

Now you are the body of Christ,
and each one of you is a part of it.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:27

The Presbyterian *Messenger*

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Lenten Season

What is the purpose of the Lenten Season?
It's a time to:

- grow closer to Jesus.
- become more and more like Jesus.
- nurture our spiritual life.

How do we nurture our spiritual life? The story of the healing of blind Bartimaeus suggests answers to that question. (Mark 10:46-52). Bartimaeus wanted to have his physical sight restored. We want our spiritual sight improved.

As we begin the Lenten journey let's follow Bartimaeus example by:

1. Asking for help to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." (2 Peter 3:18).
2. Accepting Jesus' invitation to meet with Him through prayer and the Bible. Remember, prayer is talking to Jesus

and Scripture is Jesus talking to us. During the 40 days in Lent use daily Lenten readings and if possible, join the Lenten lunch group. Group meets on Wednesdays at noon.

3. When Jesus asks you what you want Him to do answer: Jesus, open my Spiritual eyes, so that I might:

See you more clearly.
Love you more dearly.
Follow you more nearly.

(Richard of Chichester, 1197-1253)

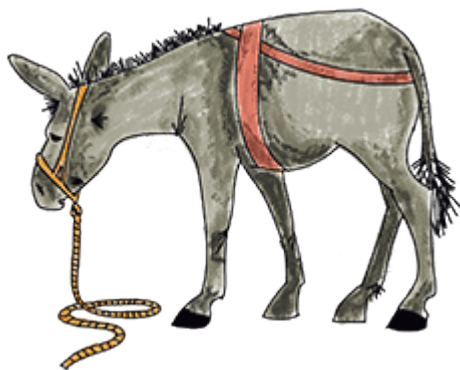
Looking forward to joining you on the journey!

In Jesus love,
Pastor John

Lent



Be the Donkey



Corrie ten Boom, a devout Christian who helped shelter hundreds of Jewish people from Nazis during World War II, was asked how she stayed humble despite her fame.

"When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday on the back of a donkey, and everyone was waving palm branches and throwing garments onto the road and singing praises, do you think that for one moment it ever entered the head of that donkey that any of that was for him?" she replied. "If I can be the donkey on which Jesus Christ rides in his glory, I give him all the praise and all the honor."

Jesus told his followers they'd need to carry (or "take up") their cross. But how well do you carry your Savior? How do you bring him into a world that desperately needs the good news of the gospel?

Because Jesus Said So...

One intriguing person in the Passion account is the thief on the cross whom Jesus promised a same-day entrance to paradise (see Luke 23:43). Pastor and radio host Alistair Begg says he can't wait to meet that man and ask how everything unfolded. "You were cussing [Jesus] out with your friend," Begg says. "You've never been in a Bible study. You've never been baptized. You didn't know a thing about church membership, and yet you made it!"

In a sermon, Begg pictures an imaginary angel at the pearly gates, growing frustrated during the sinful thief's entrance interview. After receiving no clear answers from the thief about doctrines such as justification, the angel finally asks, "On what basis are you here?" The thief simply replies, "The man on the middle cross said I can come."



*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me"*
Psalms 51:10, NRSV



We will be selling Easter lilies again this year. The price is \$12.00 each. Order forms will be available February 25 thru March 24. Please have your order form and money in by March 24. Checks should be made payable to *First Presbyterian Church* and please specify it is for lilies. Remember to take your Easter lily home after Easter Sunday Service on Sunday, March 31st.
Thank you!

Bless you!

On March 17, when we remember the Christian missionary St. Patrick, Irish blessings abound. Here are two benedictions to share with friends in the faith:

Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you. Amen.

May there always be work for your hands to do;
May your purse always hold a coin or two;
May the sun always shine on your windowpane;
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain;
May the hand of a friend always be near you;
May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

Session Highlights

Greetings from the Session,

The Session met Thursday, February 15, 2024. There are 59 members on the active roll. Communion was served to 35 members and friends plus 1 shut in.

The Pastor reported he will need pulpit supply on February 18th and 25. He and Linda will be on a cruise.

The Deacon's are actively doing their Deacon duties.

Christian Ed and Worship: Lenten Lunches starts Wednesday, Feb. 21st at 12 Noon, serving a light lunch and Meditation. Please plan on attending and volunteering with the lunch or dessert. Good time for Fellowship, too.

