



Due to the current number of **COVID-19** cases in our area, the Session has decided to hold virtual worship only at this time.

Join our live-streamed service on Youtube every Sunday at 11:00am, or listen on the radio at AM1440/97.3FM.

If you have any questions about getting connected, contact the Church Office
Monday-Thursday 9:30-3:30

Lent Mission: 40 Cans in 40 Days

FOR EACH OF THE 40 DAYS OF LENT,
WE'RE CHALLENGING YOU TO SET ASIDE ONE
FOOD ITEM TO BE DONATED TO OUR LOCAL
PARTNER: THE BLUEFIELD UNION MISSION

EACH TIME YOU GO TO THE STORE, PICK UP A FEW
EXTRAS (CANNED CHICKEN/TUNA, BEANS, PEANUT
BUTTER, SOUP, MICROWAVE MEALS, RAMEN PACKS...).
KEEP IN MIND THAT THE FOOD PANTRY OFTEN HAS
LIMITED REFRIGERATION AND NO EXTRA CAN OPENERS.

IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE STORE, BUT WOULD STILL
LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE, PLEASE SEND \$40 TO THE
CHURCH OFFICE BY PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28.

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God's Children, historically and intentionally diverse, daily sent on Christ's mission of love and grace

A Note from the Pastor:

It's hard to believe that we're entering Lent again. We were halfway through this liturgical season last year when COVID first spiked and the world seemed to drastically change overnight. In some ways, it has felt like one long year of Lent. This season of the church calendar has traditionally been observed with fasting & prayer, a quieting of the self, a posture of repentance, and a chance to reflect on Christ's sacrifice. We begin Lent with ashes to mark our mortality, something we all had ample reminders of in the last 12 months. Perhaps more than any other year, I know many of you are longing for Easter's proclamation of joy and new life; I am too. But in these 40 days, I'm also trying to be intentional about listening to the lessons of the last year. What have we learned about how much we will give up for another? What and who is truly essential and valued? How have we been drawn closer to God in the midst of difficulty? I pray for each of you this Lent as we ponder these things together and wait to see how the Spirit is growing in us.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Maggie Rust



Want to go deeper?

Reflection questions on the previous day's sermon text are available each Monday on our Church Website. Checkout FPC News at firstpresblfd.org!

Jesus Calling—Morning Devotional Group

Join the Perkinsons for a brief time of morning devotion & prayer, every Tuesday at 9:00am on Zoom! Contact Sharon to be added to the list.



Sunday Evening Zoom Gathering

Every Sunday evening we gather on Zoom at 6:00pm for an hour of Christian Education, followed by Vesper Prayers at 7.

Upcoming Meetings:

Feb. 9—Stewardship&Finance on Zoom at 6:30pm

Feb. 10—Session on Zoom at 6:30pm

Feb. 11—Property&Personnel on Zoom at 6:30pm

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Members: Michael Testerman & Family, Eleanor Kensinger, Betty Bailey, Randy Snider, Zella Denham, Betty Kincaid, Jimbo Godwin, Carolyn Neale, Lois Mustard, Carole Dodson, Terry Dodson, Kathy Kennedy, Suzanne Compton, Linnie Hammonds, Dolly Hager, Robert Perry, Liz Ann Boykin, Eddie & Billie Boyd, Sarah Murphy and Tokita Webb

Others for whom prayer is requested: Betty Shaw, The Family of Cindy Miller, Asher Graham, The Family & Friends of Tom Shaffer, The Landreth Family Family, James Perkinson, Mick Chambers, Paul and Teresa Dodson, Kevin Roberts, The Legg Family, The Harry Family, The Robinson/Jose Families, Harry & Betty White, Margarette Joplin, Emily Broome, Nancy Baker, Debbie Blaskowski, Johnny Snelling, Mark Pafford, Jack Sarver, Don Kennedy, David Hammond, Paul Anderson, Cooper Jewell, Kevin Roberts, Shirley Steward, Pat Smith, Jonathan Murphy, Dean Farmer, Kellie Cox, Janet Slager, Maxine Stevenson, Suzanne Peery, The Family of Stacy Harris, Pam Murphy, Maggie Jo Murphy, David Nentarz, The Nentarz Family, Jason Blevins, Holly Matney, Zac Carter, Marlene Smith, Andrew Brewer, Rosemarie Dixon and Roy Lee Boyd

REMINDER: If you have an addition for the March Newsletter, please have it to the church office by **Feb. 23**. Announcements or changes to the prayer list for Sunday's bulletin are due to the church office by Wednesday at 11am.

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