

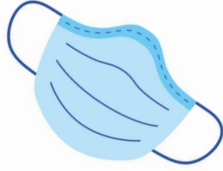


**Join us every Sunday:**

Worship 11:00am

**All are Welcome!**

**Please wear a mask!**



**Or join our live-streamed service on  
Youtube, or listen on the radio at  
AM1440/97.3FM.**

### **Covid Reminder:**

Each week as you are preparing for worship, please ask yourself:

Have I experienced any of these symptoms in the last two weeks: fever, shortness of breath, cough, chills, muscle pain, headache, fatigue, sore throat, loss of taste or smell?

Have I traveled to an area where there has been a spike in virus cases in the last two weeks?

Have I been exposed to anyone who was ill in the last two weeks?

If you answer **yes** to any of the above, we ask out of care for our whole community that you remain home and worship with us through Youtube or radio.

### **Vaccine News:**

If you can volunteer to help with a vaccine clinic in our area, please sign-up at [wvoad.org/volunteer](http://wvoad.org/volunteer).

And, if you're a WV resident who still needs an appointment for the vaccine, go to [dhhr.wv.gov](http://dhhr.wv.gov) or call 1-833-734-0965!

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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:

I'm not sure I've ever waited on spring with greater anticipation than this year! It feels like things are finally turning a corner, like we're truly coming back to life! The news of the vaccine and lower pandemic numbers are hopeful; we've been able to return to in-person worship services; and as the flowers start to push up through the dirt, new life and renewed energy seem to be springing up with the change in season and arrival of warmer weather.

As another pastor friend of mine said recently, "If this is what *Lent* feels like this year, can you imagine what Easter will be?" Thanks be to the God who is even now calling us to new, renewed, and deeper life as Christ's disciples! As the old hymn says: "Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: Love is come again like wheat arising green!"

As we soak in the spring sun-shine, may we revel in the hope that God is giving us this season. May we see our spirits grow and bloom like the flowers and trees! Spring Blessings to you all, *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](http://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.

### Upcoming Meetings:

March 9—Property&Personnel on Zoom at 6:30pm

March 11—Stewardship&Finance on Zoom at 6:30pm

March 17—Session on Zoom at 6:30pm

### PRAYER CONCERNS

**Our Members:** Dafney Peters, 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:** Joseph Gryder, Tony Papa, The Family of Roy Lee Boyd, Family of Lessie Sluss, Lisa Kania & Family, Betty Shaw, The Family of Cindy Miller, Asher Graham Denham & Parents Matthew & Faith Denham, The Family of Maxine Stevenson, The Family & Friends of Tom Shaffer, The Landreth Family, James Perkinson, Mick Chambers, Paul & Teresa Dodson, Kevin Roberts, The Legg Family, The Harry Family, The Robinson/Jose Families, Harry & Betty White, Margarette Joplin, Emily Broome, Debbie Blaskowski, Johnny Snelling, Mark Pafford, Jack Sarver, Don Kennedy, David Hammond, Paul Anderson, Cooper Jewell, Pat Smith, Jonathan Murphy, Dean Farmer, Kellie Cox, Janet Slager, 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 friends, and family.

**REMINDER:** If you have an addition for the April Newsletter, please have it to the church office by **March 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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