

**Our Tithes and Offerings
Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer Rev. Melick
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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***Sending Song #702** *Christ Be Beside Me*

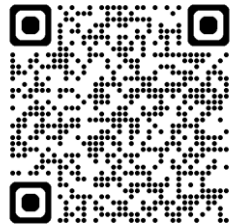
***Benediction** Rev. Melick

Giving QR Code



If you would like to give you can scan this QR code and will be given the option to select an amount, fund, frequency, and either credit card or ACH bank transfer. Thank you!

Volunteering QR Code



Scan the QR code or visit our website <https://eatonfpc.org/volunteers/> to learn about different volunteering opportunities within our church. Please scroll down to the bottom of the page and complete the form to let us know what volunteer opportunities most interest you. Thank you for supporting Eaton FPC and our community!

This Week at FPC

April 2nd – 6:00pm, Messy Church
April 2nd – 7:30pm, Choir practice

Mark Your Calendars

April 7th – 10:00am, Moms Group
April 9th – 10:00am, Miriam Circle
April 9th – 7:00pm, Choir practice
April 12th – 11:00am, Easter Egg Hunt at Benges's
April 13th – 1:00pm, Hike at Germantown Metro Park

Common Good Food Bank - They are in need of the following: Soups (Cream soups, chicken noodle, vegetable, broth, etc.)

Blessing Box – is in need of canned food, preferably pop top cans, canned meat and fruit cups. Thank you for your generosity.

God is on the move! Lenten Activities Out

April 13th at 1:00pm, meet at the church and we will be going to the Germantown Metro Park for a hike. Meet with Anna Fomin.

Easter Egg Hunts

Collecting candy and small toys for egg hunts. Church family will be April 12th at 11:00 at Benges's. Triangle egg hunt will be April 12th at 2:00pm.

Easter Egg Hunt Ideas from Amazon:

GOAUS Easter Egg Fillers Party Favors for Kids, 220 Pcs Small Toys Prizes Bulk, Goodie Bags Stuffers, Treasure Box Toys for Classroom, Prize Box Birthday Goody Bag

12 Pieces Prefilled Easter Eggs with Mini Football Basketball Squishy Toys Great for Kids Girls Boys Easter Egg Hunt Fillers Easter Basket Stuffers Gifts

Waybla 12-Pack Prefilled Easter Eggs with Modeling Dough & Easter-Shaped Cutters, Non-Candy Easter Gift Easter Basket Stuffers for Kids

Prayers of First Presbyterian Church Family and Friends

"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you"

~Jeremiah 29:12

In our continuing prayers:

Countries at War

Sarah Gregg - continuing cancer treatment, Cy Acheson's granddaughter

Cy – pray for strength and healing

Logan Eifort – stable but still needs prayers, Keith & Chris Jones grandson

Zoe Barnes – home but still needs a lot of care, Kelly Smith's cousin

Gregg Neavin – chemo treatment

Remember and Uphold:

Elaine Hawley – Vancrest

Tom and Diane Kline - Vancrest

Our at Home Shut-ins

Doris Barker

Marge Jordan

Julia Withrow

For our Nation and those who serve

Church Members & Friends In The Service

Mac Altom/ U.S. Army

Addam Moore/ U.S. Marines

Tanner Crabtree/ Army

Caleb Cosmi / Air Force

Nicholas Rife / U.S. Navy

Grant Davis / Army Reserve

Richard (Alex) Trogdon/ Navy

Grace Wagner/Basic Training

Miguel Martinez/Army Reserve- Active now

Michael Richwald, Air Force National Guard

Zack Pool/ Air Force

Jeremy Barnes/ Navy

Brett Barnes / Navy

Cameron Rife / U.S. Navy

Laura Soper/ Air Force Reserve

Cliff Garey / Navy

Ryan Kiracofe / Air Force

Drew Roach / Navy

Ryan Hall / Army

Gospel Reading Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³ So he told them this parable:

¹¹ Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. ²⁵ "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹ Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he as lost and has been found.'"

Sermon God Moves Down the Road

Rev. Melick

***Reflection Time Table Discussion Questions**

1. Do you relate more to the older son or the younger son?
2. Have you ever had an argument about who should be allowed to eat at a table?
3. Is there someone or a group of people that you wish would come and feel welcome at our tables?

Please contact our prayer chain coordinator, Ann Murray, 937-336-0116, email: annmurray916@yahoo.com, call the church office, 937-456-3754, office@eatonfpc.org, or drop a note in the offering plate with updates.

First Presbyterian Church
March 30, 2025
Lent Worship Series: God is on the Move
God Moves Down the Road

WORSHIP AT HOME

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Melick

Call to Worship

Liturgist: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Liturgist: Lift up your hearts, minds and wills.

People: We come to celebrate Christ's presence and power!

Liturgist: An exciting, adventurous life in Christ is available!

People: We come to be reminded that we live in God's Spirit.

Liturgist: Christ said: "I am the door; if anyone enters by me, they will be saved and liberated"; and, "Behold! I set before you an open door. I am the way the truth, and the life. I am the light of the world; you are the light of the world." We acknowledge the presence of the living Christ.

People: Yes, we do! Amen!

Litany of Confession

Call to Confession

***Prayer of Confession Hymn #423, v 1** *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God*

Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Reading 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Scripture Reading for the Week: Luke 15 and 17

Memory Verse: Luke 15:10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Prayer: Lord, thank you for loving me. Help me to be your disciple this day; loving you and loving others the way you taught us. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.

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First Presbyterian Church



March 30, 2025

Our Mission:

*Listening to God's call, following in the way of Jesus
and serving neighbors through the Spirit.*

~Approved by Session November 2016



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