

### Lenten Symbols

The Season of Lent, the 40 days leading up to Easter, is a time for us to reflect upon our lives and the great love that Jesus Christ showed for us when he gave his life that we might know eternal life with God. As we come together for worship each week, we will highlight symbols of Lent.

Each Sunday we will place a new symbol with the cross and recall the significance of that symbol as we recount the journey Jesus took to the cross.

On the 1st Sunday of Lent we will place at the foot of the cross a money bag symbolizing the betrayal of Jesus by Judas.

On the 2nd Sunday of Lent we place at the cross a basin and towel which symbolize Jesus' teaching of servanthood as he taught the disciples when he washed their feet.



On the 3rd Sunday of Lent, we place a large nail to represent the injustice in the world and to remind us that Jesus died for our sins.

On the 4th Sunday of Lent, we place a crown of thorns to remind us of the suffering Jesus endured as he was taken to be crucified.



On the 5th Sunday of Lent, we place the wheat and grapes, which remind us of the bread and wine Jesus served to his disciples at the Last Supper.



On the 6th Sunday of Lent, Palm Sunday, we add palm branches as a symbol of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

On Easter day, the Lenten symbols are removed from the cross. The stone has been rolled aside—the tomb is empty—death is swallowed up in victory!

## Wednesday Night Lenten Services

For this season of Lent, we will center our Wednesday evening worship around the Seven Last Words of Christ. These are the sentences and phrases that Jesus said in the story, things that we are familiar with and hear every year when we once again read about the crucifixion, but we very rarely stop and think about. So this year let's focus our Wednesday evenings around these Words with the hope that we can have a deeper understanding of God's great love for us.

March 4—"Father forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

March 11—"Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

March 18—"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

March 25—"Woman, here is your son...Here is your mother."

April 1—"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." & "I am thirsty."

April 8—"It is finished."

Join us **Wednesday evenings at 6:30** as we ponder the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

## February Attendance and Offering

Date	Offering	Worship	Breakfast
2/2	\$2439.00	48	68
2/9	\$2402.30	32	62
2/16	\$1635.00	41	92
2/23	\$1940.00	40	96

## **Security Measures You Can Take**

We have had several instances of doors being left unlocked and open lately. Please be mindful when you leave the building that all doors are not only locked but completely shut behind you.

There was recently an incident when an FPC person was in the church and felt unsafe; let's work together to make sure that everyone feels secure.

Thank you!

Please join us for the **Property and Maintenance workday** on April 4 from 8:00 am-12pm. A light breakfast will be provided.

## **Help Keep our Church Clean**

Consider joining a cleaning team once per month to help keep God's house of worship bright and welcoming. See Barbara M. or sign the large signup board hanging on coat hooks in the west lobby (under the trophies!)

## **Needed! Men's Clothing Items**

Our clothing donation area is running low on men's items. If you have any pants, shirts, or jackets to donate, please help us out!

## **Do You Remember This Girl?**

If you remember a little girl in the early 1990s by the name of Jennifer Erin Trabing, who was baptized at the now-disbanded Hope PC of Cabot, please contact Paula. Jennifer is searching for her baptismal records and needs leads!

The University of the Ozarks received a grant from donations given by Presbyterian Women across the nation. With it, they were able to build the Food for Thought garden pictured below. Join PW groups from all over Arkansas on April 18 for worship and fellowship with old friends and new ones!

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF ARKANSAS PRESBYTERY**



### **SPRING GATHERING**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2020 — 10:00 am**

**Registration Fee: \$10**

**(includes morning refreshments and lunch)**

**University of the Ozarks**

**401 North College Avenue, Clarksville, Arkansas**



**Rev. Laura Fleetwood**  
**Worship Leader**



*"For I was hungry and you gave me food,  
I was thirsty and you gave me drink."*

Matthew 25:35



**U of O student working**  
**Food for Thought Garden**

**An offering will be received for the U of Ozark Food for Thought Garden**

**Gathering Co-hosted by PW of FPC, Clarksville and PW Presbytery Coordinating Team**

## Prayer Requests From February

Please pray God's peace, comfort, and strength for the family of Dewey following the loss of their beloved son, husband, and friend. Pray especially for Billie Ann and Lee Ann.

