

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship

Adult Bible Class
8:30 a.m.

*Worship Service**
9:30 a.m.

Children's Church
9:45 a.m.
(after Children's Chat)
*Childcare provided

Wednesday

LOGOS
5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
No LOGOS
Wednesday, March 6, 2019

March 2019



THE CROSS OF JESUS CHRIST

Once more, we are entering the season of Lent, in which the church focuses on Jesus' journey to the cross. Although Jesus is the world's greatest teacher, He did not come to earth simply to give us training and information. He came to surrender His life on the cross in order to make things right between God and humanity. The cross is a complicated mystery, worthy of our reflection. The cross is at the center of the Christian's faith.

The cross is also a stumbling block to many, and extremely offensive to our sensibilities. The God of the Universe is worthy of worship and praise. Why, then, should God's Messiah submit to such a shameful death? In ancient times, the Romans wouldn't speak of crucifixion in polite company, it was so shameful and embarrassing.

Perhaps we modern believers, too, tend to avoid speaking about the cross. Jesus' blood sacrifice is difficult to explain, and we may be embarrassed to talk about the Lord's death and resurrection. It sounds crazy.

Indeed, the early church faced the same difficulties speaking about the cross as we do. The apostle Paul acknowledges that the message of the cross is foolishness to the world, and a stumbling block to nice religious people who rightly recognize crucifixion as a ghastly inappropriate topic of conversation.

And yet it is at the cross of Jesus Christ that the power of God is poured out upon the broken human being. It is in that place of utter shame that God's transformative love is experienced - the God who would die for His people. There, our sins and the Power of Sin are definitively beaten by the Lord who will deliver His people from slavery.

Any form of Christianity that does not take seriously the cross of Jesus Christ is not the truth as proclaimed by the disciples and apostles (at great personal cost).

We have this season of Lent every year to keep us from straying too far from the tree on which our Christ hung for us. I want to help us understand it better. I want to know it better. Because I believe it is there where we discover the saving grace of the One True God.

Have a blessed and powerful Lent, dear Church.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Matthew



Food pantry items are being gathered. Please keep the food coming to help those in need.
Food may be left in Narthex.

March: Cookies

Priscilla Circle will meet Tuesday, March 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Alice Jeisy 205 S. Strasburg St. in Strasburg. Kathy Beaver has devotions and Elsie Carter will give the program on Bible Trivia by J. Stephen Lang. If you have any questions call Alice at 644-2625 or Elsie at 235-6589. New members are always welcome. We will meet in the Church parking lot at 6:30 p.m. to car pool to Alice Jeisy's home.

Sarah Circle will meet at 10:30 on Tuesday morning, March 12th, in the church parlor. We are continuing our video Bible study by Max Lucado as he explores God's treatment plan for anxiety found in Philippians 4:4-8. Nancy Plummer will have devotions and also lead the discussion. Anyone interested in being a part of this Bible study is invited to attend. Contact Mary-Nance Miller for more information.

Breakfast

Ash Wednesday, March 6th All Church Breakfast join us in the Fellowship hall for a full breakfast at 6:50 a.m. followed by a short Ash Wednesday service. We will have you on your way by 7:30 a.m. Donations of \$2.00 per person.



The Membership Committee met recently and are anxious to have everyone become more acquainted. We hope that you've noticed the "Church Family" bulletin board on the way to the Fellowship Hall. We would like to have ALL of you represented. Please review your existing photo and let us know if you would like a new picture for display. And, of course if your picture is NOT there...we need yours!! Someone will be available on Sunday mornings to take first-time...or updated photos.



Saturday, March 16th 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.- Formal Dress Resale here at FPC. \$10 allows you to sell here, and a \$10 donation for each dress sold is suggested (to support the Youth). Clean out those closets! Donate a dress by bringing it on Sunday morning (worship hour), Wednesday night (LOGOS time), or on the designated donation days.

For more information, contact Gayla McDaniel or Toby Montgomery.



