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### This week at First Presbyterian....

**Sunday, March 19**  
 9:30 a.m. Faith Formation  
 10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary  
 11:30 a.m. Welcome Center Dedication  
 12:00 p.m. Common Ground Luncheon  
 5:00 p.m. Youth Group - FLC

**Monday, March 20**  
 9:15 a.m. Yoga - Welcome Center  
 1:00 p.m. The Flock Bible Study - Rm 212

**Tuesday, March 21**  
 10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care - McDougald Rm  
 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Rm 212  
 12:15 p.m. Chancel Chimers Rehearsal  
 5:55 p.m. Yoga - FLC

**Wednesday, March 22**  
 9:15 a.m. Yoga - Welcome Center  
 12:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study - FLC  
**Wednesday Night Live**  
 3:25 p.m. Middle School Pick-up  
 5:30 p.m. First Kids Bible class & music  
 Youth Bible studies  
 Adult Class in Chapel and Rm 214  
 6:30 p.m. Dinner in the Kirk  
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, March 23**  
 10:00 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care - McDougald Rm

**Friday, March 24**  
 8:00 a.m. Men's Huddle - Kirk  
 5:30 p.m. Ramsey/Stroud Wedding Rehearsal

**Saturday, March 25**  
 5:30 p.m. Ramsey/Stroud Wedding

4th Sunday in Lent  
 March 19, 2023  
 10:30am



### Youth Sunday

Join us for worship next Sunday, March 26th at 10:30am. Our youth will be leading the entire service from the welcome, to the music, sermons, and more. This is a yearly tradition for our church going back at least 25 years. Our youth are so thankful to have a congregation that supports and encourages them to lead in worship. Please keep our youth and their leaders in your prayers this week as they finish up their preparations.

### MISSION LUNCH

Join us for lunch and learn about 'This Child Here's ministry in Ukraine from Dr. Robert Gamble himself! We'll meet in the Kirk at noon on Tuesday, March 28th. Dr. Gamble will share about his experience and wants to thank you for our support of This Child Here's ministry to orphans and displaced young adults in Ukraine. RSVP to Chad or Debra by Sunday, March 26 and we'll make sure to have lunch for you.

### MISSION EMPHASIS

Our Mission Emphasis for **March** is **Safe Harbor**. We will collect non-perishable single-serve easy-open mac/cheese and/or pasta items and granola bars, crackers, chips/snack items. Please bring your donations to the bins outside the Chennault Parlor.

### BLOOD DRIVE

The Blood Connection Bus will be at FPC on Sunday, March 26 from 8am to 1pm. Please donate to help others in need. Use this link to sign up. [https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/208363](https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/208363)  
 Contact Sandra Altman 864-933-7659 with any questions.

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## 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 19, 2023

10:30 A.M.

### Welcome!

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all in the name of Jesus Christ today. We are delighted you have chosen to join us.

*As a courtesy to those worshipping with you today, please silence cell phones during our service.*

*A video broadcast of the service is available downstairs in our Welcome Center for those who may need to leave the sanctuary. The ushers can direct you to this room.*

*Please let our ushers know if you need directions to the nursery or to pick your child up from Extended Worship.*

WELCOME

SPECIAL INVITATION

Maggie and Freddy Taylor

SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP

*Near to the Heart of God*

McAFEE

*There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God,  
a place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God.*

*O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,  
hold us, who wait before thee, near to the heart of God.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 23

The Lord leads us like a shepherd.

**God nourishes our lives and restores our souls.**

The Lord is with us, even in the darkest valley.

**God's goodness and mercy are always close.**

### WE PRAISE GOD

HYMN 662

*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

RATISBON

LENTEN LITANY

O Christ, out of your fullness we have all received grace upon grace.

**You are our eternal hope; you are patient and full of mercy.**

O Christ, fountain of life and holiness, you have taken away our sins.

**On the cross you were wounded for our transgressions,  
bruised for our wrongdoings.**

O Christ, obedient unto death, source of all comfort:

**You are our life and resurrection, our peace and reconciliation.**

Jesus, Lamb of God:

**Have mercy on us.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins:

**Have mercy on us.**

Jesus, redeemer of the world:

**Grant us peace. AMEN.**

GLORIA 430

*Remember Not, O God*

SOUTHWELL

*O Lord, our Savior, help, and glorify your name;  
deliver us from all our sins and take away our shame.*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Elizabeth Blake Bryson* daughter of Evan and Kaitlyn Bryson

Elder Sponsor: Billy Pickens

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Hymnal p. 35

BAPTISMAL HYMN 482

*Baptized in Water*

BUNESSAN

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;  
heirs of salvation, trusting the promise,  
faithfully now God's praises we sing.*

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*(Our young disciples, age 5K and under, are dismissed for Extended Worship.)*

### WE APPROACH GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

NEW TESTAMENT READING

*John 9*

Pew Bible p. 89

*(selected verses)*

SERMON

*"One thing I do know . . ."*

Dr. Dennis Tedder

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *When the Storms of Life are Raging (Stand by Me)*

Chancel Choir

Johnson

DOXOLOGY 609

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.*

*Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING HYMN 649

*Amazing Grace*

AMAZING GRACE

WELCOME CENTER DEDICATION

WORSHIP WILL CONCLUDE IN THE WELCOME CENTER

*Lent is a time to prepare for the celebration of Easter and to renew our life in the mystery of the saving death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We invite you to observe a holy Lent by self-examination and penitence, by prayer and fasting, by works of love, and by reading and meditation on the Word of God.*

*The sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the baptism of Elizabeth Blake Bryson by her grandparents Glenn and Julie Kowalski.*