Pray also for Katrina K's family (Amies' aunt)--for peace and comfort following her passing.

Pray for Amie, who had surgery on March 4 and will be recovering for a couple of weeks.

Dee experienced a stroke and a serious loss of function. Please pray for her full recovery!

Please continue to remember Janell and Kenneth.

Pray for Barbara H, for recovery and health following her surgery.

Buck's brother, Spencer, has moved in to a rehab facility and is in need of our prayers. Please pray also for Buck, who will have shoulder surgery March 24th.

Tommy is recovering well from his surgery. Please pray for his continued health.

Pray for the Mercy Church of Atlanta, as well as members Brittany, Glenn, and their family.

Please pray for Catherine C, Alice D, Alta W, and Valerie B: members who are suffering health challenges.

Tonie H. needs prayer for strength and endurance: She is now the full-time caregiver for her parents, one of whom is suffering from a dangerous liver condition and one of whom suffers from dementia.

Continue to pray for Stephen and Elizabeth P as they struggle with daily health challenges.

Pray for Jonathan M--for a safe stay in Mexico and a safe trip back.

Continue to pray for Eric and his family.

Pray for Mr. Perry (from the Bearden family)--who has been placed on hospice care.

Pray for Lorna--a warming center client who has become homeless but has a job and a car and is needing prayers to get through the rough patch. She offers thanks to God for the shelter here during the cold.

## Prayer Requests, continued

Pray for a friend of Glenn who had brain surgery.

Mr. Walker is going through dialysis and needs prayer for healing and for his family.

Please pray for William and Barbara S, and for William's mother.

Pray for Chris, deployed with the military, and for Lauren and their two children in his absence.

Jacqueline asks prayer for the salvation of her loved ones and enemies, for her financial situation, and for housing.

Carole R needs prayer following the loss of her husband.

Pray for Bill T, who is undergoing chemotherapy.

Susan V has suffered a spine injury and needs our prayers.

Please pray for Nancy D as she continues to battle cancer.

A prayer request was submitted for God's help with broken relationships.

Pray for guidance, wisdom, and endurance for our session and its new members.

Pray for God's help and blessings for our warming center ministry as it grows and adapts.

Pray also for Milissa and Paul W. Milissa, a close friend of Amie, has a kidney infection and has been on antibiotics. A similar previous infection resulted in a dangerous brush with death for her, so let's pray God's healing, courage, protection, and reassurance for Milissa and family.

Barbara M continues to need prayer as she faces serious heart issues.

Jamall B. asks for prayer concerning a job he is pursuing, and for general blessings on his family.

Carlos requests prayer for his mental, physical, spiritual, and emotional health. He specifically asks prayer for his spiritual deliverance and for salvation for him and his family.

Ms. Jacque needs prayer for healing and deliverance from bondage she is experiencing in her life. She requests prayer specifically for a Godly husband and for salvation for her family.

## Prayer Requests, continued

Lavoria P. requests prayer for a job and a better life.

Brandon asks prayer for himself and for his wife to find a way to raise their baby to become more and achieve a greater life than they have been able to so far.

An anonymous request asks prayer for an adult son and his wife to get back together and for the son to find a job.

Please remember to pray for recovery and healing for Joe P. following his fall and injury.

The Scroggins request prayer for their friends Doug and Jacki B. Doug has deep cellulitis that has so far required surgery and toe amputations. He needs prayer for healing as he continues to go to wound care rehab every day for another month to ensure proper treatment of this difficult infection.

## Praise God!

We rejoice with our fellow member, David, at the birth of his fourth great-grandchild. Harper was born in Auburn on Feb. 10th, weighing 5 lbs,10 oz. Welcome to the world, Harper!

The Tacketts would like to thank the congregation for all the prayers, wishes, and visits. We are praising God with our church family for Tommy's continued recovery!

An anonymous card expressed gratitude for the love and prayers of this congregation for their family.

Praise God for answered prayer for Teko, whose tests came back well and is healing.

We are praising God for Kirk's prayed-for transfer to Dallas!



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*May the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with you.  
May the Christ who serves with wounded hands stretch out  
your hands to serve.  
May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart open your  
heart to love.  
And as you leave this place, may you see the face of Christ on  
everyone you meet, and may everyone you meet see the face  
of Christ on you.*

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