

E-Blast News

Mar 14, to Mar 21, 2021



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead Saturday Night!

Dear Saints:

It is with some trepidation that I approach our worship this Sunday. First, I wonder how many of us will forgive to set our clocks ahead and arrive to start worship as everyone else is ending worship. I especially hope that is not me!

Secondly, I feel trepidation as the Gospel Lesson include that most famous verse - John 3:16. I thought about using some other passage but believe I need to stick to this one. On the one hand, everyone thinks they know what it means, so maybe if I mumble gently people will just automatically stick in the own thoughts and then everyone will go home happy. On the other hand, there is a reason this passage is so well loved. So we will look at John 3:14-21. As much as I would like to skip it, this is Lent and it fits well here.

Even I now have my first vaccination. It was a very smooth and choreographed process at the clinic I went to. The shot was painless and, while I got sleepy, I did not feel bad in any way. I hope these injections we are all getting, by the grace of God, the beginning of the end of this pandemic.

Please continue to pray for those whose jobs and families and lives have been more impacted that ours have been - especially those in parts of the world where medical care is limited or priced above affordability.

Saturday, March 20 at 11am we will have a memorial service for our beloved organist, Charles Dirr. If you attend please wear a mask and maintain social distance. It would be ironic if the service became a 'spreader-event' when Charles loved us all and would only want the best for us.

Yours in Christ's Service,

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Church Prayer List

FPC MEMBERS

Millie Foster, Dutch Mann and Marilyn McConnell

FPC – FAMILY / FRIENDS

Lew McSwain Brandes (Genie's sister), Robert Connor, Dan Cribbs (Clair Cribb's son), Victoria Cross, Pam and Rick Dodd, Heidi Evans (Bill Stander's cousin), Roger Evans, Brian Harris (Gallant's son in law), Hanna Joy Lepianka (Rich & Jean Borsmann's granddaughter), Keith Markey, A.D. (Bucky) Neal (Cherie Thomas's brother), Bobby O'Neal (Edith's friend), Bob Smith (Sheila Knoche's uncle), Ruth Ann Smith, Sherri Turner, JoLynn Wright(Bill Stander's cousin) and Landon Yoder.

MILITARY LIST

Julian Davis, Sean Davis, Curtis Johnson, Ryan Maassen, and Cole Overcash

Homebound Members

We have members who are sick or haven't been outside due to the Covid-19 and You know they would love to have some cheer. How about sending out a card or two and let them know they are still loved and missed.

Jerry Anderman:	1013 E. Gibson St. Arcadia, FL 34266
Bob/Shirley Cullom:	807 W. Imogene St. Arcadia, FL 34266
Peggy Dees:	2692 NE Hwy 70 #747 Arcadia, FL 34266
Wayne/Marilyn Gallant:	2692 NE Hwy 70 # 626 Arcadia, FL 34266
Norma Fisher:	1013 E. Gibson St. Arcadia, FL 34266

Marilyn McConnell

P. O. Box 1768 Arcadia, FL 34265

Robert Treadwell:

2052 NE Floridian Circle Arcadia, FL 3426



In this time the experts are telling is the most dangerous for Covid-19 we thank you for following the Session's guideline asking you to wear a mask covering both your nose and mouth and to maintain social distance, Except those who have medical reasons for not wearing a mask all the time.

In doing this even if we do not feel endangered ourselves, we honor Christ's command to love and serve our neighbors and we help each other. Please also pray that the vaccinations may happen quickly and we can get beyond this pandemic.

If you are in need of offering envelopes please call the church office.

These Days devotions are in the Narthex on the table.

Congregational Care Team will be meeting on the 1st and 2nd Monday of each month. 10:00 a.m. Duplex.

I have some more puzzles in the office that someone brought in. If you would like to

work on one please stop in and pick out which one you would like.

KIDS NEWS

Kids will be out for Spring Break March 15th thru March 19th. Have fun and be safe!

Thanks so much!

Wayne Gallant wishes to thank everyone for your prayers. Prayers were answered he received a good report on Tuesday. Thanks again!



We're Almost Back!!

Sunday March 21 at 10:30 the Chancel Choir will meet for the first time in a year!

We are planning to sing on Easter, maybe even Palm Sunday!

The Handbell Choir will have a full rehearsal on Wednesday night March 24th at 6:30. We will play on Easter Sunday.

I am looking forward to getting back and making music together.

Hallelujah and Glory Be to God!



First Presbyterian Paper Angels

Monday, **April 12th** from 9 am to 12 pm we will distribute of the paper goods. Come and share the joy with us.

The Congregational Team has developed a new way to get involved with our community. We will be supplementing items that Trinity Methodist food pantry does not provide. We have met and come up with a list of items that are needed and we will also greatly appreciate volunteers. These are the items we are starting off with and we may add more items to the list.

Bar soap, small liquid soap, tooth brush, toothpaste, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products (tampons, napkins), paper towels, travel size (body lotion, shampoo, body wash) wipes, wash cloths and hand sanitizer.

If you are unable to pick up supplies monetary donations by cash or check. Make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and in the memo section put Paper

Angels.

We are also collecting pill bottles so please bring in your empty pill bottles.

Thank you all for your help!



Mark your Calendar.....

March 2021

- 14th 9:45 am Sunday school
- 11:00 am Worship/Holy Communion
- 15th 5:30 pm Session meeting/duplex
- 16th 2:30 pm Women's Bible Study/Pfrangle Hall
- 20th 11:00 am Charles Dirr Memorial Service
- 21st 10:30 am Choir practice
- 23rd 2:30 pm Women's Bible Study/Pfrangle Hall
- 24th 6:30 pm Handbell practice

April 2021

- 1st 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday

2nd Office Closed Good Friday

3rd 10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt all ages Home of Genie Martin 2826 NE 2nd
Bunker Ave.

Attendance/Offering

Attendance Last Sunday: 47

Via Facebook: 42

Offering Last Sunday: \$ 4,357.69

Year to date: \$ 37,866.69



March – Birthdays

**2 Jeff Adams, 3 Kayla Tanner, 5 Jean Borsmann, 7 Kathy Cullom-Crouse, 8
Melanie George, Katherine McGuigan, 9 Clayton Cameron, Carol Treadwell, 10
Margaret Way, 14 Travis Litzak, Wayne Naumburg, 15 Cayiden Gill, 16 Kenzie
Pepper, 18 Ellie Sutphin, 21 Brandon Jacobson, 27 Joanna Hewett, 31 Autum
Jacobson.**



2 Frank & Melanie George, 5 Matt & Dana Holloman, 9 Robert & Carol Treadwell, 23 Ryan & LeeAnn Maassen, 26 Ronnie & Tara Jones

Church Information:

Church Mailing Address is:

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SESSION

2021: Beth Liszak, Mitzie McGavic, Johnny Maassen, Jean Borsmann

2022: Judy Kirkpatrick, Don Knoche, Jill Maassen, Bill Stander

2023: Jeff Adams, Ann Pepper, Ellie Sutphin, Edith Wildt

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Margaret Way

David Holloman

Be sure to sign up for our Facebook page and **like** our page. Each day we post a scripture verse and we put up live services and events. We post pictures as well.

Also, visit our website www.firstpc.church we have information, pictures, services that you can listen to if you can't make it to church. If you have questions, or problems give me a call at the office. 863-494-4434.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR WEBSITE

1. Type in www.firstpc.church
2. You will see the sermon on the main page now so just click on it.