

First Presbyterian Church
721 Church St.
Jefferson City, TN 37760

LECTIONARY

April 3 (4th Sunday of Lent)

1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23:1-6, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

April 10 (5th Sunday of Lent)

Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130:1-8, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45

April 17 (6th Sunday of Lent, Passion/Palm Sunday)

Liturgy of the Palms: Matthew 21:1-11, Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29,

Liturgy of the Passion:

Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 26:14-27:66
or Matthew 27:11-54

April 18 (Monday of Holy Week)

Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 36:5-11, Hebrews 9:11-15, John 12:1-11

April 19 (Tuesday of Holy Week)

Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 71:1-14, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, John 12:20-36

April 20 (Wednesday of Holy Week)

Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 70:1-5, Hebrews 12:1-3, John 13:21-32

April 21 (Maundy Thursday)

Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14, Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19,
1 Corinthians 11:23-26, John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 22 (Good Friday)

Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Psalm 22:1-31, Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9, John 18:1-19:42

April 23 (Great Vigil of Easter)

Easter Vigil (First Service of Easter): Genesis 1:1-2:4a, Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26, Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13, Psalm 46:1-11, Genesis 22:1-18, Psalm 16:1-11, Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21, Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18, Isaiah 55:1-11, Isaiah 12:2-6, Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6, Psalm 19:1-14, Ezekiel 36:24-28, Psalm 42:1-11 and 43:1-5, Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 143:1-12, Zephaniah 3:14-20, Psalm 98:1-9, Romans 6:3-11, Psalm 114:1-8, Matthew 28:1-10

April 24 (Easter/Resurrection of the Lord)

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter: Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43, John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10,

Easter Evening: Isaiah 25:6-9, Psalm 114:1-8, 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
Luke 24:13-49

Meetings This Month

Stewardship & Finance Mtg.—April 6th at 6:30 p.m.

Session—April 13th at 6:30 p.m.

Mission Mtg.—April 13th at 8 p.m.

Fellowship & Evangelism Mtg.—April 13th at 8 p.m.

Christian Education Mtg.—April 27th at 6:30 p.m.














Treasurer's Report March 2010

March 6	\$4,097.74
March 13	\$3,094.00
March 20	\$3,631.00
March 27	\$3,611.00

Total **\$14,433.74**

*(We need \$15,387.83 to meet
the monthly budget.)*

APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
COMMUNION 3 Sunday School —9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service —10:45-11:45 a.m.  Nancy Romine	4	5	6	7	8	9
FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY 10 Sunday School —9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service —10:45-11:45 a.m.	11	12	13	14	15	16
PALM SUNDAY 17 Sunday School —9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service —10:45-11:45 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt/Lunch 12 p.m.	18	19	20	21	22	23
Sunday School —9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service —10:45-11:45 a.m.  CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY! Baptism of Addison Meredith	24	25	26	27	28	29
			CE Meeting 6:30 p.m.	 Kathy Juroff	 Stacy Kirkpatrick	Meri's Breakfast 8 a.m.
		 Robert Gowan	Stewardship & Finance. 6:30 p.m.	Session 6:30 p.m. Mission Com. Mtg. 8 p.m. Fellowship/Evangelism Mtg. 8 p.m.	 Kathy Juroff	Hiking Club 8 a.m.  Mary Winslow Terry & Sandy Jaros
			 JY Clife Garry & Tonya Kelley	 Maundy Thursday Family Night Supper-6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service 7 p.m.	Sit 'n Knit Group 7 p.m.  Ineke Koppier	Good Friday Service 7 p.m.  Good FRIDAY
					Family Retreat Weekend _____  Pat Patton	Dallas McCash 

The Amen Almanac

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From the Interim Pastor's Desk...

Most of us enter those new, first time, experiences of life with a mixture of positive and negative emotions. They evoke excitement and anxiety, comfort and discomfort, joy and sadness. These events can be heart warming while at the same time producing some degree of heartbreak. Often, they are bitter-sweet. Let me cite an example.

Our daughter recently turned 47. I remember so vividly, twenty nine years ago, how proud I felt when we drove her to Cookeville and assisted in her enrollment in Tennessee Tech. It was a time of joy. We wanted college for our child. I recall unpacking her car, meeting her room mate, and making her room livable, but I also remember leaving her in tears before driving home. I, like Sandra, was so emotional that Irene turned to me and offered to drive. Sandra called at mid-week. With happiness in her voice, she told us of her new found friends and the classes she was enjoying. The unknown had become familiar and discomfort was overridden with comfort.