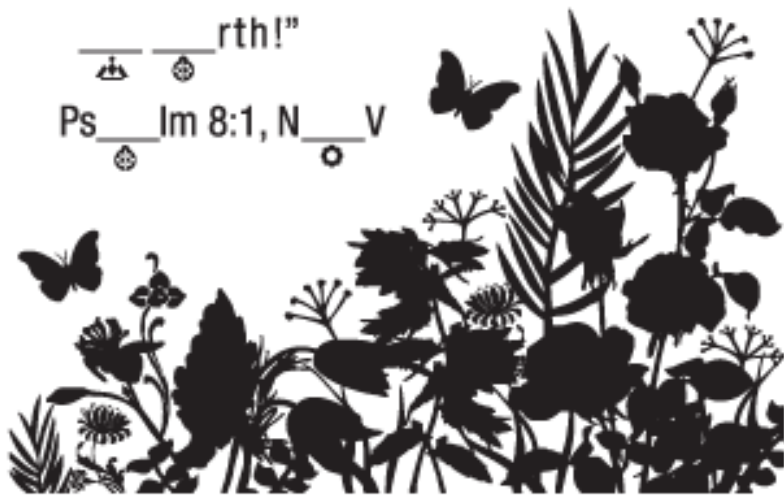
Spring's Beauty

During springtime, the beauty of God's creation emerges in many ways.

Directions: Use the vowel code below to complete Psalm 8:1, NIV.

A= E= I= O= U=

"L__RD, __r L__rd, h__w
m__j__st__c __s y__r
n__m__n__ll th__
__rth!"
Ps__lm 8:1, N__V



Answer: "LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Psalm 8:1, NIV

FRUIT LADYBUGS

Get creative in the kitchen with this sweet springtime snack.

What you need:

- Strawberries (washed)
- Knife
- Plate or wax paper
- ½ cup melted chocolate chips
- Zippered baggie
- Scissors
- Blueberries (washed)
- Adult help



What you do:

1. De-stem the strawberries. Cut in half and then cut a small V atop each half to make the ladybug body. Set them on a plate or wax paper.
2. Place the melted chocolate in a baggie and cut off the tip of a bottom corner.
3. Pipe a dividing line and "spots" on each strawberry. Also use the chocolate to attach a blueberry "head" by the V shape.
4. Pipe chocolate antennae and legs onto ladybugs.
5. Let harden. Enjoy!



Thank you for all the Box Tops which are a great way of giving to the Kemmerer Village School. Keep them coming.



Saturday, March 2

Sweetheart Dinner
5:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 3

Adult Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Children's Church 9:45 a.m.
Worship Committee Meeting
after service
Mission Stitchers 2:00 p.m.
Youth Group 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 5

Prayer Group 10:00 a.m.
Dulcimers 1:30 p.m.
Barbershoppers 7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday, March 6

All Church Breakfast 6:50 a.m.
Women's Board Meeting 9:00 a.m.
Membership Committee Meeting 10:00 a.m.
No LOGOS
Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 7

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Men's Prayer Group 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 10

Adult Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Children's Church 9:45 a.m.
Pre-Pack Food Center 1:00 p.m.
Youth Group 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 12

Prayer Group 10:00 a.m.
Sarah Circle 10:30 a.m.
Dulcimers 1:30 p.m.
CCRTA 1:30 p.m.
Personnel Meeting 4:30 p.m.
Priscilla Circle 7:00 p.m.
Barbershoppers 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 13

B & G Meeting 1:15 p.m.
LOGOS 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 14

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Men's Prayer Group 10:00 a.m.
Mystery Book Club 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 16

Formal Dress Resale 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 17

Adult Bible Study 8:45 a.m.
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Children's Church 9:45 a.m.
Youth Group 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 19

PEO 9:00 a.m.
Prayer Group 10:00 a.m.
Dulcimers 1:30 p.m.
Quadrangle 1:30 p.m.
Mission Committee 6:00 p.m.
Barbershoppers 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20

LOGOS 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 21

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Men's Prayer Group 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 24

Adult Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Children's Church 9:45 a.m.
Youth Group 3:00 p.m.

Monday, March 25

Deacons Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 26

Prayer Group 10:00 a.m.
Dulcimers 1:30 p.m.
Session Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Barbershoppers 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 27

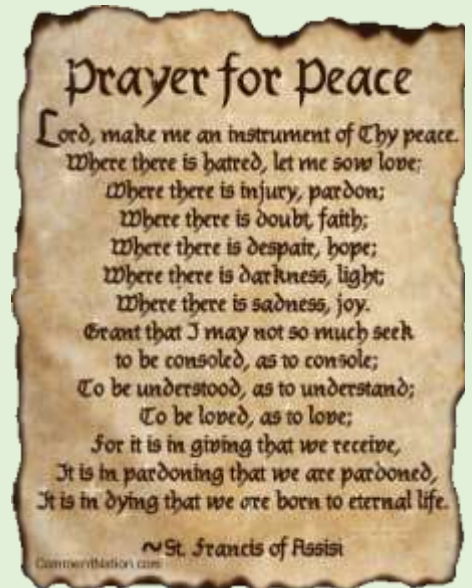
LOGOS 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 28

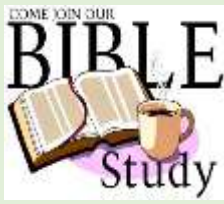
Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Men's Prayer Group 10:00 a.m.
PEO 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 31

Adult Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Children's Church 9:45 a.m.
Youth Group 3:00 p.m.



