



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### FIRST NEWS

## A Message From Pastor John



Just a few lines, my friend...

I looked at a topological map of Jerusalem as I prepared for the Palm Sunday message. Everything was so close. In about half of the distance around Lake Hollingsworth, Jesus travelled down from the village of Bethany, up the east side of the Mount of Olives to the village of Bethphage, further up to the crest and then down the west side of the Mount of Olives, across the Kidron Valley, and to the gates of Jerusalem. That was the Triumphal Entry route. A mile and a half. That short trip set into motion the most significant and impactful week in

human history, a week we rightfully call Holy Week.

Holy Week begins on Sunday. See the activities at church below. I encourage you to read the stories of Holy Week in your Bible. Be present in worship all week. Pray Thursday night and through the day on Good Friday at the Prayer Vigil. Prepare yourself and, if possible, your family and friends inwardly for the greatest story ever told. This is the story of the final events of the earthly work of Jesus. Join us all week. Bring your family and friends. Have a deep and meaningful Holy Week.

Warmly,  
Pastor John

# A Message From Pastor Zac

God is doing incredible things in our Children's Ministry at FPC! Click on the picture below to hear more and see how you might share in the joy of reaching kids in Jesus' name.



## Upcoming Events



### **Palm Sunday - March 24**

Regular Services (8:15 am, 10:30 am)

### **Maundy Thursday - March 28**

7 pm | Loudon Hall

### **Good Friday - March 29**

7 pm | Sanctuary

### **Easter Sunday - March 31**

6:30 am - Sunrise Service

8:15 am - Classic Service

10:30 am - Classic Service

10:30 am - Modern Vine Service

### **Flowering of the Cross**

Bring cut flowers to church Easter morning and place them on the flower cross. The barren cross, a reminder of Jesus's death, will be transformed into an Easter symbol. You can take some photos with your family, too!

### **Special Offering - One Great Hour of Sharing**

One Great Hour of Sharing, a PCUSA Special Offering, is used to serve individuals and communities in need, providing safety, sustenance, and hope. This offering will be received on Easter Sunday. You may also give [online](#).

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## **24-Hour Prayer Vigil March 28-29**

Come pray at the church during Holy Week. This prayer vigil begins at the end of the Maundy Thursday service and





continues until the start of the Good Friday service. We are wanting to fill every hour with someone committed to be in-person and praying. The Chapel is the main location and we will have prayer stations to aid in prayer. During the day, the Kincart Prayer Garden is also available.

**SIGN UP FOR PRAYER VIGIL**



**Saturday, March 30  
9:30 am  
FPC Front Lawn  
Toddlers - 5th Graders**

Join us for an egg hunt, donut bar, bounce house, a Resurrection drama, giveaways, and more!

This event is free and open to the community!

Children's Ministry needs cakes for the "cake walk" at the Easter egg hunt. This helps raise money for our First Kids 45 program. Donate cakes to Anna Butler on March 28 or 29.



**Men's BBQ Gathering  
Saturday, March 23  
4:30 pm  
Danny Rodriguez's Lot  
6616 Hayter Drive  
Lakeland 33813**

\$15 per person covers dinner, drinks, and fellowship  
RSVP by March 19. Call or text Danny at (863) 464-0555.

**Spring Burger Bash Fundraiser  
Sunday, March 24  
Following the 10:30 am services  
until 1:00 pm  
South Entrance**

On your way out of church, stop by and grab a



burger to-go. Take home your lunch and help our students attend summer camp.

RESERVE YOUR BURGER HERE!



**Friday, April 19, 2024  
5 – 8 pm | Youth Hall**

Enjoy a wonderful meal, music, and fellowship. Cost is \$15/person. For tickets or more information, contact [Sandie](#) or call 863-686-7187 ext. 242. RSVP by Sunday, April 14.

Hosted by the Older (50+) Adult Ministry



**Save The Date  
Vacation Bible School  
June 17-21**

We are so excited for our 2024 Scuba VBS! Please contact [Anna Butler](#) if you would like to volunteer.

REGISTER NOW!