Someone has said that Christianity comforts the afflicted and afflicts the comfortable. This surely describes Jesus during his life and in his teachings. It is also applicable when one considers his death and resurrection. We of the church possess great joy that Jesus, willingly, gave his life for our sins. On the other hand, surely none of us finds solace in the fact that our sin drove him to it. His death is both comforting and discomforting, both joy and sadness, both heart warming and heart ache.

Likewise, the resurrection conveys assurance, victory, and hope, surrounding us with the comfort of a conquered death. At the same time, it offers challenge, not permitting us to wait out life in idle detachment. We look to the future with peace and confidence, but we live as participants and shapers, not just as survivors. Overjoyed by his defeat of death, we must remember that he is alive. He could stand in our presence, ask for help and companionship, and we could turn him away, not knowing who he was. That is unsettling, to say the least. Don't be alarmed if the celebration of Easter makes you feel like you just transported your child off to college. But don't forget the mid-week call. Irene and I wish each of you a life changing Easter.

Announcements Announcements

EASTER EGG HUNT



If you would like to donate candy or make a monetary donation for the Children's Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, April 17th, please have it at the church by Sunday, April 3rd. If you have any questions, contact Kathy Juroff or the Church Office.

EASTER BAGS FOR SHUT-INS

During the Easter season we would like to remember friends and family of the congregation who are elderly, sick or shut-in. We currently have 10 members on our list. If you know of anyone else you would like to add please let Heather or Kathy Juroff know. We need help filling the gift bags with items such as candy, sugar free candy, lotions, notecards, etc. If you have any questions, please see Kathy Juroff. Items need to be at the church by Sunday, April 10th.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

The next breakfast for the men in our church family is scheduled for Saturday, April 9th at 8 a.m. Please plan on joining us!

GOING-ON GROUP

Put on your traveling shoes because on April 12th the Going-On Group is having lunch at Mt. McCloud and will be touring one of their new lodges. Then, for those who wish, we'll stop at the Museum of Appalachia for a "look around". Let Mary Ellen or Pat Patton (423-585-0822) know if you wish to attend or have any questions. We will be meeting at the church at 9:45 a.m. to carpool.



SIT 'N KNIT GROUP

On Friday, April 15th at 7 p.m. we will be having the Sit 'n Knit gathering at Libby Moser's house. If you have any questions, please see Libby.



SMOKY MOUNTAIN HIKING CLUB

The Smoky Mountain Hiking Club will meet on Saturday, April 16th at 8 a.m. for our second hike of the season. We will be hiking **PORTER'S CREEK**: We'll plan on a 3.8 mile round trip to Fern Branch Falls; those who wish may go the additional 1.7 miles from the falls to campsite #31. There should be fabulous wildflowers in late April. Don't forget to pack a lunch and some water and plan to join us!



ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT & LUNCH

On Palm Sunday, April 17th we will have our Annual Easter Egg Hunt and lunch. Following morning worship, everyone is invited downstairs to the Fellowship Hall for a special hot dog lunch with the kids. The egg hunt will be held outside, weather permitting, after lunch. All the children (5th grade and under) are invited to participate in the hunt (the Youth will be hiding the eggs and the Children's Group will be hunting them). **Don't forget to bring your Easter baskets!**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE /
FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER**



We will be having our April Family Night Supper on **THURSDAY**, April 21st. We will follow dinner with our Maundy Thursday Service at 7 p.m. The Maundy Thursday service is one of meditation and partaking of the Lord's Supper. It is a time to remember Jesus as he humbly washed the feet of his disciples and ate a final meal with them before he was arrested. Please plan on joining us for this special service.



GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Please join us for our Good Friday service on Friday, April 22nd at 7 p.m. The Tenebrae (Latin for "darkness") Service is presented by the First Presbyterian Church Choir and features a series of Scripture readings, narrations and music which focus on the final hours of Jesus' life. The service ends in darkness and silence symbolizing the death of Jesus as well as the hopelessness of the world without God.

Tenebrae Service

SPRING RETREAT—APRIL 29-MAY 1

Now is the time to mark your calendars and make plans to attend our Spring Retreat at Holston Camp & Retreat Center in Banner Elk, North Carolina. Scheduling for the retreat includes hiking, shopping, reading, napping, sight seeing, and other opportunities for Christian fellowship and study. The retreat will begin on Friday evening and go through Sunday worship. Look for sign-up sheets in the Sunday bulletins! For more information, talk with our "retreat veterans" or call the church office at (865) 475-2761.

Thank You!
THANK YOU!

A very special thank you to everyone in who participated in our Sandwich Luncheon on Sunday, March 27th. It was such a great success that we have decided to have another one on Sunday, May 15th. Please be sure to mark your calendar's and watch your bulletin's for an order form!!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We currently have the Stations of the Cross paintings set up in the Fellowship Hall. Please take a few minutes to check them out.



