



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

Newsletter

February 2021

From the Pastor

A liturgical year, the way the church marks time, consists of the cycle of seasons in Christian churches. Most of the year is marked by Ordinary Time. In this case the term “ordinary” means standard, normative or typical. The Sunday’s of Ordinary Time celebrate the good news of Christ’s death and resurrection and the unfolding presence of the new creation.

Twice each year Ordinary Time is joyfully interrupted by the extra-ordinary time of the Christmas and Easter seasons. Ash Wednesday ushers in the season of Lent and the beginning of the Easter cycle. During this extra-ordinary time, we intensify our focus on the doctrine of resurrection.

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 Nineveh to repent and Jesus’ time of testing in the wilderness.

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“By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread
until you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.”

-Genesis 3:19

On Ash Wednesday, we begin our Lenten trek toward Easter. The ashes we typically imposed on our foreheads that day symbolize the brokenness in our lives, an external sign of repentance. Additionally, it is a reminder that out of the ground we were taken and to it we will return.

I hope you will join us for a special **Ash Wednesday worship on February 17 at 7:00 p.m.** The service will be in person and livestreamed. For the safety of the community, we will take a year off from imposing ashes.

Join us as we recapture the reason for Ash Wednesday, a time to truly rend our hearts as we enter into Lent.

-Rev. John C. McKinnon

KirkNight To-go

Pick up a delicious KirkNight To-go meal this February! To order, call, text or email Jenn Snow at 405-408-3608 or jenn@junebugcatering.com.

Meals will be available for pick-up from 4:30-5:30 p.m. by the ramp behind the kitchen.

Family Meal for 4-6: \$20 | Dessert \$5.00

Meal for 2: \$10 | Dessert \$2.50

UPCOMING MEALS:

February 3: Huli Huli Hawaiian Chicken, Hawaiian Macaroni Salad, Roasted Sweet Potatoes and Coconut Cake

February 10: Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread and No Bake Cookies

February 17: Greek Lemon Chicken Rice Casserole with Greek Salad and Loukomades

February 24: Chicken Picatta with Risotto and Asparagus and Peanut Butter Brookies

Newcomer's Class

“Membership has its privileges!” so the slogan goes, and such is the truth about the church. Our book of order says this about the ministry of members: “Membership in the Church of Jesus Christ is a joy and a privilege. It is also a commitment to participate in Christ’s mission. A faithful member bears witness to God’s love and grace and promises to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ’s Church.”

Do you feel God calling you to join First Presbyterian or are you simply interested in learning more about the church? All are welcome to join us for a three-week Newcomer’s Class. The Newcomer’s Class is a great way to learn more about our Reformed heritage, the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the history, mission and ministry of this congregation.

The class is designed for those interested in becoming members of First Presbyterian as well as for those who want to learn more about the church. The class will meet from 9:30-10:30 a.m. via Zoom on the dates listed below.

Please call (405-525-6584) or email (office@fpcokc.org) to receive the link for the class.

I hope to see you there!

-Rev. John C. McKinnon

February 21: Week 1 – *What is a Presbyterian?*

- Get to know each other and an overview of the Reformed tradition, Presbyterian history and theology.

February 28: Week 2 – *Welcome to First Presbyterian: Part 1*

- Learn FPCOKC history, meet the staff and tour the building.

March 7: Week 3 - *Welcome to First Presbyterian: Part 2*

- Opportunities for Worship, Mission and Ministry at FPC in our church, our city and our world.

Presbyterian Women (PW)

Priscilla Circle — Tuesday, February 9 | 10:00 a.m.

[Link](#)

Meeting ID: 849 8660 0737

Passcode: 187760

Phoebe Circle — Tuesday, February 9 | 1:30 p.m.

[Link](#)

Meeting ID: 890 3868 0697

Passcode: 063769

Abigail Circle — Tuesday, February 16 | 6:30p.m.

[Link](#)

Meeting ID: 818 6843 5265

Passcode: 628262

PW Student Grant

Applications for PW's student grants are now available.

These grants are given to students, age 17 to 25, doing undergraduate work. Detailed information about eligibility and the application process can be found [HERE](#) or by visiting www.okinp.org.

