



**Join us every Sunday:**

Sunday School 9:30am

Worship 11:00am

**All are Welcome!**

You can also join our live-streamed service on Youtube.com!

**Upcoming Events**

- March 3rd-Fear to Freedom Study-In-person/Zoom-6:30pm
- March 4th-Lenten Lunch-Christ Episcopal Church-12pm
- March 6th-Fear to Freedom Study via Zoom-2pm
- March 10th-Fear to Freedom Study-In-person/Zoom-6:30pm
- March 11th-Lenten Lunch-Fincastle Presbyterian-12pm
- March 13th-Fear to Freedom Study via Zoom-2pm
- March 17th-Fear to Freedom Study-In-person/Zoom-6:30pm
- March 18th-Lenten Lunch-First Christian Church-12pm
- March 20th-Fear to Freedom Study via Zoom-2pm
- March 24th-Fear to Freedom Study-In-person/Zoom-6:30pm
- March 25th-Lenten Lunch-First Presbyterian Church-12pm
- March 27th-Fear to Freedom Study via Zoom-2pm
- March 28th-Mennonite Workshop-9am-4pm**
- March 29th-Palm Sunday Service-11am
- March 31st-Fear to Freedom Study-In-person/Zoom-6:30pm
- April 2nd-Maundy Thursday Service-6pm

**Mission Committee News:**

- We are collecting reusable water bottles for Teen Venture (with the goal of 40 water bottles). You may drop off any donations in the coat room.
- We will also be collecting canned food and plastic grocery bags for Union Mission in the coat room.
- Friday, March 20, our congregation will be packing and serving lunch at Union Mission. Please join us at 12:30, so we can mission together.



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*God's Children, daily sent on Christ's mission of love and grace*

## *A Message from the Pastor*

*March 2026*

This month marks my one year anniversary here, at First Presbyterian Church – Bluefield. It has been quite a year, one marked with significant losses and substantial spiritual and organizational growth.

The congregation lost some much beloved members, and continue to grieve the losses of Eddie Boyd, Chuck and Judy Lambert, Jimbo Godwin, Robert Perry, Betty Kincaid, and Kathy Kennedy, as well as the departure of Nick and Maria Whited. The church is not the same without these people, and I pray that they have all positively affected the congregation, leaving lasting memories and learning experiences that will support this church as we move forward along God’s path, together.

We have also experienced organizational growth. Committees are meeting and becoming more effective and efficient. Our church leaders are becoming more confident, and our congregation is becoming more involved in the Bluefield community. It has been a joy to watch this develop and I look forward to seeing this type of growth continue over the coming years.

Most importantly, we have experienced spiritual growth. Churches shape our spiritual lives. That is why we exist. This congregation has several opportunities each week for our members and friends to engage in spiritual development: Sunday worship, Tuesday devotionals, Sunday school, Friday walking club, and periodic spiritual development studies. While we can’t see or measure this growth in tangible ways, it is evident by the work that the church is doing. Over the last year, we have taken up collections for different groups, served a meal at the Union Mission, continued to supply our Blessing Box with food for our community, assisted one of our friends with accommodations, and cared for one another through all the joy and sorrow that life has thrown our way.

This season, let us remember the ways that we have all been laid low and been filled when we were weak, so that we might grow. Let us prepare for the new birth that comes with Easter, remembering the words of Jesus in John 3:7 “It is necessary for you all to be born anew.”

Blessings,  
Pastor Victoria

## Upcoming Meetings

March 8-Congregational Care Committee Meeting-following church service

March 15-Mission Outreach Committee-following church service

March 19 -Session-6:30pm

March 22-Property and Personnel Committee Meeting-following church service

## Sermon Titles and Scripture Readings for March

**March 1-Preparing for Rebirth-Ezekiel 36:22-32**

**March 8-Living Water-Isaiah 44:2-5, 1 John 4:5-26**

**March 15-First Sight-Isaiah 42:1-7, John 9:1-27**

**March 22-Foreshadowing Easter-Ezekiel 37:1-14, John 11:1-45**

**March 29-He Came in Peace-Zechariah 9:9-10, Matthew 21:1-11**

## Prayer Requests

Please pray for our members and others for whom prayer is requested:

Lois Mustard, Chuck Denham, Carole Dodson, Ken Valko, Greg Testerman, Suzanne Compton, Sarah Murphy, and Tokita Webb

Jerry Luttrell, John Revord, John Houston, Nikki Stover, Jim Gobrecht, Claire Lampert, Stephanie Misak, Family & Friends of Leonard “Lenny” Chamberland, Ken Murphy, Rev. Dan Webb, Lynn Hill, Judie Marcum, Lona Mayhorn, Ed Pettit & Family, Karen Holbrook Knauer, Chelsea England, Chuck Cline, Antoine & Marie Goffin, Bella Ward, Amelia Krebs, Julianne Kiser, Carolyn Ratcliffe, Ellie Spencer & Family, Donna Baugh, Asher Graham Denham, Pat Mitchell, Jean Fitzko Roatsey, Ali Feuchtenberger Miller, Ashby Wright, Dawn Graham, Donna Thompson-Whitehead, Carter Wells, Steve Hopta, Ken Jenkins, Rosa Lee Gay, Brenda Jenkins, Marlene Smith, John Goins, Marty Howard, Eddie Kirk, Danny Brewer, Ralph John, Janice Raines, Nell Bath, Lauren Hicks, Louis Scott, and Oleksiy Hodonavets

## REMINDER

If you have an addition for the April Newsletter, please have it to the church office by Wednesday, March 25th, at 2pm. Announcements or changes to the prayer list for Sunday’s bulletin are due to the church office on Thursdays by 1pm.