

### The FPC Week

**Sunday** 9:00 A.M. Breakfast in Fellowship Hall  
 9:30 A.M. Sunday School  
 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

**M-W-F** 9:00 A.M. Ladies Exercise Class - Fellowship Hall  
 2:00 P.M. Yarn Crafting- Room 6 Education Wing

**Wednesday** 5:30 A.M. Men's Prayer & Bible Study @ YH  
 5:30 P.M. Handbell Choir Practice  
 7:00 P.M. Choir Practice

◆ The church office is closed on Fridays

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YouthHouse activities will resume March 24 &  
 KidsQuest will resume March 26.

March 9 First Sunday in Lent  
 March 9 Bridal Shower for Mary Helen Woods (Baylor Frazier) 1 p.m.  
 March 10-14 Alcorn County Spring Break  
 March 10-21 Corinth Schools Spring Break  
 March 18 (date change) Joy Riders Silver Caboose Lunch  
 March 23 Sunday Night Worship & Potluck Supper 5:30 p.m.  
 March 24 REFOCUS Seminar & Dinner - Session, Deacons, Spouses,  
 Student Leadership Team, FPC Ministerial Staff, 5 p.m. - Weaver Center  
 April 1 Weekly FOCUS STUDY "Being a Disciple" 6:15 p.m.  
 April 8 Weekly FOCUS STUDY "Being a Disciple" 6:15 p.m.

## DAILY LENTEN READINGS

WEEK 1	Psalms	Old Testament	Epistles	Gospel
Monday	Psalms 41, 52, 44	Deut 8:11-18	Hebrews 2:11-18	John 2:1-12
Tuesday	Psalms 45, 47, 48	Deut 9:4-12	Hebrews 3:1-11	John 2:13-22
Wednesday	Psalms 119:49-72, 49, 53	Deut 9:13-21	Hebrews 3:12-19	John 2:23-3:15
Thursday	Psalms 50, 59, 60, 19, 46	Deut 9:23-10:5	Hebrews 4:1-10	John 3:16-21
Friday	Psalms 40, 54, 51	Deut 10:12-22	Hebrews 4:11-16	John 3:22-36
Saturday	Psalms 55, 38, 139	Deut 11:18-28	Hebrews 5:1-10	John 4:1-26

*The beautiful flowers adorning the Sanctuary today  
 are given by Mr. Lee Thurner  
 in gratitude to God  
 for the fellowship of believers.*

## Welcome!

We are so thankful that you've joined us for worship today!  
 This bulletin is also available on our website, [fpccorinth.org](http://fpccorinth.org).

The following services are provided to make your worship with us as meaningful and comfortable as possible:

◆ **A Nursery** is provided for infants and toddlers through age 3, during Sunday School and the Worship Service. The nursery and toddler classrooms are located in the Education Wing by the playground.

◆ **Children's Church** is for children ages 4 years - 5th grade. They have their very own Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall, located in the back of the campus on the northeast corner. It will be noted in the bulletin any Sunday we will not be having Children's Church.

◆ A wheelchair (access next to east entrance) and an oxygen tank are located in the large closet just off the narthex entrance and are available for anyone who has a need. Ushers will assist you.

A welcome/prayer card is available in each pew. We welcome your prayer requests, as these are brought before our Lord during our prayer time each Sunday, after the Worship Service, in our Chapel. You may use the card to tell us about yourself, and to invite our Pastor, Waring Porter, to call you or pay you a visit.

We invite you to prayerfully consider making FPC your church home.

