

# Announcements

## Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Service - April 13 at 10:30 a.m.

Men's Holy Week Breakfasts - April 14-16 at 7:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Easter Egg Hunt (Children-5th grade) - Wednesday, April 16 at 5:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Communion Service in the Chapel at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary at 7:30 p.m.

Easter Service in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m.



We will be receiving the *One Great Hour of Sharing* Special Offering on Easter Sunday April 20, 2025.



Presbyterian Children's  
Homes and Services<sup>SM</sup>

Join us in support of PCHAS  
for East Texas Giving Day.



For the most up to date calendar, please visit:

<https://www.firstpreskilgore.org/calendar>







Members and Friends of  
First Presbyterian Church, Kilgore.

This Easter season, Presbyterian Women will be offering our members and friends of FPC Kilgore an opportunity to purchase a ten inch pot of Easter Lilies. Our hope is that our Church Sanctuary will be abloom with lilies for Easter Sunday. You will be able to purchase lilies In Memory of someone, In Honor of someone, or you may purchase lilies anonymously.

Proceeds will be allocated to support the current and future ministries of our Men of the Church and Presbyterian Women.

Please place your completed order form with payments in the offering plate during worship, drop it off in the church office, or mail to FPC-Kilgore, **PO Box 1216**, Kilgore, TX 75663.

FPC Presbyterian Women and Men of the Church thank you for your participation.

First Presbyterian Church Easter Lily Form  
10 inch Easter Lily plants are \$ 40.00 each



\_\_\_\_\_ x 10" pots @ \$40.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form with your payment to the offering plate or the church office by **April 13**.

Make checks payable to **Presbyterian Women**

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Anonymous \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Anyone who purchases an Easter Lily will understand that they will be used for the purpose of decorating our church. Easter Lilies may be picked up in the Sanctuary after the service on **April 20, 2025**.

Congratulations to the Reverend Roberta Dodds Ingersoll, former Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian, Kilgore. Roberta received one of the two Association of Partners in Christian Education’s (APCE) Lifetime Achievement Awards on January 31 at their Annual Awards Dinner in Memphis. Roberta served here as Associate Pastor from 2001 to 2008. She also served as Interim Director of Christian Education on two different occasions at the church.

Roberta co-directed APCE’s Annual Event in 2017 in Chicago. Following that, she served for six years on APCE’s Annual Events Committee, including two years as moderator and two as secretary. She currently serves on APCE’s Sustain Mission Team.



The Noon Circle will meet **Tuesday, April 8, at 12:00 p.m.** in the parlor for lunch.

The Night Circle will meet in the Parlor at **7:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 9** following Midweek Manna.



# Notes from Session

The Session held the Stated Meeting Wednesday March 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the church parlor. John Dickerson read scripture and gave a devotional.

## **Clerk's report:**

Communion was served March 2 in the sanctuary during worship. Thank you notes were read from Helping Hands of Kilgore for the monthly benevolence and "Souper Bowl" of caring Sunday.

## **Pastor's report:**

Jerry Carpenter reported that he continues providing pastoral care. He brought attention to the report provided to Session members of the Grace Presbytery meeting held at FPC, Longview on March 1, 2025.

## **Administration:**

The committee reviewed the Scholarship Accounts held at Texas Presbyterian Foundation. They will meet again in April to discuss any possible applications. They discussed the timeline of future meetings for the year.

## **C.E.-Missions:**

Grace Notes choir will sing in worship on Palm Sunday, April 13.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be Wednesday, April 16 at 5:00 p.m..

The committee will host a Strike Party for youth and family members following the Tenebrae Service.

Kidquake is April 25 -27.

VBS will be in the mornings at our church June 16 - 20.

Mo-Ranch and Camp Gilmont opportunities have been given to parents of children and youth.

The Monthly Mission for April will be PCHAS for East Texas Giving Day.

The committee will offer a small group devotional series this summer using "The Chosen" which is a video series based on the Gospels.

The Session approved moving the next Stated Meeting to April 30.

The Consent Agenda was approved, which consisted of the minutes, and the financial report for February.

