

Dates Ahead

February 12 Senior Adult Valentine Dinner
 February 14 Rev. Waring Porter to speak at
 Lenten Luncheon at Noon, Weaver Center
 Ash Wednesday Service 6 p.m.
 February 18 First Sunday in Lent
 Mission Sunday
 February 25 Scout Sunday
 March 12-30 Corinth City Schools and Day School
 Spring Break
 March 25 Palm Sunday
 March 29 Maundy Thursday
 March 30 Good Friday
 FPC's Annual Easter Egg Hunt
 April 1 Easter Sunday
 April 7 Women's Ministry Event
 May 10-13 4th & 5th Grades Branson trip
 May 28 Memorial Day (office closed)

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The FPC Week

Sunday 9:00 A.M. Breakfast
 9:30 A.M. Sunday School
 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
 11:45 A.M. Circle of Prayer (Chapel)
 2:00 P.M. GriefShare KidsHouse
 4:00 P.M. The Rising (JH & HS girls @ youthhouse)
Monday 9:00 A.M. Ladies Stretching Class (Fellowship Hall)
 10:00 A.M. Knit for Kids Class
Tues/Thurs 9:00 A.M. FPC Day School
Tuesday 7:00 A.M. Men's Bible Study (Parlor)
Wednesday 5:30 A.M. Men's Prayer & Bible Study
 9:00 A.M. Ladies Stretching Class (Fellowship Hall)
 3:45 P.M. Children's Choir
 (Snack before & Supper after)
 5:45 - 7 P.M. KidsQuest
 5:15 P.M. That Wednesday Thing (Jr. High)
 6:00 P.M. Adult Bible Study
 7:15 P.M. Choir Rehearsal
 7:30 P.M. CU @ the House (Sr. High)
Thursday 4:30 P.M. Knit for Kids Class
Friday 9:00 A.M. Ladies Stretching Class (Fellowship Hall)

Those Who Serve Today

Flowers: Given today in praise, thanksgiving and especially love for Taylor Coombs. Praise God for sending someone to love our children just as much as we parents do.
 We are forever grateful for you Tay!
 - Ben, Allison & Dustin Albarracin
 Asst. Elder: Bobby Scott
 Greeter: Lenoir Stanley
 Acolytes: Hayes Crozier & Jake Brawner
 Children's Church: Brett Grantham
 Circle of Prayer: In the Chapel following the service:
 Katie and Lauren Kate Drewry & Becky Stewart
 (Psalm 72: 17-19) All are welcome!

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 164 Sunday School 96 Children's Church 35

Welcome!

Please take a moment to fill out the attendance registration located at the end of each pew to let us know about your visit with us. If you are a visitor, we ask for your home phone and address merely to determine if First Presbyterian Church can meet your needs in any way. We welcome your calls (286-6638) and e-mails (fpccorinth@bellsouth.net) at any time, and for any reason. Our website address is www.fpccorinth.com.

The following services are provided to make your worship with us as meaningful and comfortable as possible. You are invited to prayerfully consider making this your church home. You may indicate your interest on the welcome card.

- ✦ Nursery is provided for infants and toddlers during Sunday School and Worship Services as well as Wednesday Night services.
- ✦ Children's Church is in session in the Fellowship Hall. Children ages 4 years - 5th grade have their own worship service. The ELEVATE curriculum is used for this ministry. Children's Church follows the Corinth School District calendar. If school is out that Monday, Children's Church will not be held. Toddlers and pre-K ages 2 & 3, have their very own special time together year around. Their class is located across from the nursery at the west entrance of the Education Wing.
- ✦ A Wheelchair and an Oxygen Tank are located in the large closet just off the narthex entrance and are available for anyone who has a need. A wheelchair is also located in the anteroom at the east entrance. Ushers will assist you.

FPC Staff

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First Presbyterian Church

WHO

DO YOU

SAY

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Mark 8: 27-30



The Piano Prelude

Jill Taylor

Call to Meditation:

The Organ Prelude

The Introit: "Blessed Assurance"

* **Call to Worship:** Psalm 96:2-3

Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

* **The Hymn of Praise:** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" No. 97

* **Responsive Reading:** Philippians 2:6-11

Leader: Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Congregation: *Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

* **Congregational Response:** "His Name Is Wonderful" No. 101

* **Prayer of Invocation & The Lord's Prayer**

The Call to Confession:

The Prayer of Confession:

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: based on Joel 2:13; 2 Corinthians 9:15, *Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!*

* **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. A-men, A - men.

