

These things add up. Every one of us needs to pray;  
when all hell breaks loose and the dam bursts we'll be on high ground, untouched.  
God's my island hideaway, keeps danger far from the shore,  
throws garlands of hosannas around my neck.  
Let me give you some good advice; I'm looking you in the eye and giving it to you straight:  
"Don't be ornery like a horse or mule that needs bit and bridle to stay on track."  
God-defiers are always in trouble;  
God-affirmers find themselves loved every time they turn around.  
Celebrate God. Sing together ~ everyone! All you honest hearts, raise the roof!

**Gospel Reading** John 12:20-33  
Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say — 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Meditation

**Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer**  
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

**Hymn of Praise** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Receiving the Offering



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Sunday , March 21

This Week at FPC

- Tuesday - March 23**  
10:00 am Quilters Guild  
12:00 pm Bible Study  
6:30 pm Boy Scouts
- Wednesday - March 24**  
12:00 pm Scripture & Prayer  
1:00 pm My Glacier Village  
5:30 pm Lenten Dinner  
6:15 pm Worship Service
- Thursday - March 25**  
9:00 am Staff Meeting  
6:00 pm Friendship Force
- Sunday - March 28**  
10:00 am Worship Celebration

**Next Week We Celebrate**  
**Holy Week**



**Sunday, March 28**  
10:00 am Worship Celebration



**Thursday, April 1**  
5:30 pm Maundy Thursday Dinner followed by a 6:15 pm Worship



**April 4**  
10:00 am Worship Celebration

~ Masks and cordial spacing ~

Easter Outreach to Youth

This Easter we will be delivering 12-15 Easter baskets to three homeless shelters for youth this year. If you'd like to participate, we need toiletries, small games or toys, and gift cards (\$10-\$20) to places like Starbucks, Target, and Subway, and individually wrapped Easter candy and plastic eggs! Thanks for your help! If you have any questions, contact a member of the Outreach Team (Barb Nelson, Sandy Smith, Heidi Long).

Lenten Gatherings ~ Wednesdays through March 24

Join us as we journey with Jesus to the cross. You are invited to participate each Wednesday in the following gatherings:

- 12:00 pm: Prayer and Scripture Service**  
We gather in person or ZOOM with the login information emailed each week.
- 5:30 pm: Soup and Bread Dinner**  
A light meal is offered with rich fellowship taking place around tables on the lower level. COVID protocol is followed through masking and cordial spacing.
- 6:15 pm: Worship & Communion**  
Our Taize worship includes Lectio Divina scripture readings which allow for times of contemplation and reflection. Individual plates of bread and cup are provided for communion.

Tuesday Noon Time Book Study

Beginning Tuesday, March 30, we will study *Kneeling With Giants* by Gary Hansen. This guide to prayer is rooted in centuries of Christian tradition. We will learn how each of these spiritual giants uniquely connected to God through Prayer. Books are available in the church office for a suggested cost of \$15.

Christian Appalachian Project (CAP)

Presbyterian Women's outreach mission is to the people of the Appalachians. You can help by donating the following items:  
Stocking caps      Personal care items  
Underwear — all sizes      Socks — all sizes  
Books for children      Money for building supplies

Checks may be made payable to Presbyterian Women and memo "CAP", and placed in the offering plate or PW box in the office. See the bulletin board for more information.

Seeking Hospital Visitors

We are so grateful to those who reach out to call or visit those who are in the hospital. We are seeking more volunteers. If you feel a calling to help bring a little joy to someone who is ill or want more information, call Carol Savage at 261-8844.

Housing Needed

Barb Crump is a member of FPC Chinook and is moving to Kalispell at the end of this month. A 2 bedroom/2 bath house or apartment to rent with a garage or carport is what she is seeking. It can be in town or out of town. Barb does not smoke, have pets, or kids. If you know of available housing, call her at (740) 851-0461. Thank you for helping out!

# Gathering

## Words of Welcome

### Opening Prayer

Suffering God, you told us to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Jesus.  
We’re still not sure we want to go that far.  
We had hoped that becoming followers in this day and age  
    would be a more rational business;  
    we had hoped to fit our religion in the spare corners of our lives.  
It wasn’t supposed to be an inconvenience.  
Yet you continue to call us, and we squirm uncomfortably.  
Teach us to respond gratefully to your invitation.  
Teach us to sacrifice ~ not only for others, but for you.  
And take what we can give right now,  
    transforming it into an offering of our deepest selves.  
In your Son’s name we pray. **Amen.**

### Prelude

### Call to Worship

One step on the path,  
We are returning home.  
Drawing closer to God,  
We are coming back home.  
Seeing the errors we've made,  
We are turning toward home.  
Knowing more about ourselves,  
We are making our way home.  
Trusting in God's embrace,  
We are coming home.

### Song of Praise

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

### Confession of Sin

A rich and full contentment comes to the person  
    from whose life the burden of rebellion against God has been lifted;  
    whose sin is blotted out completely;  
    whom the Lord counts as being free from guilt;  
    and in whose spirit there is no dishonesty.  
I kept silent; I hoped it would all go away;  
    but my body grew old before its time, as I struggled with the load I carried.  
Day and night, day and night, your hand weighed heavy upon me,

and my tongue was hard and cracked, like a drought-baked paddock.  
But then I came to my senses, declaring my rebellion,  
    and admitting that I could not blot out my sin.  
I said, “I will confess my rebellion to the Lord,”  
    and then you lifted the crookedness of my sin from me.  
On the basis of this,  
    let everyone with faith in you pray to you in their time of distress;  
    despite the swirling floodwaters of life’s troubles,  
    they shall not be overcome by them.  
When our restlessness drives us to gratify desires and fantasies,  
Lord have mercy.  
When our restlessness leads us to expediency and rationalism,  
Christ have mercy.  
When our restlessness blocks out your still, small voice,  
Lord have mercy.  
You are a hiding place for me,  
    protecting me amid my troubles, surrounding me with shouts of deliverance.  
I will give you understanding,  
    and I will teach you the path you should follow.  
I will give you counsel, with my eye upon you;  
    you will not be like a horse or a mule, needing to be under bridle and halter.

### Song of Confession

*I Love You Lord*  
~ Sing twice and hum third time ~

### Assurance of Forgiveness

Many sufferings come to the unfaithful and the faithful,  
but to trust in the Lord is to experience the embrace of God’s loving kindness.  
So, rejoice in the Lord and exult, you who have been declared without guilt;  
    shout with joy all you whose lives are made right.  
Hear then Christ’s word of grace: “Your sins are forgiven.”  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### Hymn of Praise

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

## The Word

### Prayer of Illumination

**Psalm of the Day** Psalm 32 (The Message)  
Count yourself lucky, how happy you must be ~ you get a fresh start, your slate’s wiped clean.  
Count yourself lucky ~ God holds nothing against you and you’re holding nothing back from him.  
When I kept it all inside, my bones turned to powder, my words became daylong groans.  
The pressure never let up; all the juices of my life dried up.  
Then I let it all out; I said, “I’ll come clean about my failures to God.”  
Suddenly the pressure was gone ~ my guilt dissolved, my sin disappeared.