**PRAY FOR OUR
MILITARY**

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

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| LCpl Pryor (Dennis IV), F.D.
1st BN, 23rd MAR
WPNS CO 1st PLT
Unit 42094
FPO AP 96427-2094 | Col. Martha Sanders
99-1440 Aiea Heights Dr.
#22
Aiea, HI 93701-2904 |
| Major Michael Stinnett
9 Lost Valley Dr.
Huntington, WV 25705 | Lt Col. Chris Hornburg
25617 Creek Run Terrace
South Riding, VA 20152 |
| Major Kevin Hornburg
Major Amy Carpenter
13355 Cedarville Way
Colorado Springs, CO 80922 | Mathew Goodrich
SOTF TARINKOWT
APO AE 09380 |
| Spec. Taylor Belton
Bravo 3-2, ADA
APO, AE 09853 | Randy White
Stationed in Afghanistan |
| Dennis Pryor IV
Stationed in Afghanistan | |
- If you have a family member or friend who is serving in the Armed Forces, please let us know so that we can add them to our list.

WITHOUT JESUS ...

Without the risen Savior in our hearts, life is like:

- A chocolate Easter Bunny —empty on the inside;
- An Easter bonnet —easily blown off kilter;
- Last year's Easter outfit —it doesn't quite fit right;
- An Easter lily —it soon withers and dries up;
- A bag of jellybeans —sugary and sweet but lacking substance;
- An unfound Easter basket —full of gifts that spoil and go to waste;
- A colored Easter egg —looks great but cracks under pressure;
- The Easter bunny —always hopping here and there;
- Marshmallow Peeps —becomes hard when opened up;
- Easter parade —a long journey with no destination;
- An unopened Easter card —a message of love unclaimed.

—David Patterson

"The resurrection gives my life meaning and direction and the opportunity to start over no matter what my circumstances."
—Robert Flatt



April 2011 Ushers, Greeters, Nursery Schedule

APRIL 3

Ushers — Pat and Mary Ellen Patton
Greeters — Charlie and Sara Piper
Nursery — JoAnne Vest

APRIL 10

Ushers — John and Debby Rinehart
Greeters — Terry and Sandy Jaros
Nursery — Dianne Reagan

APRIL 17

Ushers — Jake Moser and J Moser
Greeters — Linda Eisenhour and Frances Wolf
Nursery — Bill Ledgerwood

APRIL 24

Ushers — Doug Dykstra and Rich Harlan
Greeters — Carol Bergman and Mary Winslow
Nursery — Juanita Dykstra



SPECIAL CONCERNS:

Ina Hoxha Carhart
Ryan Wilbanks, Frances Wolf's grandson
Members of the military and their families
The unemployed

ILL AND RECOVERING:

Kevin Taylor, Seth Jolley's brother in-law, who is undergoing treatment for 2 brain tumors
Carol Winger, Anna Prather's sister, who will be undergoing shoulder surgery
Darlene Stover, Anna Prather's sister in law, who will be having her left kidney removed
Nancy Johnson, Debby Rinehart's sister-in-law, who is undergoing radiation treatments
Ben Koppier, Johan Koppier's brother, who is recovering from a triple bypass
Freida Hunley, Judy Finley's daughter, whose cancer has returned and will be undergoing radiation
Irene Young, friend of Frances Wolf, who undergoing chemotherapy
Sandy Jaros, who is undergoing chemotherapy
Gene Inzer, Judy Finley's brother-in-law
Jan Haney, friend of Martha Sanders, who is undergoing therapy as the result of a stroke
Billy Barner, friend of JoAnne Vest, who has been diagnosed with cancer
Lauren Drees, mother of Whitney Folsom's fiancé, who is undergoing chemotherapy
Freida Hunley, Judy Finley's daughter
Jean Orth, Bili Ledgerwood's sister-in-law, who has been diagnosed with lung cancer
Chris Jarrett, Debby Rinehart's cousin, who is undergoing treatment for cancer
Lennis Williams, Phil Williams' mother
Tim O'Neill, Frances Wolf's brother, who has been diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease
Ardelia Evans, Allen Evans' mother
Annette Hall, Deborah Scarlett's mom

IN MEMORIAM...