## Groups & Classes

### Sunday Groups & Classes

8:00 am | Childcare (Infants - 4 Year Olds) | Check in at Nursery

9:00 am | Praise Class | Room D

9:15 am | Confirmation Class | Conference Room

9:15 am | Childcare (K - 5th Grade) | Devotion, Video, Snacks | Check in at Nursery

9:15 am | Agape Class | Room A

9:15 am | Grace Class | Parlor  
9:15 am | Person of Jesus Class | Youth Hall  
9:15 am | Endeavor Class | Room C  
10:30 am | First Kids (K-3rd grade) | Welcome Center Check In  
10:30 am | Mini Miracles  
6:00 pm | Reignite Young Adults Group | Lounge

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## Tuesday Groups

7:30 am | Women's Bible Study | Conference Room  
9:15 am | Women's Person of Jesus Class | Upstairs Youth Hall

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## Wednesday Groups

4:00 pm | Get You Home Before Dark | Conference Room  
6:00 pm | Kids Club | Room A  
6:00 pm | Surrender Youth Group | Youth Halls  
6:00 pm | Shine on Group Bible Study | Rooms B & C  
6:00 pm | Men's Group Bible Study | Room D  
6:00 pm | Care Share Grow Class | Parlor  
6:00 pm | Parents' Group | Library  
6:30 pm | Prayer Group | Chapel  
7:00 pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room

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CelebrateRecovery®

## Celebrate Recovery | Every Thursday Dinner at 5:00 pm | Room A Worship & Groups Follow

The CR program incorporates fellowship, worship, sharing, accountability, and step-study groups to allow yourself to be healed by God's transforming power.

[Visit our Website for More Information](#)



## Person of Jesus Friday Noon Group Today in the Library

To prepare us for Easter, we will be doing a series of lessons that focus on the last week of Jesus' life on earth as He travels towards His masterpiece of love, the cross! Feel free to invite a friend!



# Join Us For Worship



## In-person Worship

8:15 am & 10:30 am services

[INFORMATION](#)

[10:30 AM CLASSIC WORSHIP GUIDE](#)

[8:15 AM CLASSIC WORSHIP GUIDE](#)

## Online Worship

(YouTube, Facebook, website)

8:15 am classic | 10:30 am modern vine

[LIVESTREAM LINK](#)

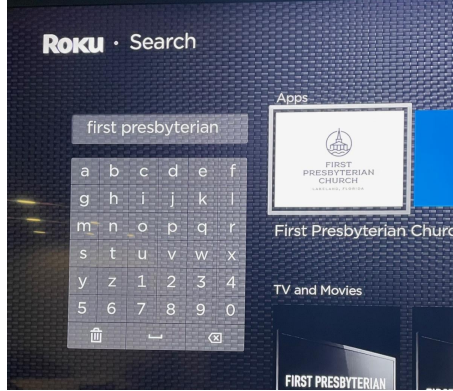


**YouTube**

Choose to “like and subscribe” the FPC YouTube channel. Help others discover the uplifting and Christ centered messages at FPC’s YouTube channel. Adding FPCLakeland subscribers will cause YouTube to increase the visibility of FPC to others searching for the experience and content that you enjoy. Thank you for your help.

[FPC YouTube Channel](#)

The new FPC - First Presbyterian Church



Roku app is up and running.

Included is a screen shot of the Roku Search page, showing a sample search to discover the First Presbyterian Church app.

*Note: The old app is still present but does not work and has the old FPC logo. The new app has the new logo as illustrated. The old search term for finding our app was "FPC". Do not use this search term or it will*

*discover the old app. The new app is discovered by searching "First Presbyterian Church".*



Our King has come!  
Hungry and poor  
But our King has come!  
Widowed and orphaned  
But our King has come!  
Lost to sin and brokenness  
But our King has come!  
Held captive by our pride and possessions  
But our King has come!

Hands restless, hearts anxious,  
We wait, eyes searching,  
To see the moment you claim victory.  
Flashes of light, power, and grandeur  
Authority, prosperity, and dominion surely will be ours.  
Be still, you say,

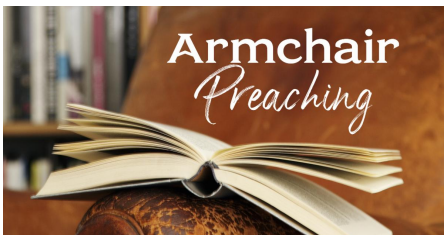
So we wait for the moment.  
Ignorant of the pain and violence,  
Unknowing of the fear and suffering,  
The price for the prize.

Mocked and hated,  
Our King has come.  
Beaten and Bruised,  
But our King has come.  
We stand amazed at your humility  
And love one another  
Because our King has come!

*Dr. Jennifer Voigt  
Modern Worship Arts Director*

MODERN WORSHIP PLAYLIST

**Armchair Preaching Podcast**



Listen to this week's podcast. Links to Spotify, Apple Podcasts, SoundCloud, and Sticher can be found on the website.

## PODCAST LINKS

## Giving

Give [online](#), in person, by check, or by texting "giveFPC" to 50155.

## FPC Bible Reading Plan

Visit the [website](#) to learn ways to access the daily Bible reading plan.

## Community Bible Reading for 2024

## OPEN POSITIONS



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