

MESSANGER 2023

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Buildings & Grounds
has been BUSY!**

**How to spell
Presbyterian**

Read more inside!

Kingdom Kids

**Information for
2023-2024 Open
Enrollment &
Other Event Dates
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**CHECK OUT THE CALENDAR
AND MARK YOUR CALENDAR SO YOU
DON'T MISS OUT!!!**

Lent 2023

Message From the Pastor

Somewhere, Martin Luther said that every Christian is a beginner. We constantly return to the ABC's of the faith -- there are no advanced degrees. A person can pray the Lord's Prayer their whole life and still not understand prayer or feel like a prayer warrior. A person can live out the Sermon on the Mount and never feel they have lived up to it. We are all beginners.

The church season of Lent is an annual reminder of this fact. On Ash Wednesday (the beginning of Lent), we are reminded that we are creatures -- mortal human beings, made from the very dust and ashes to which we shall return. We observe Ash Wednesday on Wednesday, April 22, at 6:30 PM.) When the church first began observing Lent, it was during this season that people would prepare for Baptism -- the beginning of the Christian life.

It is with all this in mind, that I will be teaching a class this March called "How to Spell Presbyterian." The class will be geared towards anyone wanting to learn more about what it means to be part of the Presbyterian Church. Knowing our church heritage plays an important role in our faith. We will consider Presbyterian history, theology, and practice, as well as what it means to be part of a Presbyterian church. Who's it for? Anyone who is curious about the Presbyterian Church, especially if you are interested in becoming a member.

On Sunday mornings will be exploring another "ABC's" of the Christian faith: The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). This "sermon", preached by our Lord Jesus, paints a picture of the good life, the happy life. Of course, our Lord's vision of the happy life looks very different than that of our world. The Sermon on the Mount is one of the most beloved passages of Scripture, containing many portions worthy of memorization. As we walk through this passage, I'd encourage you to spend time in it yourself. Perhaps read it in one sitting (about 15 minutes), memorize a few portions of it, or read a little bit each day. In fact, a great Lenten discipline could be to read The Sermon on the Mount each day of Lent, and watch how your life is transformed by our Lord's Word.

We are all beginners, and we are beginners together. As we enter another season of Lent, may the Lord lead you to a deeper relationship with Him wherever you find yourself.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Dave

Sermon Notes

I appreciate what Dale Bruner says about The Sermon on the Mount: “To read the Sermon on the Mount is to discover what it means to be Jesus’ disciples; to read it with faith is to receive power to be Jesus’ disciples.” My prayer in preaching through Matthew 5-7, is that we would discover not only what it means to follow Jesus’, but that the Holy Spirit would empower us to be salt and light in this world.

Feb. 5 Matthew 5:13-20 March 5 Matthew 6:5-14

Feb. 12 Matthew 5:21-37 March 12 Matthew 6:19-34

Feb. 19 Matthew 5:38-48 March 19 Matthew 7:1-12

Feb. 26 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 March 26 Matthew 7:13-29

How to Spell Presbyterian

- ♦ Are you curious about the Presbyterian Church?
- ♦ Are you interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church?
 - ♦ Have been a Presbyterian for years, but still have questions?

Join us for the first four Wednesdays in March as we explore what it means to be Presbyterian. We will begin with a soup supper at 6:00 PM, with the class running from 6:30-7:30 PM.

All are welcome!

Kingdom Kids

With Spring drawing closer we are already in open enrollment for our current students for the 2023-2024 school year!

Here are some other important dates and information on our calendar we would like to share with you!

- ⇒ Thursday, February 23 is Grandparents Day
- ⇒ March 1st is open enrollment to the public for 2023-2024
- ⇒ April 27th @ 6:30 p.m. is the 3 Piggy Opera



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**IF YOU HAVEN'T HAD A
CHANCE YET, TAKE A LOOK AT THE
NEW FLOORING THROUGH OUT THE
SANCTUARY, NARTHEX
AND BATHROOMS.
THANK YOU AGAIN
TO AIKEN'S ALL THAT
HELPED OUT!**



February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
12 10 am W&S	13	14	15	16 10am ABS	17 8am Grumpies 7pm Al Anon	18
19 10 am W&S	20 6:30 pm Session	21	22 6:30pm ASH Wednesday	23 10am ABS KK Grand- parents Day	24 8am Grumpies 7pm Al Anon	25
26 10 am W&S	27 6pm Deacons	28				

March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6pm How to spell Presbyterian KK Open Enroll	2 10am ABS	3 8am Grumpies 7pm Al Anon	4
5 10 am W&S <i>Communion</i>	6	7	8 6pm How to spell Presbyterian	9 10am ABS	10 8am Grumpies 7pm Al Anon	11 2nd Sat Work Day
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2 Palm Sunday	3	4	5	6 Maundy Thursday 10am ABS	7 8am Grumpis 7pm AI Anon	8 Easter Prayer Vigil 2nd Sat Work Day
9 Easter Sunrise @ 630am & Easter Service @ 10am	10	11	12	13 10am ABS	14 8am Grumpis 7pm AI Anon	15
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