

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 9 AM Quilters	3 Lenten Worship Service 6 PM	4	5	6
7 Communion Sunday Worship 10 AM	8	9 9 AM Quilters 6:30 PM Trustees 7 PM One Board	10 Lenten Worship Service 6 PM	11	12	13 Storage/ Basement Cleanup AM
14 Sunday Worship 10 AM	15	16 9 AM Quilters	17 Lenten Worship Service 6 PM	18	19	20
21 Sunday Worship 10 AM	22	23 9 AM Quilters	24 Lenten Worship Service 6 PM	25	26	27
28 Sunday Worship 10 AM	29	30	31 Lenten Worship Service 6 PM			

Regular Sunday Worship

Freshwaters March 2021



FROM THE PASTOR

Lenten Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! May the blessing and peace of Christ be with you and your families!

1 John 1:9 says *“if we confess our sins, he (Jesus/God) is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* This is one of my absolute favorite passages of scripture and I believe captures the essence of Lent. In Lent, we focus on our sin, on where we fall short, but we do not stay there – we confess to God; we receive from God grace, mercy, and forgiveness – and from that place of forgiveness, we experience cleansing from all unrighteousness. We experience and receive new life, a chance to start again anew. When we think of the journey of Jesus to the cross and the empty tomb – it is all about redemption, salvation, wholeness, restoration, renewal, new life, refreshing love. This experience can be summed up in one word: forgiveness.

Unforgiveness is a prison in which many people unknowingly put themselves into, and in this prison, people sit and become bitter and resentful toward themselves and toward others. Unforgiveness leads to resentment, resentment leads to bitterness, and bitterness can lead to hate. It is a vicious merciless cycle in which people put themselves. It is like a prison with a hamster wheel, people run and run but get nowhere. Forgiveness however in and through the person of Christ is the key that unlocks the nightmare of that prison. Is this easy? By no means! It is a choice that we must make – maybe each day – “today, I will forgive so-and-so, please Lord Jesus Christ give me the strength and will to forgive.” Not to sound selfish, but forgiveness is about you and your freedom from the pain of whatever hurt you experienced, not the other person. Do you want freedom? Forgive!

Sermon Series

FEAR NOT

March 7
GETTING OUT OF
THE BOAT

March 14
LETTING DOWN
THE NETS

March 21
OUT OF FEAR INTO
FAITH

March 28
FACING DOWN
OUR FEAR

April 4
EASTER
WOMEN AT THE
TOMB

Corrie ten Boom said, “Forgiveness is the key that unlocks the door of resentment.” Here is an adaptation of a true story from Corrie’s life from **Oh How He Loves You**. While in a concentration camp in Germany, Betsie ten Boom (**Corrie’s sister**) was becoming frail. One day while doing heavy manual labor, she kindly said to her guard, “Don’t give me more to do than I am trying to do already, because I am not strong enough to lift these heavy parts.” The guard flashed back, “You don’t decide what you do. I decide.” At that the guard brutally beat Betsie. Corrie ten Boom, her sister, watched and was enraged. When the guard left, Corrie went over to Betsie who now had blood all over her face. Betsie immediately said, “No, don’t hate, Corrie. You must love and forgive.”

Corrie knew that she was unable. That night she went for a walk and told the Lord that she could not forgive “that brutal woman.” The Lord reminded her of a Scripture, “God’s love had been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.” (Romans 5:5) Corrie knew that what she was unable to do, the Lord, in her, was able to do.

She writes, “At that moment, when I was able to forgive, my hatred disappeared. What a liberation! Forgiveness is the key that unlocks the door of resentment and the handcuffs of hatred. It is a power that breaks the chains of bitterness and the shackles of selfishness. What a liberation when you can forgive.”

In a world that is awash in hate, resentment, and unforgiveness may we find the strength in Christ to do the opposite of the world – not only for our own sake, but for the sake of our children and grandchildren – let us teach, model, live, and practice each day the gift of forgiveness!

Pastor Kevin

LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES 6-6:45 PM

Lenten services will be in-person and live on our Facebook page. Messages will be shared by area pastors. Music and services styles will alternate between traditional and contemporary formats. Make plans to join us each week!

Wednesday, March 3
Wednesday, March 10
Wednesday, March 17
Wednesday, March 24
Friday, April 2 Good Friday – Tenebrae

KIDS LENTEN ZOOM
Wednesdays 5-5:30 PM
Freshwaters Kids will be meeting during the season of Lent. This gives families time to get ready for the Lent services if they are attending in person, or for families to have their soup supper before the online streaming starts. The link can be found on the Freshwaters Children’s Ministry Facebook Group.

