



02.09.2021

the chimes



Sunday Mornings

Adult Church School (via Zoom)
10:45am Sanctuary open for prayer, meditation, and Lord's supper
(pre-recorded worship viewable at www.fpcbryan.org)

Get up.

Open your heart.

Open your mind.

Dedicate your day to God.

Meditate on God's word.

Optimize your faith & hope.

Receive God's love.

Never doubt God's love.

Inspire someone.

No need to worry.

Go out with joy.

First Presbyterian Friends,

As I am typing, it's Tuesday, February 9, 2021. The church staff and certain committees are busy planning for the beginning of Lent and the eight-week journey toward Good Friday and Jesus' Resurrection. As we prepare for the Lenten journey, we know sadly much more about COVID-19 than we knew this time last year; but we soon would find out. Additionally, this week prior to Ash Wednesday, an impeachment trial is beginning in the U.S. Senate chamber of the U.S. Capitol. I need a prayer. Here is one adapted from two sources of a few years back: (1) from the 1965 edition of Book of Public Worship of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland: "A Prayer for International Goodwill," and (2) from a prayer by Dr. Edward Elson, Chaplain of U.S. Senate, Feb 04, 1969 . . .

"Great God of all, wonderful in counsel, excellent in wisdom: We pray for leaders and citizens of every nation, for, quite often amid stubborn partisan conflict, we are called to the difficult task of laying firm foundations for peace and blessed community, with implications for present and future. Inspire minds. Enlarge vision. Direct councils of government, of faith and religion, of education, of industry, and of civic service, so that wisely and fearlessly all may both grow toward and stand for righteousness and truth. We pray you to raise the minds of one and all above the mists of suspicion – and certainly above hatred – into the better light of mutual trust and good will. Help us realize, in our adulthood, what parents and mentors have attempted to impress upon us in former years: that decisions may not be easy, but responsibilities cannot be ignored, rationalized away, or dismissed because they are difficult. Establish your justice and mercy among all nations, so that faithfulness to the way of love and dignity is the norm and goal in every community. Deal with each of us according to our necessities, which are undoubtedly many. Make us to know that we live under your wisdom: You know what we think. You hear what we speak. You see what we do. Make our lives beacons which shine for equity, dignity, truth, and goodness through communities of faith across the ages pledged to honoring and serving you. In these matters and all of life, we commit ourselves to you and pray to the glory of your holy name. Amen."

Gratefully, *Ted Foote* (cell: 918.520.7820)

The Lenten Season begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17, with a recorded worship service viewable on our website at www.fpcbryan.org or by clicking on the red YouTube icon in the upper righthand corner on the homepage.

(See insert for FPC's 2021 Lenten and Easter schedule.)

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CIRCLE V REACHES OUT

Presbyterian Women's Circle V rocks! Their donation of 684 pounds of food to Brazos Church Pantry tipped the scales on Friday when Ken Telg and I weighed it in. Adding in the total pounds of food collected in December from the Reverse Advent Calendar Food Collection Project, our Presbyterian Women Circles and church members have donated almost 1520 lbs. of food goods to The Pantry over the last two months. You can't imagine how much the volunteers at the BCP appreciate such a generous donation.

Thanks to KEITH and JOHN HALSELL for volunteering to go on a shopping spree with Circle V's monetary donations. Your feet may have been tired, but I can only hope your heart felt light once you had accomplished your goal for such a worthy cause. Thanks to JOHN HALSELL, GLENN & KARON MATHEWS, and KEN TELG for loading and delivering to BCP.

I feel honored to belong to such a strong organization of women and a church that always looks beyond their walls and into their community to spread their love and faith out to those in need. God bless you!

Janice Haverland, 2020-2021 Presbyterian Women Mod.

Join us at the
BRAZOS VALLEY
foodbank

Date: Saturday, March 6th
Time: 10 a.m.-noon

All Ages Welcome
Children under 12 must be
accompanied by a parent or guardian

To sign up, email Pastor Emily at
ebeghin@fpcbryan.org by Saturday,
February 20, 2021



(L-R) Glenn Mathews, John Halsell, and Ken Telg pose (and rest!) just long enough to capture the moment before they head to BCP.

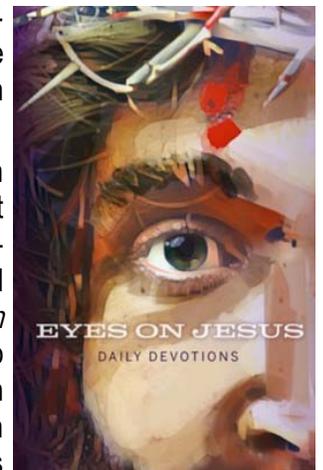
Growing Disciples

Christian Education Ministries (education@fpcbryan.org)

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

EYES ON JESUS: Daily Devotions for Lent and Easter by Julie Riddle will soon be available on all display tables at the church.

When the people in the Passion narrative looked at Jesus, what did they see? Who misunderstood Him? Who acknowledged Him as the Son of God? *Eyes on Jesus* will direct our attention to Jesus Christ. Through each devotion, we will 'fix our eyes' on what Jesus has done to save us from our sins by His holy, precious blood, innocent sufferings, and death. And on account of the Savior's justifying work, we will celebrate what God sees when He looks at us.