The Adult Bible is "Reading the Bible in 365 days" a challenging but good study! We could always make room for more! Teachers are still needed for the youth Sunday School.

Personnel and Nominating: reporting a new slate of Deacon's, Sharon Napier, Gary Hollinger, and

Dan Wittman. The new Elder is, Dale Martin, plus we still need 1 more Elder, if you feel led, please contact Dan Shockey.

Finance: The January tithes were: \$6,995.00, expenses were: \$6,102.80.

Fellowship: Cupcake Sunday, 3/3, and Maundy Thursday Meal will be March 28.

Mission Outreach & Church growth: We are members of the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce, a good way to have our Church name out in the public. Barbra sends notices and information to them to email the membership weekly.

Member concerns: Travis Frazier has moved to Park View Care and Rehab. Please be in prayer for our lists of concerns given weekly during the Sunday Service.

Respectively Submitted
Carleen Clayville,
for Clerk of Session

PERSONNEL & NOMINATING

Dan Shockey, chair of the Personnel and Nominating Committee, presented the nominees for the offices of Elder and Deacon. They are as follows:

PERSONNEL & NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dan Shockey, Dan Wittman, Julie Germann

ELDERS

<u>Class of 2024</u> Carleen Clayville Erika Wittman	<u>Class of 2025</u> Sandra Clayville Dan Shockey	<u>Class of 2026</u> Dale Martin
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DEACONS

<u>Class of 2024</u> Linda Smith Gary Hollinger Jeanetta Fortier (in training)	<u>Class of 2025</u> Valerie Frazier Susi McCall	<u>Class of 2026</u> Dan Wittman Sharon Napier
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PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (PNC)

Dan Shockey, Linda Smith, Dale Martin, Linda Culley and Paul Pugh.

Thank you to these dedicated, hard working individuals. They do a great job in minding the matters of the church. They are careful stewards of church resources and work hard to keep the church property in stellar condition.



Philippians 1:7

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you."

Dear Members of First Presbyterian Church, I have a grateful heart for your generosity to the Gideons. Your kindness will allow us to print and distribute Bibles.

Thank you again,
Terry Downs,
Gideon Presenter
Donation Received \$353.00

March Scripture Lessons *from the Lectionary*

March 3 [3rd Sunday in Lent / Communion Sunday]

Ex. 20:1-17; Ps. 19;
1 Cor. 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

March 10 [4th Sunday in Lent]

Num. 21:4-9; Ps. 107:1-3, 17-22;
Eph. 2:1-10; John 3:14-21



March 17 [5th Sunday in Lent]

Jer. 31:31-34; Ps. 51:1-12 or Ps. 119:9-16
Heb. 5:5-10; John 12:20-35

March 24 [Palm Sunday; Holy Week begins]

Mark 11:1-11; Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29;
Phil. 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15; 47 or Mark 15:1-47

March 31 [Easter Sunday; Resurrection of the Lord]

Acts 10:34-43; Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24;
1 Cor. 15:1-11; John 20:1-18



Daylight saving time begins
March 10, 2024

Remember to set your clocks
ahead one hour the night before.



Lenten Luncheons . . .



We will be holding our annual Lenten Luncheons again this year. Every Wednesday starting February 21 at 12 noon continuing for 5 weeks until March 20th. Everyone is invited to join us for a light lunch, and join in the discussion. There will be a freewill offering, with the donations going toward camp scholarships for young people wanting to attend Camp Sawtooth this summer.

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

2024 Year to Date Tithes and Expenses

January

Tithes \$6,995.00
Expense \$6,102.80

YTD Totals

Tithes \$6,995.00
Expenses \$6,102.80

MARCH

BIRTHDAYS

02 Lucy Agamah
02 Ginny Behr
08 Tanya Behr
08 Jena Clayville
08 Valerie Frazier
11 Mazie Mozer
12 Laura Suhr
13 Dexter Bennett
16 Simon & Varik Shockey
19 Sandra Clayville
28 Darla Holl
30 Jo Elg

Committees & Chairpersons

BUILDING & GROUNDS:

Dale Martin

FELLOWSHIP:

Sandra Clayville

FINANCE:

Carleen Clayville

MISSIONS & EVANGELISM:

PERSONNEL & NOMINATING:

Dan Shockey

WORSHIP & CHRISTIAN ED:

Erika Wittman

DEACONS:

Linda Smith, Valerie Frazier,
Dan Wittman, Gary Hollinger,
Susi McCall, Sharon Napier
and Jeanetta Fortier (in training)



February 2024						
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MARCH

April 2024						
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 World Day of Prayer	2
3 3rd Sunday in Lent 9:30 am Sunday school 10:45 am Worship, Communion & Cupcake Sunday Easter lilies on sale now thru March 24th	4	5	6 12:00 pm Lenten Luncheon	7 7:00 pm Scouts	8	9 
10 4th Sunday in Lent 9:30 am Sunday school 10:45 am Worship, Installation of New Officers Deacons meet	11	12	13 12:00 pm Lenten Luncheon 7:00pm Session	14 1:30pm Mt. Harrison Quilt Guild 7:00 pm Scouts	15	16
17 5th Sunday in Lent 9:30 am Sunday school 10:45 am Worship,	18	19 	20 12:00 pm Lenten Luncheon	21 7:00 pm Scouts	22	23
24 Palm Sunday (Holy Week begins) 9:30 am Sunday school 10:45 am Worship, Deadline to order Easter	25	26	27 6:30pm His Little Feet Choir	28  6:00pm Maundy Thursday Service & Meal 7:00 pm Scouts	29	30
31 Easter Sunday; Resurrection of the Lord 9:30 am Sunday school 10:45 am Worship, Easter Treats after worship	March Servers ~ We Appreciate YOU! Head Usher: The Morgan's, Head Greeter: Dan Shockey Liturgist: 3/3 Gary, 3/10 Dan S., 3/17 Gary, 3/24 Dan S., 3/31 Gary Coffee Hour: 3/3 Susan, 3/10 Valerie, 3/17 Dan & Terrie, 3/24 _____, 3/31 Susi & Valerie					



Take time to “examen”

I'm grateful to live in an area with distinct seasons. Each time of year has unique characteristics that give way to the next. “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven,” says Ecclesiastes 3:1 (ESV).

Each change of season also lends itself to *examen*, a spiritual practice that involves reflection. Typically done daily, examen invites people to recall past events (highlights, struggles, even mundane activities) and consider when they especially sensed God's presence or when he seemed distant.

Try a deeper examen four times a year as the seasons change. As a starting point, use your answers to these questions:

- Looking back at the past season, when did I see God at work? What was life-giving to me?
- In what areas did I need God to work? What was life-draining?
- As I enter this next season, how is God inviting me to engage more with his presence? —Janna Firestone

By faith

'Tis by the faith of joys to come
We walk through deserts dark as night,
Till we arrive at heaven our home.
Faith is our guide, and faith our light. ...

Cheerful we tread the desert through,
While faith inspires a heavenly ray,
Though lions roar and tempests blow
And rocks and dangers fill the way.

So Abraham, by divine command,
Left his own house to walk with God;
His faith beheld the promised land,
And fired his zeal along the road.

—Early American hymn

Presbyterian Women in the News!

“.....Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your Good works and give glory to God in heaven.”

Good works and give glory to God in heaven.”

As Presbyterian Women, we “shine before others,” illuminating the path ahead, sharing the flame of mission and ministry with faithful siblings, bringing warmth to God's people through Bible study, grants, racial equality and justice and peace initiatives, and more. Our flame burns continuously and we are ever vigilant—as a community—to bring glory to God through faithful discipleship that is lived out, in part through our witness as Presbyterian Women.

Our February meeting was fun, the tables were decorated in red and pink hearts. We included a Baby Shower for Cynthia's twin girls, Willow and Wrenly—and you know how much we love babies here at First Pres! They are very cute and received lots of baby things! Welcome to our world!

Yours in Christ's Service,
Carleen Clayville, Moderator



Baby Shower for Cynthia
Bennett's twins
Feb. 17, 2024



Dear Church Family...THANK YOU!

Decade of prayer requests for myself, family, animals and friends. Words cannot express what has been felt for all the concern. Showing thankfulness has not been one of my big accomplishments. I appreciate everything, just wish I could say it more.