Ruth Lamberton

Memorial given by:
David and Linda Noonkesser
John and Debby Rinehart
Tom Sites
Larry and Mev Musick
Doug and Juanita Dykstra

Dr. Jane Smith

Memorial given by:
David and Linda Noonkesser
Frances Wolf
Tom Sites
Larry and Mev Musick
Doug and Juanita Dykstra

Sandy Jaros Mother

Memorial given by:
Frances Wolf
Doug and Juanita Dykstra
Larry and Mev Musick

"PALM SUNDAY AND MONDAY"

They pluck their palm branches and hail him as King,
Early on Sunday;
They spread their garments; hosannas they sing,
Early on Sunday.
But where is the noise of their hurrying feet,
The crown they would offer, the sceptre, the seat?
Their King wanders hungry, forgot in the street,
Early on Monday.

—Edwin McNeill Poteat

THOSE UNABLE TO BE WITH US:

Lucille Tinsley Bonnie Young

IN RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES:

DARBY HOUSE: Pam Rutherford, Betty Wolfe
CHANDLER HOUSE: Argie Saylor, Helen Hodges
ELMCROFT (Knoxville): Aileen Wilson
JEFF. COUNTY NURSING HOME: Elizabeth Felknor,
Frances Woodruff, Isabel Sites

A HAPPY ENDING

"Our Lord could die with the same calm in which he had lived. He had known all along how things would turn out. He knew his apparent defeat would [result] in universal glory for the human race."

—A.W. Tozer

Our First Presbyterian Church MISSION STATEMENT concludes with the following words: "large enough to serve...small enough to care." These words have caught the eye and the heart of many people who have read them on our website, or in our bulletin, or have seen them on our vests at the yard sale. People are intrigued by what the phrase says about the body of believers who comprise First Presbyterian Church and they watch us to see if we live up to what we say we are.


Many of the applicants for our pastor position have commented on our Mission Statement and what they have read about us on our website. If you haven't checked out our website recently, you are missing a treat. Our thanks goes to Mike Kustermann, who has restructured our website and keeps it up to date.

So, what do people see when they observe our actions? We serve breakfast and dinner to a group of Appalachian Outreach volunteers, approximately 75 + people, for a week in July. The proceeds from the yard sale, in October, go to two mission recipients, usually one local and one international mission. Those who purchase things at the yard sale receive the blessing of a low price. Many of the shoppers would not be able to purchase their items at a retail store. Our youth and adults go on a mission trip each summer to build houses, repair homes, or do whatever is needed for the people who would not have help otherwise.

Being "small enough to care" is at the center of so many of our activities. The prayer shawl ministry has touched so many lives outside of and within our church family.

The ministry to the bereaved is a massive outpouring of love, food, and everything one needs to serve the food and clean up. We were the grateful recipients of this love and care when Peggy's aunt Ella Seidel passed away last October. The wedding and baby showers express our care for the families within our church. Our Secret Saint and Salt Shakers activities help us get to know each other better. Our Session Shepherding ministry provides an opportunity express care for each member of our church. There are several members who individually reach out to others and invite them into their homes, take them to an event, or take them out to breakfast or dinner.




Yes, I think we would pass the observers test, but many expressions of service and care go unseen, which is as it should be. I personally am proud to be a member of this caring fellowship of believers.



FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection helps us live with gratitude every day.

Use the picture and number code to fill in the blanks for Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV.

		
1. Jesus 2. weary 3. endured 4. opposition 5. cross 6. endured 7. scorning 8. shame	1. Jesus 2. lose 3. pioneer 4. sinners 5. perfecter 6. him 7. faith 8. hand	1. eyes 2. us 3. joy 4. heart 5. right 6. grow 7. God 8. throne

"... fixing our _____ on _____, the _____ and _____
 _____ of _____. For the _____ set before _____
 he _____ the _____, its _____, and _____
 sat down at the _____ of the _____ of _____.
 Consider _____ who _____ such _____
 from _____, so that you will not _____
 and _____." HEBREWS 12:2-3, NIV

HOT CROSS BUNS

Make this traditional Easter recipe to remember how Christ gave his life for you.

What you need:

- 1 can (12 oz.) evaporated milk
- 1 stick (½ cup) butter, melted
- ½ cup sugar
- Pinch of salt
- 1½ Tablespoons yeast
- 1 egg, beaten
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- 5 cups flour
- Icing
- An adult to help

What you do:

1. In large bowl, combine the first eight ingredients.
2. Stir in flour, one cup at a time, to form soft dough. Knead on a floured surface until smooth and elastic (about five minutes).
3. Place in a greased bowl, turning once to grease top. Cover and let rise until doubled (about one hour).
4. Knead out air bubbles. Form six two-inch balls.
5. Place two inches apart on a greased cookie sheet. Cover and let rise until doubled (about 30 minutes).
6. Bake at 375 degrees until golden (13 to 15 minutes). Cool on wire racks.
7. Add icing in a cross shape. Enjoy!

Answer: "...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV