

From the Pastor

We live on cycles, rhythms. We call these calendars and they give shape to our lives. Many live by the school calendar, which begins in the Fall. The celebrations include Thanksgiving Break, Winter Break, Spring Break, and the beloved Summer Break. There's a sports calendar, which does not exactly have a beginning or end, but has the major events of the Super Bowl, March Madness, Opening Day, The Masters, the World Series, among other high holy days. There are political calendars, weather calendars, and consumer calendars -- all which give shape to our rhythms and sense of time. And, it seems every month is set aside to celebrate something new. Each of these calendars shapes and forms us as people. They help prioritize our lives.

So it has been that overtime a calendar developed for the church year. The most important day in the church calendar year is the Lord's Day, but the church year gives an overarching pattern to our weekly observance. Rather than immerse us in the rhythm of school, sports, politics, or secular causes, the church calendar immerses us in the life of Christ. After all, if we want the rhythm of our life to reflect anything it is the life of Jesus Christ.

The calendar begins in Advent. We have just completed Epiphany, and on March 2 Lent begins. This sacred season draws us to the cross of Christ -- the defining act of the life of our Lord. It also reminds us of why he traveled the road to the cross -- our sin. Without Lent, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday, Easter bells ring hollow. The season of Lent helps train us further and deeper in the act of repentance, which is the only way forward in the Christian life. The rhythm of the Christian life is repenting our way forward -- and Lent provides the training ground.

Grace and Peace,
Dave

Preaching Notes

Historically, the season of Lent has been a time set aside for prayer. One of the best ways to learn how to pray is through the book of Psalms -- the prayer book of the Bible. For the next six weeks we will spend some time learning from six of these Psalms. In particular, we learn from them at the foot of the cross, as we hear them paired with the last words of our Savior -- last words that were also prayers.



PREACHING NOTES

March

- ◇ 6th ~ Psalm 91
"Into Your Hands"
- ◇ 13th ~ Psalm 27
"Behold My Face"
- ◇ 20th ~ Psalm 63
"I Thirst"
- ◇ 27th ~ Psalm 32
"Forgive Them"

APRIL

- ◇ 3rd ~ Psalm 126
"My Mother & My Brothers"
- ◇ 10th ~ Psalm 118
"It is Finished"
- ◇ 14th ~ Psalm 22
"Why Have you Forsaken Me?"
- ◇ 17th ~ 1Cor. 15:50-58
"The Resurrection"



Registration for Fall 2022-2023 classes is open!

Register online through the church website or in the church office.

PlaySchool: 3 Year Old Class—Tuesday & Friday—9:00am to 11:00am

\$90 Registration Fee and Monthly Tuition is \$90 September through May
(Child must be 3 by September 1 and fully potty trained)

PreSchool: 4 & 5 Year Old Class—Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
8:45am-11:15am

\$120 Registration Fee and Monthly Tuition of \$120 September through May
(Child must be 4 by September 1)

VBS 2022 will take place in the Jerusalem Marketplace!

July 11-15, 2022 - 8:30 am to 11:00 am

Registration for volunteers and participants is available online through the church website

VBS Donations Needed:

Small to extra large area/throw rugs every **shape, size & color!**

JANUARY & FEBRUARY SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- The pastor informed the session that he accepted an invitation to speak at Camp Spalding's 5th-6th Grade Camp (July 18-23). He also currently serves on the Camp Spalding Board.
 - Gave approval to allow Joel Greggain to fix issues occurring with the sanctuary sound system and T.V. screens.
 - As of March 12 (following the lifting of the state's mandate), face-masks will be optional. Staff will no longer need to test weekly for COVID19.
 - Session continues to pray and discern over the use of the Youth Building.
- ⇒ It was noted that the 2022 budget is significantly over the 2021 giving. Session will continue to monitor the church finances closely, as either the congregation may be in need to give more or significant spending cuts will need to be implemented.

FINANCIALS as of FEBRUARY 2022		
	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET
INCOME	\$46,225.79	\$59654.00
EXPENSES	\$44327.58	\$52,952.7
INC/EXP	\$1898.21	\$6,701.30



Buildings & Grounds Update



As of now we are on the schedule with the flooring company for installation in late spring, (after Easter) actual date TBD depending on the finishing dates of their jobs prior to ours here at the church.

VISIT THE HOLY LAND IN 2023

Congo. Presbyterian Church (Lewison, ID), has invited anyone from FPC to join them on a Holy Land trip in 2023. The trip to Israel is in the planning stages for March 19 to April 1, 2023.

Pastor Steve Wilbraham is organizing and will be on the trip.

Informational brochures are available.

Please contact Pastor Steve Wilbraham at 208-743-4444 or stevev@congopres.org if you are interested in participating.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY EVERY THURSDAY
10:00 am in the Narthex

Any and all welcome to join!

March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 10am ABS	4 7am GOM 7pm AlAnon	5
6 SW & SS 10am	7	8	9	10 10am ABS	11 7am GOM 7pm AlAnon	12 7am 2nd Sat
13 SW & SS 10am	14	15	16	17 10am ABS	18 7am GOM 7pm AlAnon	19
20 SW & SS 10am	21 Session 6:30 pm	22	23	24 10am ABS	25 7am GOM 7pm AlAnon	26
27 SW & SS 10am	28 Deacons 6pm	29	30	31 10am ABS		

*ABS(Adult Bible Study) SW (Sunday Worship)
GOM (Grumpies) SS (Sunday School)*

*Happy
Birthday*

Janis Wallis	4
Chris Moore	12
John Molohon	16
Pam Klug	17
Janet Auer	24

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APRIL 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3 <i>SW & SS</i> <i>10am</i> <i>Communion</i>	4	5 <i>PEO</i>	6	7 <i>10am ABS</i>	8 <i>7am GOM</i> <i>7pm AlAnon</i>	9 7 am 2nd Saturday
10 <i>Palm</i> <i>Sunday</i> <i>SW & SS</i> <i>10am</i>	11	12	13	14 <i>Maundy</i> <i>Thursday</i> <i>10am ABS</i>	15 <i>7am GOM</i> <i>7pm AlAnon</i>	16
17 <i>Easter</i> <i>SW & SS</i> <i>10am</i>	18-Easter Mon 2:30-CASA <i>Session</i> <i>6:30 pm</i>	19	20	21 <i>10am ABS</i>	22 <i>7am GOM</i> <i>7pm AlAnon</i> KAIROIS	23 RETREAT
24 <i>SW & SS</i> <i>10am</i>	25 <i>Deacons</i> <i>6pm</i>	26	27	28 <i>10am ABS</i>	29 <i>7am GOM</i> <i>7pm AlAnon</i>	30

Art Johnstone 04 Hollie Williams 07 Lois Devereaux 09

Lorraine Cline 13 Leo Cline 17 Ian Guillotte 23 Don Greggain 26