Submitted by: A church member



The Thursday morning Bible Study meets at 9:00 a.m.



Tuesday morning Prayer Group 10:00 a.m.

Thursday morning Men's Prayer Group 10:00 a.m.



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March 2
Vicki Williams

March 4
Mike Martin

March 6
Kitty Fisher

March 9
Alice Jeisy

March 10
Betty Wright

March 12
Marcus McDowell

March 13
Bob Plummer
Lydia Druin

March 15
Stewart Druin

March 22
Kathy Shaffer

March 26
Addisyn Figgins

March 27
Bill Hamel
Pam Moore
Declan Figgins

March 29
Ron Batterham
Krista Kingery

March 30
Kent Heller



Continued Prayers

For those having treatments for medical conditions:

Mavis Bagby
Catherine Beachy
Kathy Beaver
Jean Beard
Earl Bennett
Joan Dickens
Evelyn Furry
Jo & Harlan Heller
Jeremiah Parker
Betty Martin
Betty & Bob Miller
Elner Oliver
Lori Woodyard
The Barta family

For all those who are serving in Armed

Forces, including:

Matt Gathmann
Kelly Martin
Hunter S. McRoberts



March 1
Rick & Sharon Mercer

March 8
Kenneth & Lorrie Gagnon

March 15
Kent & Lori Heller

March 18
Joe & Barb McKenzie

March 24
David & Mary Wetzel

March 28
Larry & Suellen Dunlap
David & Lori Woodyard



Submitted by Jean Jones

Did you know?

Every year over 150 people die from carbon monoxide poisoning. This gas is often called the “invisible killer” since it is colorless and odorless. This poisonous gas can come from improperly-used or incorrectly-vented fuel burning appliances such as furnaces, stoves, water heaters and fireplaces. You may not realize you have been exposed to CO. Initial symptoms of low to moderate poisoning are like the flu with no fever. The person may have headache, fatigue, shortness of breath, nausea or dizziness.

High level CO poisoning will result in more severe symptoms such as: confusion, vomiting, loss of coordination and ultimate death.

So just like you have a smoke detector in your home, you need to install and maintain a battery powered CO alarm. These should be on every level of your home and high on the wall outside each separate sleeping area. Test these alarms once a month. Change the battery every year and know that in 5-7 years you will need to replace the device. Use portable generators outdoors away from doors, windows and vents. Make sure vents for dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace are clear of snow and other debris.

If your detector alarms, and you have any symptoms, leave your home and call 911. If it alarms and all are feeling fine, try changing the battery. If that does not stop the alarm, leave your home and call for help.

“You can be the richest man in the world, but without your health you have nothing”. Lelia DeVries



Hello Church!

Greetings from the west side of the church, the youth area! One of the interesting things about my job is just how much you have to plan and coordinate to make sure that things get done. If you know me on any personal level, you know that this is something that is not exactly a strong suit, but I have learned to develop my own way of doing things, with a little help, while on this youth ministry road. I think that for most of us, we all have a certain way we plan and get things done. One of the ways that I have taken to heart is something that I have learned from the “Big Dog”, “The Boss”, “The Big Kahuna” Pastor Matthew.

He showed me early on just how he makes out his schedule on Mondays by jotting down certain things that he knows that he needs to get done. I thought that this looked like a great idea and tried it myself and lo and behold, it made my life easier. Now I don’t do this every Monday, but I know that when I feel that I get bogged down, I will take out a sheet of paper and write out exactly what I need to do, just like “The Boss” showed me. Too often in life we get weighed down from things that shouldn’t matter and we cannot figure out how to get out from under it and when we do get weighed down by everyday life, we lose sight of God as well.

Scripture tells us in Proverbs 16:9 “The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps”. With God, we can plan easily. With God, we can get out from all of these burdens that are troubling us. Most importantly, with God, we can straighten out our busy lives to make sure that we live efficiently for Christ every day of the week. Stay Golden Pony Boys/Girls,

In His Grip,

Toby

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