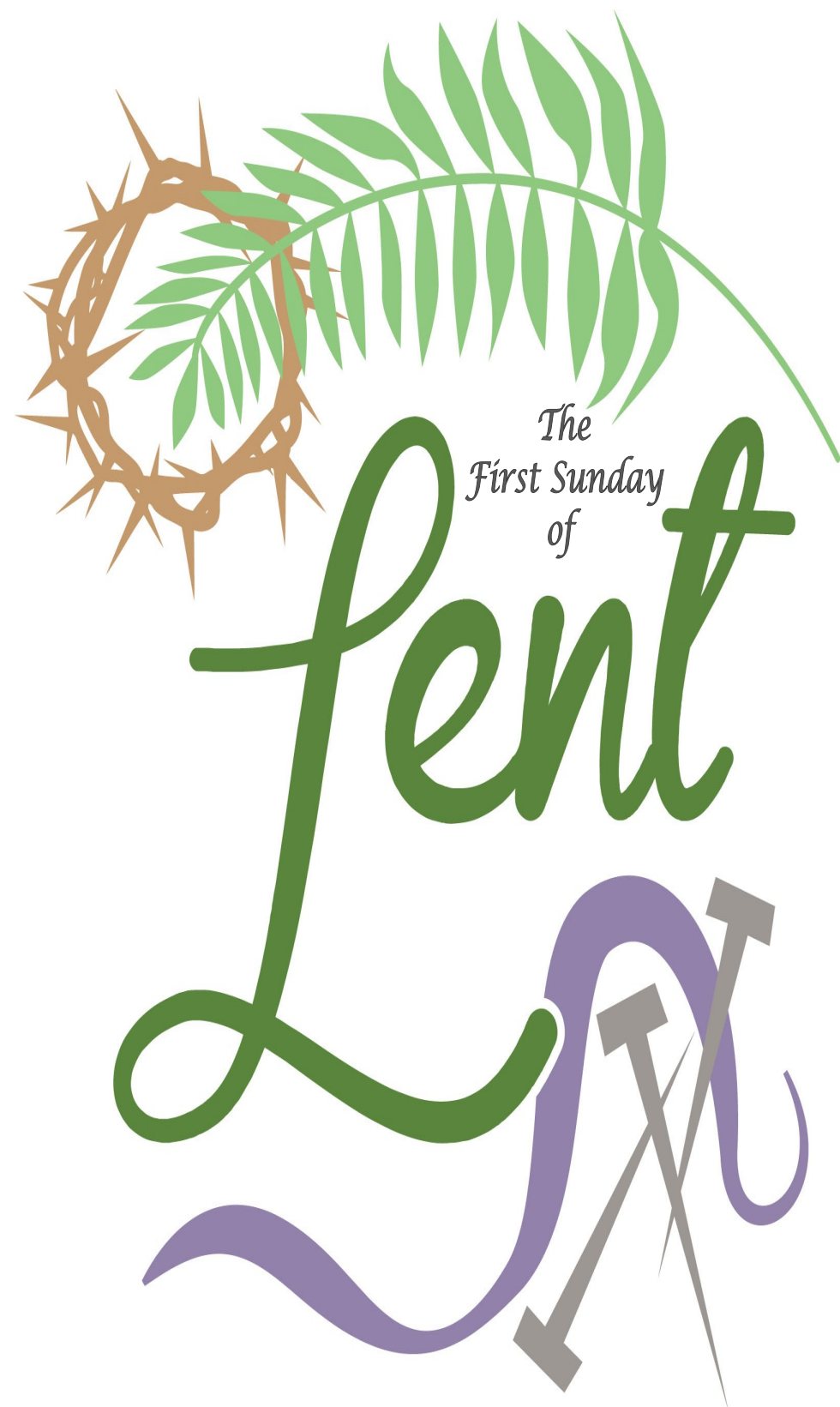
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 "to be disciples...to make disciples"*

### Those Who Serve Today

Assisting Elder: Steve Blair  
 Acolytes: Edy Price & Pete Fisher  
 Greeter: Bernie & Sherri Shipp, Gregg Parker  
 Ushers: Bernie Shipp, Don Guare, Drew Moak, John James, Baylor Pratt  
 Circle of Prayer: Steve & Cindy Blair, Janet Orman  
 Nursery/Toddler Room: Anna Erwin & Mary Elizabeth Pounders  
 Tech Crew: Russell Smith & Landon Thomas  
 Joy in Bloom: Penny Long & Terre Smith

# First Presbyterian Church



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## LITURGY FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 9, 2025

### PRAISE THE GOD OF GLORY

#### Piano Prelude

Jill Taylor

#### Call to Meditation:

Psalm 57:5  
“Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

#### The Prelude

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#### The Introit:

“We Come to Praise”

(\*please stand)

#### \*Call to Worship:

Psalm 34:1-4,8  
**Leader:** I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**All:** My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

**Leader:** O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

**All:** I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

**Leader:** O taste and see that the LORD is good;

**All:** Happy are those who take refuge in him.

#### \*The Hymn:

“May Jesus Christ Be Praised”

No. 87

#### \*Responsive Reading:

Ephesians 1:3-12  
**Leader:** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,  
**All:** Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

**Leader:** In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

**All:** In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on Earth.

**Leader:** In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,

**All:** So that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.

#### \*Congregational Response:

“His Name Is Wonderful”

No. 101

#### \*Profession of Faith:

The Apostles' Creed  
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic\* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.  
(\*that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places)

#### \*Prayer of Invocation & The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

### PRAISE THE GOD OF GRACE

#### Call to Confession:

1 John 1:8-9  
“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

#### Corporate Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we often do not bow before him or acknowledge his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. (from The Worship Sourcebook)

#### Silent Confession

#### Assurance of Divine Pardon:

Galatians 4:4-7  
“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.”