BONUS

In addition to reading our daily devotional, *Eyes on Jesus*, all are invited to participate in our weekly Lenten activities that will focus on this year's Lenten topics of the week as presented in our sermon series on Jesus as a Jobian Character. Stay tuned for news to come on our website (www.fpcbryan.org) and social media platforms!

YOUTH Haps

Youth Ministries (youth@fpcbryan.org)



(L-R, top to bottom) Avery Cravatt, Cadence Berg, Madeline Hendler, Kaitlyn Hendler, Chuck Morse, Ari Renold, Bailey Cravatt, Alexis Cravatt, Adam Espinoza, Ronen Renold.

On February 7, FPC Youth led our Sunday morning worship service. Thanks to all who participated. Each of you is incredibly talented and delightful. We look forward to your participation in upcoming worship services.

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEB 17, marks the beginning of Lent. The season of Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and self-examination in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter.

It is a period of 40 days — like the flood of Genesis, Moses' sojourn at Mount Sinai, Elijah's journey to Mount Horeb, Jonah's call to Ninevah to repent, and Jesus' time of testing in the wilderness.

Sometimes we all find ourselves in a wilderness and though it is uncomfortable, it can be a place of growth. This Lent, youth are invited to a challenge to take on something new. Some ideas you may want to consider are to: (1) affirm someone daily with a word or act of kindness; (2) read a daily devotional, perhaps participate in reading the devotional booklet that will soon be available in our church; (3) pray daily or; (5) another idea of your choice.



The youth of First Presbyterian are on Instagram!
Go to: <https://www.instagram.com/fpcbryantx1867/>

Find our Facebook page "FPC Bryan Youth"

A PLACE TO RE-FRESH . . .

After reading online the article "An unused space becomes a place of prayer and connection" in Presbyterian Mission, <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/pt-0121-ideas/>, it occurred to me that FPC has such a space for connection as well. The Weddington Courtyard is open to all during regular office hours, M-F, 9:00am-5:00pm. The courtyard has two cafe tables, four chairs and a bench for seating, wind chimes that add to the serenity of the space and, best of all . . . visitors to the gardens can enjoy the faceted glass windows and steeple chimes. Bring a cup of coffee, a book, or Bible and feel close to our physical church. NOTE: While the courtyard is not teeming with visitors, please give the church office a call at 979.823.8073 before you come to be sure that you will have quiet time (and a group is not scheduled to meet in the church parlor at the same time you desire).

Nicole McKinley
on behalf of Congregational Care Committee

PUZZLE SWAP

Tired of working on the same old puzzles?

Then box them up and participate in FPC's Puzzle Swap organized by Congregational Care Committee. The puzzles will be available in the Indoor Patio Friday, February 12, thru Friday, March 12. Bring in one puzzle, take one. Bring in two puzzles, take two. Just want to clean out old puzzles? We'll take them! Bring in COMPLETE puzzle sets (no missing pieces, please). Remember, children like to work puzzles, too. (NOTE: Donated puzzles will not be returned.)



CARING AND SHARING

Congratulations to **CHERYL & RICK PAGE** on the birth of their grandson, Axel Lawrence, to Hilary & Jens Forsgaard in Chicago, IL, on January 24.

"I am fearfully and wonderfully made..." – Psalm 139:14

The prayerful support and sympathy of the congregation are extended to:

- **BECKY ALTER** and her family following the death of her brother, David, in Catalonia, Spain, on January 23.
- **CARMELLA & GEORGE EDWARDS** and their family following the death of George's mother, Mary Edwards, of St. Petersburg, FL, on January 20.
- **MARLEE & PETE CRIACO**, and their daughters **BRIANA & ANGELA**, following the death of Pete's mother, Bess Criaco, of Austin, TX, on January 20.

"I am the life and the resurrection," saith the Lord. – John 11:25



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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| 02/16 Bookman Peters | 02/24 Kathy Burdett |
| 02/16 Grant Wolfe | 02/25 Donnie Becker |
| 02/17 Alice Hickerson | 02/25 Zachary Martin |
| 02/18 Kaitlyn Battles | 02/25 Luvia Norris |
| 02/20 Paul Meckley | 02/26 Marcia Miculek |
| 02/21 Isidoro Gonzalez | 02/26 Sophia Wesp |
| 02/21 Debe Shafer | 02/27 Peter Krauter |
| 02/22 Imogene Veters | 03/02 Lindsay Cravatt |
| 02/23 Marilyn Wright | |



- ♥ Dave Burdett
- ♥ Velma Burnett
- ♥ Madison Hodges
(granddaughter of Peggy & Ken Telg)

- ★ Josh Kipp
- ★ Christian McKinley
- ★ Ryan Ratcliffe

**MEMBERS & FRIENDS
 IN THE
 MILITARY**

ABOUT SUNDAY WORSHIP

FEB 14 Job 1:1-5,18-21; Mark 9:2-8;
 Luke 14:26; Micah 6:8;
 I John 4:19

FEB 21 Job 2:1-4; 27:1-6; Luke 8:15

FEB 28 Job 2:9-13; 4:1-6; 6:1-2; Luke 13:10-17



NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

The deadline for the next issue of the newsletter, The Chimes, is NOON, SUN, FEB 21, 2021. This newsletter will be distributed WED, FEB 24, 2021, and cover news from MAR 4-17. Submit content to: office@fpcbryan.org.