Applications are due **March 16**.

Corporate and Ecclesiastical Meeting

Sunday, February 14 | After 11:00 a.m. Service

The Annual Corporate and Ecclesiastical Meeting of the Congregation will be held in the Sanctuary following worship on February 14 for the distribution of the Annual Report, Presentation of the Budget and Changes to Pastoral Call. -Barbara Charlet, Clerk of Session

Sunday School

**Evergreen Class - 9:00 a.m. | New Beginnings Class - 9:30 a.m.
Builders Class - 10:00 a.m.**

[Zoom link](#)

Meeting ID: 897 979 535 | Password: 580233

The Builders Class is back in action on Sundays!

Evergreen, New Beginnings and the Builders Class are meeting at different times, but they will all use the same login information listed above.

If you need help troubleshooting with Zoom or need help setting up your account, please contact Blake Barrett (blake@fpcokc.org).

Community Garden

The FPC Community Garden is beginning its sixth year and there have been some delicious vegetables harvested. Cornell's tomatillos were a hit last year as were Dan's towering artichokes. Puffer had enough basil to make a year's supply of pesto!

If you are interested in getting your hands in the dirt and watching the miracle of plant growth, consider signing up for a plot in the garden. There are several 4x12 foot raised bed plots available. There is no fee and gardeners are asked to follow the Rules of the Garden, which require the plot be cultivated and maintained. Water is provided and use of herbicides is discouraged.

If you are interested, contact Stephanie (stephanie@fpcokc.org) in the church office for an application.

For questions, contact Elizabeth Hatcher (elizhatcher@gmail.com).

Children & Youth

Operation Cupid

Care Crew, it is time to care for each other. Remember, we are a group of kids who care for ourselves, each other, the congregation and the community.



(Hope you are still doing chores and earning cans of food to donate to Cornell's Little Pantry ministry!) This month we are focusing on each other. I will be sending you the name of a secret valentine. Lips sealed, you will send this person a valentine. It can be bought, homemade or in any form you choose.

Do not sign your name to it. Instead, give them a couple clues about who you are. You might write something like: "I am 6 years old and I have a younger sister." Later, I will reveal who each secret Cupid was.

If you do not want to participate in this activity, let me know ASAP so I can remove you. Hopefully everyone will join in the fun of Operation Cupid! -Ms. Cyndi

February Sunday School Bags and Survey

It's hard to believe that Lent is just around the corner. Your February bags will contain a surprise for you and your whole family to enjoy and to start the Lent season off. We are also sending out an electronic survey early this month about the Sunday School bags. Please send us your feedback so we can improve this ministry.

Valentine's Day Zoom Party – Sunday, February 14 | 4:00 p.m.

FPC (younger) Youth, here is our next Zoom event! Look in your February SS Bags to find your Valentine's Party in a Box and bring it to the Zoom party. DO NOT open the box until we start the party. Hope you can join us!

[Link](#)

Meeting ID: 817 4826 8943 | Password: 980288

Reserve the Third

Saturday, February 20

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

We will be helping out at The Urban Mission again in February!

The work that The Urban Mission does is critical, especially as families experience hardship during the pandemic. Typically, The Urban Mission serves approximately 20,000 people each year in the OKC metro, but that number has skyrocketed with the onset of the pandemic.

Consider joining us this month! Masks are required and social distancing measures are in place. Contact Roane Pittman (johnpittmanmd@pnfmc.com) if you'd like to be involved.



February Birthdays

Happy birthday to all!

02: Miriam Lusby

03: Connie Harris

04: Jannis Dykeman

05: Ron Grace

06: Griffin Taylor

08: Marcia Taylor

10: Amy Seagraves

11: Mary Braum,
Michelle Johnson

12: Jayme Robles

15: John Cochrane,
Ian McKinnon

16: Naomi Borquaye

18: Denise Miller

19: Leon Smith

20: Felicia DuMont

22: Kathy Berry,
Steve McDonald,
Jack Ogden

23: Joe Ward

24: Sherry Golden

25: Veronica
Borquaye,

Alex Glaspey

27: Hayden Evans

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