**MEDIA UPGRADES
AND VIRTUAL CAMPUS**
The Worship Committee met this month and had started planning media and technology upgrades for our online services. We want to create a solid online experience that will be backed up by a thriving online community. Please be in prayer for us as we make these important decisions.

Media/Worship Committee meeting will be on March 8th at 6 PM.

MARCH MINISTRY NOTES

	BIRTHDAYS
March 02	Aaron S
March 03	Gloria W
March 05	Lester G
March 05	Joyce T
March 06	Syrus C
March 06	Bobbie H
March 06	Nancy L
March 08	Bob B
March 08	C.J. Zins
March 09	Sadie H
March 10	Grace C
March 10	Maelyn P
March 10	LeeAnn S
March 11	Kelly S
March 11	Rich S
March 13	Kevin F
March 14	Rosanne B
March 14	Wendy F
March 14	Randy H
March 14	John T
March 15	Walter H
March 16	Linda L
March 18	Reese S
March 19	Lawrence C
March 19	Susan K
March 21	Miranda F
March 22	Caitlyn S
March 24	Otto S
March 25	Peggy Z
March 26	August M
March 26	Faith Z
March 28	Charlotte M
March 28	Ashley S

	ANNIVERSARIES
March 5	Isaac & Jenna J
March 6	Jeff & Dana B
March 26	Jon & Rosetta C
March 31	Lee & Shirley

PRAYER AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER

Charlotte & Lowell Y
Betty & John O
Joyce M
Val V
Hans & Gloria
Celeste H
Jim K

Let’s bless our Seniors who are home bound or are unable to get out much. Why not pay them a visit, give them a call or send them a note to let them know you’re thinking of them!

Muriel Walker	Ruth Hein
Irene Galbrecht	Bernice Johnson
Joyce Mattson	

Thank you to all who have made worship this month wonderful!

Gloria W, Sawyer C, Myla T, Ryan P, Jim H, Dawn G, Nancy R, Tammy S, Kathy W, Ildiko F, Bethany M, Slayter C, Cori W, Owen O, Karen O, Bob L, Jeremy G, Jenna J, Hannah J, Bryan C, Sylvia C, Isaac J,

Sound Schedule
March 7 —Isaac Jenson -- (Wednesday March 10)
March 14 —Scott Liestman -- (Wednesday March 17)
March 21 —Jim Hennessy -- (Wednesday March 24)
March 28 —Slayter Carey

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Freshwaters Single Board Minutes

February 9, 2021

Linda Olson called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Present were Linda Olson, Andrew Harvala, Carla Lusche, Susan Kettelhodt, Phil Lingle, Scott Liestman, Dave Halverson, Cori Wallace, and Kevin Fox.

Kevin led the group with an invocation.

The agenda was amended to include a Worship committee report.

Cori reviewed the activities of the Youth program, ages 3 – 11. There have been between 4 and 9 in attendance on Sundays, and many more that are known to not attend due to Covid.

The Worship committee has been looking at the Audio/Visual technology used to stream the Sunday worship services. They have interviewed a number of other local churches to see what works for them and are getting proposals from some vendors on upgrades to our equipment. They have proposed a three-stage improvement program beginning with the Sanctuary and feel it would involve around a \$3500 investment for the first stage. This would include some equipment and a subscription service that would be ongoing.

Due to the importance of having a strong on-line presence and the long term need for great technology the Board encourages the Worship Committee to keep a broad outlook and overall plan in mind, and endorses by consensus a budget of \$25,000 to come from Memorial funds.

Trustees are going to have a basement cleanup and revamp the storage area on March 13th.

Susan gave the financial report. Giving remains down some but expenses are also down and we continue to weather the Covid crises as well as we could expect.

Linda and Kevin reviewed some recommendations for changes to our Mission and Values statements.

“Refreshing Relationships with God and Others”

Values: Embracing

Accepting

Worshiping

Empowering

Connecting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

Submitted by Phil Lingle

Please note: Committee Minutes are drafted and approved by the committees and the church office does not make changes beyond formatting.

FRESHWATERS
EASTER FLOWER GARDEN

**HELP US DECORATE OUR SANCTUARY THIS
EASTER SEASON WITH LILIES, TULIPS,
BEGONIAS, AND CYCLAMEN TO
COMMEMORATE LOVED ONES.**
Orders are due on March 21.



March Campaign

Non-perishable donations for the Princeton Pantry can be dropped off at the Church or monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the office.



Thank you for supporting our local community.