Kathy Rios

Committee

PARABLE OF CHURCH WORKERS

Fred Somebody, Thomas Everybody, Peter Anybody and Joe Nobody were neighbors, but they were not like you, I'm sure. They were odd people and most difficult to understand. The way they lived was a shame. All four belonged to the same church, but you would not have enjoyed worshipping with them.

Everybody went fishing on Sunday, or stayed home to visit with friends. Anybody wanted to worship but was afraid Somebody wouldn't speak to him. So guess who went to church - yep - Nobody. Really, Nobody was the only decent one of the lot.

Nobody did parish visitations. Nobody worked on the church's committees. In fact, Nobody contributed financially each week.

Once they needed a Sunday school teacher. Everybody thought Anybody would do it, while Anybody thought Somebody would do it. And guess who actually did it? That's right - Nobody!

LOOKING AHEAD

APRIL

02: Communion / Cupcake Sunday
10: Quilt Guild two-day event (10—11)
10: Session

MAY

02: National Day of Prayer
05: Communion / Cupcake Sunday
08: Session
12: Mother's Day
19: Day of Pentecost
19: Scholarship Presentation—TBA
21: Election Day *we are a polling place
29: Memorial Day

JUNE

02: Communion / Cupcake Sunday
02: Memorial Service of Remembrance—TBA
12: Quilt Guild two-day event (12—13)
12: Session
16: Father's Day

Reports

FINANCE REPORT

The Finance team wants to thank all who have already paid their Per Capita apportionment for 2024. Our church has the responsibility to pay a Per Capita (per member) to support the Kendall Presbytery, Synod of the Pacific, and General Assembly each year. Of this amount (\$40.00 each Member this year), a large portion is returned to our Presbytery to support small churches, and special mission projects. Also, we want to thank all who took the time to fill out the Time and Talents form – to volunteer to support and help with the many tasks that are required to keep our beautiful church running smoothly, and to pledge financial support, if for some reason you missed our mailing of the form, and would like us to send you another one, please contact the office or anyone on the Finance team. Your support is important and helps keep our bills paid on time, and we thank God for each and every one of you!

In Christ's Service,
Your Finance Team



FELLOWSHIP REPORT

March 3—Cupcake Sunday
March 17—Happy St. Patrick's Day
March 28—Maundy Thursday
March 31—Easter Celebration;
Special Coffee Hour
Please join us for Fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,
Terrie Shockey

PASTOR:

Rev. John L. Ziulkowski

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Wednesdays 9:00am—1:00pm

(also available by appointment)

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Pastor's cell phone: 208-430-5359

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Clerk of Session:

Director of Music: Paul Pugh

Pianist: Susan McGee, Susi McCall, Linda Ziulkowski

Flutist: Linda Ziulkowski

Nursery Attendant:

Custodian: Linda Culley

Prayer Chain: Susan McGee 208-312-3864

Service Times:

Sunday School 9:30 am

Worship 10:45 am

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15th of the month and Bulletin items by Wednesday.*

Prayers: *If you know of someone who is in need of our prayers,
please contact the church office.*

Prayer Chain: *If you have an emergency prayer request, or would
like to join the prayer chain, please contact Susan McGee 208-312-3864*

Many are the plans in a person's heart, but
it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.
PROVERBS 19:11

March 2024

Our Mission Statement

- To proclaim the Word of God to its members.
- To be a place where the community at large is invited to hear God's Word and join in fellowship with the members in the worship of God.
- To minister to its members in time of sorrow, illness, hurt, confusion, or uncertainty and encourage their faith in God, and His son Jesus Christ, during these troubling times.
- To be a haven for the larger community, where people who are troubled can receive support, encouragement, and be led to faith in God and our savior, Jesus Christ.
- To joyfully worship God together, to encourage youth and young adult members to come together with older members to get to know each other, and to develop mutual respect.
- To be known outside of our membership as a place where people of all ages can come together and find meaningful worship of God.

In these days of confusion in our society about what is morally good and right and true; the Session of this congregation, unanimously affirms the following beliefs which we publicly profess:

1. That Jesus Christ alone is Lord of all and the only way of salvation.
2. That Holy Scripture (the Bible) is the Triune God's revealed Word, the church's only infallible rule of faith and life.
3. That God's people are called to holiness in all aspects of life. This includes honoring the sanctity of marriage between a man and a woman.