* **The Nicene Creed** (may be found on the inside cover of the hymnal)

Church Family Time

Offertory Sentences

The Offertory Anthem: "By the Gentle Waters"

*By the gentle waters, You will safely lead me,
In green pastures feed me, knowing what is best.
Though I often stray, wander far away,
I can hear You say, "Come to me and rest."*

*Though the path be rough and rugged,
Though the trail be dark and steep,
Still the gentle Shepherd watches o'er His sheep.*

*There's no need to fear when the Shepherd's near.
When Your voice I hear, I find comfort sure.
Free from all alarm, sheltered from all harm,
Safely in Your arms, I can rest secure.*

*With the flock abiding, all my needs supplying,
Comforting and guiding, leading all the way
Jesus, loving Shepherd, You'll forsake me never.
In Your flock forever, I am not alone.*

*Though the darkness hide me, You are close beside me.
Gentle Shepherd, guide me 'til I'm safely home.*

-Words and Music by Cindy Berry

* **The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication:**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A - men.*

The Call to Prayer: "Holy Spirit, Breathe On Me"

Prayers of Intercession and Petition

Response to Prayer: "Almighty Father, Hear Our Prayer"

Sermon Text: Mark 8: 27-30

Sermon: MEET JESUS: Who Is He?

* **The Hymn:** "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" (vv. 1-4) No. 94

* **Benediction**

* **The Choral Amen:** "Two-fold Amen"

* **The Postlude**

(*Please stand)

Announcements

NEXT SUNDAY IS MISSION SUNDAY. A special insert has been prepared for the days' events and has been included with the bulletin today. We have a very special guest speaker for the day. Please review the insert and make plans to join us next Sunday!

ATTENTION SCOUT LEADERS! The church office needs a complete listing of all Scout troops that meet at FPC, for Scout Sunday on February 25. You may drop off your list or email to lisakramer@fpccorinth.org.

LENTEN LUNCHEONS will be held at the Weaver Center, 101 Linden St. this year, with our very own Rev. Waring Porter speaking at the first luncheon this Wednesday. The menu is chicken spaghetti, salad and garlic bread with assorted cakes for dessert and tea and coffee. The cost is \$6. All proceeds will go to support local charities.

FPC DAY SCHOOL IS NOW REGISTERING for the 2018-19 school year for children ages 6 months to 4 years. Please contact Phyllis Sellers for more information, 415-6291.

THIS WEDNESDAY IS ASH WEDNESDAY. We will have a special worship service at 6 p.m. to recognize the beginning of the Lenten season. Please make plans to attend this very special service with your family.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. By the fourth century, the Western Church determined that the Lenten period of fasting and renewal should correspond to Christ's forty day fast (Matthew 4:2), and, by counting forty days back from Easter (excluding Sundays, which remain "feast" days), arrived at the Wednesday seven weeks before Easter. At one time Lent was primarily viewed as a period during which converts prepared for baptism on Easter Sunday, but later the season became a general time of penitence and renewal for all Christians. Thus Ash Wednesday became the day that marked the beginning of the Lenten renewal.

The aim of Ash Wednesday worship is threefold: to meditate on our mortality, sinfulness, and need of a savior; to renew our commitment to daily repentance on the Lenten season and all of life, and to remember with confidence and gratitude that Christ has conquered death and sin. Ash Wednesday worship, then, is filled with gospel truth. It is a witness to the power and beauty of our union with Christ and to the daily dying and rising with Christ that this entails.

The imposition of ashes is often a central part of the worship service. Ashes have a long history in biblical and church traditions. In Scripture, ashes or dust symbolize frailty or death (Genesis 18:27), sadness of mourning (Esther 4:3), judgment (Lamentations 3:16), and repentance (Jonah 3:6). Some traditions have also considered ash a purifying or cleansing agent. All these images are caught up in the church's use of ashes as a symbol appropriate for Lent.

During our Ash Wednesday service you are invited to reflect upon the work of Christ on your behalf by participating in the imposition of ashes and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.