with whom our mission partners serve on the mission field. At the March Annual Gathering in Athens, PW will be

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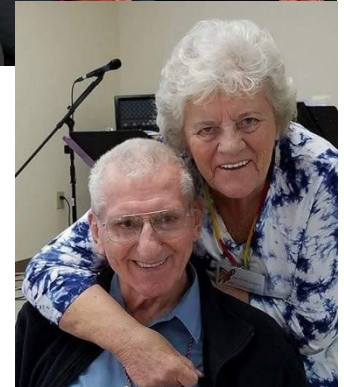


Lindalee Walters

Our PW Bible Study on February 9th, was a combination of wonderful fellowship, heartfelt sadness, and love, as we said “goodbye” to Jannie deWaart. She and her husband, Cees, moved to Smokey Springs Assisted Living Center in Gainesville, GA.

Jannie has served as the Spiritual Advisor for our group, and has worked tirelessly making prayer shawls for friends and family. We enjoyed a delicious breakfast casserole and fruit prepared by Judy Winski, as we visited before beginning our study.

As our benediction, we laid hands upon Jannie in prayer for healing for Cees, comfort, and strength, as they begin their new adventure in their new home. Thankfully, it is not far away, and we can visit together often.



OPPORTUNITY FOR SHARING

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collecting used prescription glasses, as well as “reading” glasses, which can be purchased at retail stores such as Dollar Tree and WalMart. A basket will be available in the Narthex to accept the donations. If possible, please attach a note with the prescription strength of the glasses. This is not necessary, but would be helpful.

ZOOM PRAYER MEETINGS

Zoom Prayer Meetings will be on March 2nd, 16th, and 23rd, at 10 a.m. If you need the info on how to “Zoom-In,” contact the church office for the link.



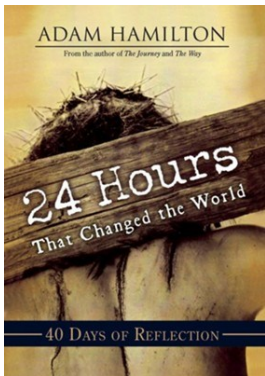
**KNIT'n'
STITCH'n'More**

Linda Leslie

Due to repeated conflicts with other meetings, the PW decided to set a specific time and day for Knit'n'Stitch. They now meet **EVERY MONDAY at 10:00 a.m.**, in the Upper Narthex.

Everyone is welcome to join us! Even if you do not knit, crochet, or sew, there are other things you can do to help. We are currently working on Presbyterian Prayer Beads, beaded bracelets, plaques, kitchen boas, and items mainly geared toward Spring and Easter. We can always use help in organizing our items.

Put on your thinking cap and bring us your ideas. And, we look forward to having you join us!



Lenten Bible Study

During Lent, the usual weekly Bible Study will continue on Wednesday, at 12:30 pm, in Fellowship Hall, with BYOL (bring your own lunch). However, this bible

study will be **in-person only** as there will be a video presentation.

In *24 Hours that Changed the World* we will:

- ✝ Walk with Jesus on his final day.
- ✝ Sit beside him at the Last Supper.
- ✝ Pray with him at Gethsemane.
- ✝ Follow him to the Cross.
- ✝ Desert him.
- ✝ Deny him.
- ✝ Experience the Resurrection.

No single event in human history has received more attention than the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. In this heart-breaking, inspiring book, Adam Hamilton guides us, step by step, through the last 24 hours of Jesus' life. (Abbingdon Press)

Please bring a lunch and join us on Wednesdays, at 12:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall for this Bible Study.

There will also be a Lenten Bible Study each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. via **Facebook only** from Pastor Burnetta's home.

Join us in-person or online for this inspiring bible study.



Bella joins ONEsies for Lunch!

Meet Bella. She willingly delivers your order to your table.



Bella, the robot, helped serve-up lunch for the ONEsies' February get-together at Javi's. It was a happy crowd of ten and we all enjoyed a relaxing time together. Cindy Naivar (Joyce's daughter-in-law) joined us. We caught up on members' health challenges and were glad to hear positive news. Next month we'll meet at The Cottage House on Friday, March 17, at 1 p.m. *Wear your green.*



Howard presented a special bear to Jean as a thank you from a former boss.



Diaconate Details

Rita Morgan

A New Year and New Deacons

With new flock assignments, some of our church family will soon be hearing from a new deacon. If your deacon hasn't changed, we hope you can build on the existing relationship.

Deacons are the contact point for members to receive services from the Pastor or Ministry Teams. Your Deacon wants to serve you in a time of need, wants to be aware of your situation, and your Deacon is the source of that information. They have been briefed on the importance of confidentiality if the situation requires it.

Pastor Burnetta has said if she doesn't know of a need, she cannot be of pastoral service. Please use those who have been called to serve so they can fulfill their calling.

Session Scripts

Bruce Morgan

At its February meeting, your Session:

- ◆ Approved the January Financial Report,
- ◆ Elected a Commissioner to the Winter Presbytery Meeting in Augusta,
- ◆ Approved the 2022 Statistical Report to the Presbytery,
- ◆ Approved use of the building by Enota CASA for a training program,
- ◆ Approved the matching donation to Presbytery Missions equal to our annual assessment,
- ◆ Approved use of the sanctuary for the annual harp concert and planned a reception following the concert,
- ◆ Heard a report from the Sound System Improvement Team,
- ◆ Discussed the Easter Sunrise Service,
- ◆ Heard a report about building and window repairs,
- ◆ Heard a report about our Caring and Sharing and First Lunch missions,

Worship

CALENDAR 2023

February 22nd ASH WEDNESDAY
 5:00 p.m. PANCAKE SUPPER
 6:00 p.m. ...ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

April 2nd..... PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

April 6th..... MAUNDY THURSDAY
 CANTATA

April 9th..... EASTER
 7:00 a.m. SUNRISE SERVICE
 Location to be determined

8:00 a.m. BREAKFAST
 at Church

10:00 a.m. COFFEE & CONVERSATION

11:00 a.m.EASTER SERVICE

April 30th..... GIFTS OF WOMEN

October 29th... KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS

November 5th ALL SAINTS DAY

November 26thDecorate the Church
 for Advent

December 3rd ADVENT BEGINS
 1st Sunday in Advent

December 10th 2nd Sunday in Advent

December 17th CHRISTMAS CANTATA
 3rd Sunday in Advent

December 24th ADVENT ENDS
 4th Sunday in Advent

December 24th CHRISTMAS EVE
 11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE
 6:00 p.m. CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

- ◆ Discussed the possibility of a book study for the Elders, and began planning for a retreat,
- ◆ Discussed Pastor Burnetta's request for ideas about "Hopes and Plans for 2023",
- ◆ Prayed for many needs within our church family, and set the next meeting for March 19th.

Coffee & Conversation

Elaine Wiegert

Please join us on Sunday mornings, at 10:00 a.m., for Coffee and Conversation. During March, we will be discussing texts from Genesis, Exodus, 1 Samuel, and John. The topics for discussion in March will be:

- March 5..... Genesis 12:1-4a
God Bless
- March 12..... Exodus 17:1-7
Water from the Rock
- March 19..... 1 Samuel 16:1-13
God's Surprising Leader
- March 26..... John 1-14
Jesus Raises Lazarus

Amazing Kids Conversation



We invite all our children to join us at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays, for Amazing Kids. During March, our Amazing Kids will be studying:

- March 5 *Being Anxious*
Luke 3:1-16
- March 12 *Trinity and Rainbows*
John 14:8-11
Genesis 9:8-17
- March 19 *Spring*
Genesis 8
- March 26 *Lions and Lambs*
Selected New Testament Texts
in Gethsemane



- March 5..... Penny Murdoch
Rachel Romfo
- March 12..... Judy Massingale
Charles Massingale
- March 19..... Becky Wiegert
Phil Baughman
- March 26..... Lindalee Walters
Hugh Walters

Thank you all for serving.

March Birthdays

- KRISTEN SPARROW
- ADELE PAGE
- BARBARA CHAMBERS
- TOM LESLIE
- JUDY PARSONS
- WES WESSELY
- DARLENE COOPER
- BECKY WIEGERT



If we missed your birthday, please let us know.

Hot Lunch provided

FREE LUNCH

Monday, Mar. 6, 2023
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.



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147 N. Main Street / Cleveland, GA

Pick-up inside

*There is inside seating available.
Outdoor seating is at our
Pavillion in the lower parking lot.*



From God's Garden

A very special "Thank You" to those who have contributed the beautiful flowers and displayed them to brighten the sanctuary for our Sunday Worship Services. These flowers add a bright spot and make our service feel special.



This arrangement was donated by Penny Murdoch to the Glory of God on January 29th.



February 5th, Rachel Romfo shared this lovely Snapdragon plant in honor of the joint birthdays of her and her only sister, born exactly 5 years apart.



This beautiful arrangement on February 19th was in celebration of Judy and Ron Winski's 61st Anniversary and for the Glory of God.



These roses were shared on February 12th by Penny Murdoch in honor of Valentine's Day.

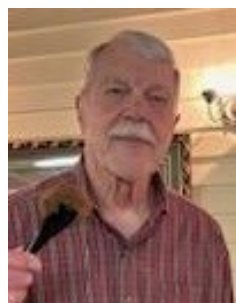
These daffodils were brought by Josalynne Wiley, for Pastor Burnetta,



These flowers are from the family of Bob Murdoch, in his memory, and what would have been his 82nd birthday.

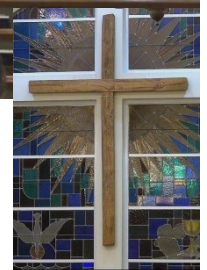
If you'd like to provide flowers for Sunday service, please sign up in the upper Narthex or contact the church office with the preferred date and the occasion you're commemorating. ***If you are willing to be a Flower Coordinator please contact the Church Office.***

ASH
WEDNESDAY



A delicious Pancake Supper, prepared by seven illustrious chefs, was served before our Ash Wednesday Service. There was a good crowd and plenty of food. Thank you guys! It was great!

The congregation going forward to have Pastor Burnetta put an ash cross on those attending.





The FPC Choir: A Tradition of Excellence

Nancy Webber

As one of the newest members of the choir, I continue to be amazed by the quality of the music ministry at FPC. When I came to last year's Maundy Thursday service, I had lived in Georgia for 10 days. I settled into the pew, thinking wistfully about my friends who would be gathering for the Tenebrae service at my former church in New York.

A cantata on Maundy Thursday was a new experience for me. And frankly, my expectations for that evening were not very high – this was just a little church in rural Georgia after all. Well, I was blown away. The music obviously had been chosen and directed by a professional. The choir knew how to pronounce their vowels and sing as a unit. The instrumental ensemble was excellent. My homesickness ebbed a bit. I wanted to join that choir and make harmony with those people.

This year, as the FPC choir rehearses the Maundy Thursday cantata, I'm happy to be part of the musical team. A choral group is a team, after all, with each person doing his or her part to reach a common goal. Every week, the team suits up (in robes) and goes onto the field (the chancel) with the goal of singing an anthem that glorifies God and enhances the worship of the people. An "amen" or "hallelujah" (or even applause!) from the congregation is just icing on the cake.

Our coach, David Arvold, is respected across northeast Georgia as a music director and educator. Choir members, rookies and veterans alike, are constantly learning from him. He pushes us all to do our best without making us feel like we want to leave the field forever.



David's assistant coach and sidekick, James Geiger, is also an accomplished musician and accompanist. He makes it look easy when he's asked to add or change something at the last minute. He provides much-needed comic relief during Wednesday evening rehearsals. And his accompaniment to the warm-up tune, "Many Mumbling Mice," is classic.

Some of the all-stars on the choir team deserve special mention. Joyce Naivar, soprano and awesome sight reader, turned 89 last year and hardly ever misses a rehearsal or service. Several others faithfully participate despite physical setbacks that may tempt them to stay home. Dick Frost often handles the tenor part all by himself. Actually, everyone in men's section (Dick, Ross, Bruce, Tony, and James) should get a trophy for singing boldly even though they're outnumbered by the women three to one.



WE NEED YOU!

Your voice is needed in the choir (especially if you're a man). If you can carry a tune, please join the team. The coach will get you in shape, you'll have your own uniform slot, and your team members will rise up and call you blessed. Extra benefit: all the free throat drops you want.

This year's Maundy Thursday cantata, *Come to the Cross and Remember*, will be sung during the service the evening of Thursday, April 6th. Bring your friends, family, and "amens." No hallelujahs, please! It's Lent.



SUNDAYS
 Coffee & Conversation & Conversations for the Young Ones 10 AM
 Church Services 11:00 AM In-Person and Online
 *LENTEN Wednesday Bible Study at 12:30 pm In-Person ONLY
 & 7:00 pm via Facebook ONLY
 Prayer Meeting, PW CT Meeting & PW Bible Study In-Person/Zoom
 PW Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m. Every Third Sunday

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
KNIT'n'STITCH Every Monday 10:00 am		MASKS are welcome!	1 BIBLE STUDY* 12:30 pm In-Person ONLY & 7:00 PM FB ONLY PW CT Meeting 1:30 pm In-Person & Zoom CHOIR - 6:30 pm	2 Prayer Meeting 10 am Zoom	3	4
5 Communion and Worship Service 11 am and Online	6 FREE LUNCH Project 11:30-12:30 Knit'n'Stitch 10:00 am	7	8 BIBLE STUDY* 12:30 pm In-Person ONLY & 7:00 PM FB ONLY CHOIR - 6:30 pm	9 PW Bible Study 10 am & Zoom	10	11
12 Worship Service 11 am and Online	13 Knit'n'Stitch 10:00 am	14	15 BIBLE STUDY* 12:30 pm In-Person ONLY & 7:00 PM FB ONLY CHOIR - 6:30 pm	16 Prayer Meeting 10 am Zoom	17 NEstes The Cottage House 1:00 pm	18 MOVIE 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall
19 PW Sunday Bible Study 10 am Worship Service 11 am and Online Session Meeting 12:15 pm	20 Knit'n'Stitch 10:00 am	21 PM Luncheon Noon	22 BIBLE STUDY* 12:30 pm In-Person ONLY & 7:00 PM FB ONLY CHOIR - 6:30 pm	23 Prayer Meeting 10 am Zoom	24	25
26 Worship Service 11 am and Online	27 Knit'n'Stitch 10:00 am	28	Join Us! PW Sunday Bible Study Third Sunday 10:00 am			*LENTEN BIBLE STUDY Wednesday 12:30 pm BYOL In-Person ONLY 7:00 pm FB Online ONLY



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