



First Presbyterian Church

Shelbyville, Tennessee

Weekly Newsletter

March 8, 2020~Second Sunday in Lent



I hope that this Lent season has brought you some inspiration from God's Spirit in the small spaces of life.

Sometimes we don't notice this presence. Sometimes God is the one we call on or think about only when things are going badly for us or when we feel particularly blessed. But what about during the small spaces of regular, daily life?

Many spiritual philosophers and gurus, both religious and humanist, advise us to "tune in" to some divine spirit. There is a certain mindfulness of spiritual presence that might be brought on by fasting or deep meditative prayer. Neither of these may be your thing, but I urge you to make some attempt during Lent to be spiritually mindful of the presence of God in the small spaces of your life.

This Sunday in worship, we'll be looking at God as our help and sustenance during the journeys of our lives. We will do this through the story of Abraham's call by God and Psalm 121. One aspect of our reliance on God that comes out in this scripture is our fear in life: everything from complete desperation to mild anxiety in tense situations. Fear is a fundamental facet of the human condition and just attempting some disciplined attempt to not fear may not be enough. We should pray about it. So this Sunday please write down your fear on a slip of paper and put them in the basket which will be provided and, as a community, we will pray over this collection of fears.

See you Sunday at the Lenten Sunday School Classes. All Age Adults meet in the Fellowship Hall from 9:10-9:40am; Youth meet in the Youth Room from 9:20-9:45am with Kate Canady; Children meet in the Kid's Choir Room 9:20am-9:45am with Cindy Lamb.

Don't forget to bring items for Good Samaritan and 5 cents a meal banks.

God Speed,

Allen

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020
2nd Sunday in Lent

Join us as we gather for worship of our Lord and Savior

JESUS CHRIST

Old Testament: Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm: Psalm 121

Sermon: “God Will Keep You”

Rev. Allen Cross

SERVING SUNDAY, MARCH 8 2020		SERVING SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020	
Acolyte	Ella Cobb		
Lay Liturgist	Ginger Shofner	Lay Liturgist	Connie Crafton
Ushers/Greeters	John Marsh Tony Matusek Randy Reed Pat Thomas	Ushers/Greeters	Bailey Little Raychelle Flannagan Lisa Turner Roy Turner
Hall Monitor	Linda Anderton	Hall Monitor	Rob Marsh
A Time for Young Christians	Kate Canady	A Time for Young Christians	Kate Canady
Children's Church	Bea Marsh Cindy Lamb	Children's Church	Cindy Lamb
Nursery	Katherine Marsh	Nursery	Susan Spears



Don't forget!

Set your clocks **'FORWARD'** one hour on
Saturday Night

Sunday, March 8th

5 ¢ A Meal Banks Due

Blessing for food donations to
Good Sam

meetings & events

- ♦ Tuesday, March 10th Night Circle
6:30pm
- ♦ Saturday, March 14th Backpack Setup
10am
- ♦ Sunday, March 15th Fellowship Coffee
Backpacks 5pm
- ♦ Saturday, March 21st Men's Breakfast
8am
- ♦ Sunday, March 22nd Clean Water
Sunday
- ♦ Sunday, March 29th Pot Luck Lunch
following Worship
Book Club 3:30pm



**Kid's Choir meets every Wednesday Night
6-7:00pm**

We are rehearsing **"Hosanna, He Lives"**
on Wednesday Nights for the Easter Musical
come and bring a friend.

Lenten Lessons Sunday, March 8th

Class time is 9:20am-9:45am.

Children will meet upstairs in the Kid's Choir Room~Miss Cindy will teach lessons **"Speaking With Signs"**. Each lesson brings a story from scripture by focusing on a symbol related to the Easter narrative. Lessons are based on Matthew and John.

Youth, 6th through 12th grades will meet in the Youth Room for a study with Kate Canady, **"Exploring the Process of Growing-From 'Planting to Harvesting'"**. There may or may not be doughnuts...with icing involved.

**Feel free to bring a friend.*

Adults of All Ages Will meet in Fellowship Hall from **9:10am-9:40am** for an **issues discussion class** with coffee and scripture and conversation. This will be a time for fellowship and theological perspective on contemporary issues.



Did you know that First Presbyterian is
planning an Easter Egg Hunt for our
community?

Save this date, **Saturday, April 4th** from **11:00am-12:30pm** on our church campus.

There is a **"Wall of Envelopes"** in the Fellowship Hall. The envelopes are for donations \$1.00-\$40.00 and are due on **Sunday, March 15th.**

Pick an envelope with the amount you wish to donate, place your donation in the envelope and leave in the basket.

Thank you for helping us reach out to our community and being the "hands & feet" of God.