#### \*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. Amen.

#### Greetings & Announcements

#### The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

#### The Offertory

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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

### PRAISE THE GOD OF TRUTH

#### The Anthem:

“Jesus Died Alone”

Many people lined the way  
As the King rode into town.  
Little children sang and played,  
Laying branches on the ground.  
But in the garden, on his knees,  
‘neath the silent olive trees,  
Where he prayed in agony,  
Jesus prayed alone.  
Five thousand gathered on a hill  
Just to sit beneath his feet,  
To hear him teach his father’s will  
Near the Sea of Galilee.  
But on the night he was betrayed,

To the priest no word he gave.  
No defense to them he made.  
Jesus stood alone.  
The sick and lame from miles around  
Came from every town and land;  
With their faces on the ground,  
Seeking healing by his hand.  
But when he hung upon the tree,  
On a hill called Calvary,  
Forsaken, died for all to see,  
Jesus died alone.  
Jesus died alone.

#### Scripture Reading:

Hosea 1:2-11

#### Scripture Response:

2 Timothy 3:16,17

**Leader:** This is the Word of God.

**All:** “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

#### Sermon:

“The Faithfulness of God”

Brett Butler, FPC Ruling Elder

Dean of Students, Blue Mountain Christian University

#### Prayer of Commitment

#### \*Hymn:

“Blessed Be the Name”

No. 103

#### \*Benediction

#### \*Choral Benediction:

“Benediction (2-Part)”

#### \*Postlude

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## Announcements

**PLEASE LET US KNOW YOU'VE JOINED US** today by signing the Attendance Pad located in each pew. A “Connect Card” is available on the back of each pew if you have a prayer request, need to speak with our pastor, or need to change your contact information. Please place the card in the offering plate. If you’d like to receive our weekly email, please put your email address on a “Connect Card”, and place in the offering plate.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** is off for Spring Break and will resume March 23.

#### THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN COMPLETED THEIR SCRIPTURE MEMORY WORK:

Wells Alexander, Rory Alexander, Blair Bryant, Betsy Butler, John Butler, Martha Butler, Olivia Butler, Reid Butler, Pete Fisher, Swayze Fisher, Campbell James, Julia James, Robert James, Randall Long, Hayden Mazurkiewicz, Joseph McCullough, Sally Grace McCullough, Sam McCullough, Edy Price, Will Sanders, Sarah Ellen Sawyer , Claire Tull, Riggs Wesson, Ryder Wesson. **Great job!**

**THE FPC WOMEN'S MINISTRY** invites you to a bridal shower honoring Mary Helen Woods, bride-to-be of Baylor Frazier, today at 1 p.m. at the YouthHouse. You may view the invitation on the Friday Email from March 7 as well.

### Something NEW - Focus Studies

#### Focus Studies:

As Christ-followers, our spiritual growth to become like Christ is not a one time event, but a series of steps we take throughout life as we follow Christ. We need help with taking these steps to progress in our journey of faith. Focus Studies are 8-week, topical Bible Studies that will help participants to take these steps to grow in their walk with Jesus. There will be a spring and fall semester Focus Study every year. The purpose of these studies will be equipping individuals to grow in their understanding and application of the fulfillment of the church's mission, "To Be Disciples...To Make Disciples." They will be led by our Pastor, Waring Porter, as well as our Director of Discipleship, Gregg Parker.

*The Spring 2025 Focus Study will be on Tuesday evenings at 6:15-7:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, beginning April 1, and going through May 20.*

#### FPC Focus Studies: [Session I “Being A Disciple” \(Spring 2025\)](#)

The foundational verse for defining “disciple” is Matthew 4:19. It comes straight from the lips of Jesus. Jesus said, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” In this Focus Study, we are going to dig deep into what it means to be a disciple and how it can be developed and manifested in our lives.

## Sermon Text

#### Hosea 1:2-11

<sup>2</sup>When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, “Go, take to yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the LORD.” <sup>3</sup>So he went and took Gomer, the daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said to him, “Call his name Jezreel, for in just a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. <sup>5</sup>And on that day I will break the bow of Israel in the Valley of Jezreel.” <sup>6</sup>She conceived again and bore a daughter. And the LORD said to him, “Call her name No Mercy, for I will no more have mercy on the house of Israel, to forgive them at all. <sup>7</sup>But I will have mercy on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the LORD their God. I will not save them by bow or by sword or by war or by horses or by horsemen.” <sup>8</sup>When she had weaned No Mercy, she conceived and bore a son. <sup>9</sup>And the LORD said, “Call his name Not My People, for you are not my people, and I am not your God.” <sup>10</sup>Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured or numbered. And in the place where it was said to them, “You are not my people,” it shall be said to them, “Children of the living God.” <sup>11</sup>And the children of Judah and the children of Israel shall be gathered together, and they shall appoint for themselves one head. And they shall go up from the land, for great shall be the day of Jezreel.