Session members shared joys and concerns, and prayed together for those on the prayer list, and members of our congregation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Sarah Camp  
Clerk

# A Note from our Pastor

"What a wondrous time is spring, when all the trees are budding. The birds begin tossing, the flowers start their blooming." So begins the song called "Pass It On" that many of us may have learned to sing at camp or a retreat and even in some churches. It does say it well. Spring is a wondrous time and spring has become alive in our yards and neighborhoods with trees putting out flowers and leaves. Birds are singing and feasting on new plant growth and the insects that are coming back to life. The perfume of honeysuckle and wisteria surrounds us if we just take the time to use our senses and breathe in the fragrance of the season.

Doris and I are trying to create a bird friendly backyard so we have bird feeders and birdbaths and are planting flowers that are supposed to attract birds and butterflies to our yard. We love to sit outside with a cup of coffee and watch the birds going here and there to enjoy what we have provided for them. Our favorites to observe are bluebirds and cardinals but we also have an abundance of robins who seem to want to be in charge and other birds scoot when they see them.

Spring reminds us that the earth is coming alive after its long winter sleep. Those long dark nights and cold days seem far away now, even though they were just a month or so behind us. Spring reminds us of resurrection, of course. What has been dead now is alive once more. Perhaps the flowers we may see have grown from a bulb that has been sitting dormant for months and now something beautiful emerges from it to bring us joy. The trees whose leaves we have raked and repurposed perhaps now have new growth on them to provide us shade in those hot months that we know will come soon enough.

Even as the earth comes alive and awakens from its winter nap, our minds are being renewed by our Lenten discipline that we began last month and we see the dawn of the resurrection in the future. Soon Holy Week will begin (with Palm Sunday on April 13) and it will be filled with activities and services to prepare our hearts for the Easter Event to follow. Holy Week Breakfast will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week at 7 am each morning. The men of the church will prepare a scrumptious breakfast and it will be followed by singing and a short devotional by a local pastor. Maundy Thursday service will be held in the church at 7 pm on April 17. It is a solemn service that allows us to imagine what Jesus and the Disciples must have felt on the night in the Upper Room so long ago before Jesus went to the cross. The annual Tenebrae service will be in the sanctuary on Good Friday, April 18. The passion of the cross will be presented by our youth in song and words to leave us reflecting upon its meaning for our lives as we leave in silence.

You are invited to be a part of any or all of these special events in April that help us prepare for the joy of the resurrection on Easter Sunday at 10:30 in our sanctuary. Our Easter Service will be filled with special music and an Easter message to challenge us all to a deeper love for our savior whose victory over death brings us hope for the future.

As the song says, "That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it, you want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on." Pass on the good news to all in your world and share the love of Christ in all you do.

Jerry



Thoughts and Prayers

Regina Baker

Becky Barker

Raymond Bazinet

Velma Beaglehole

Mac Blackstone

Gary Boyd

Randy Brogoitti

Jody Brown

Joe Brown

Allen Camp

Calan Castles

K Castles

Tara Castles

Elizabeth Collins

Linda Curkan

Susie Pelham Davis

Marcia Dean

Jack Florence

John Michael Florey

John Fout

Elise Smith Grusendorf

Laura Guzman

Ashley Haden

Chester Hardy

Kenzie Hyatt

Kathy Johnson

Zoe Kelt

Rita Knox

Shirley G Latham

Michelle Lemming

John Lewis

Dianne Lyle

Donna Marshall

Mike McCollum

Ward McCollum

David McElroy

Carla McKnight

Abbi Melton

Matt Mitchell

Rick Murphy

Dayne Neal

Larry Perkins

Amanda Presley

Margaret Roberts

Jon Rowe

Ken Rucker

Vivian Sharp

Katie Wylie Stovall

Carol Camp Terwilliger

David Theriot

Henry Thompson

Jimmy Thrower

George Weinberg

Joe Weinberg

Stewart White

Julie Whitt

Larry Willis

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our Country

Jacob Conner

Robert Gray

Stone Smith

LAST MONTH'S PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS









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Stewardship Report

Monthly Glance: February

Anticipated Tithes & Offerings	\$34,083
Actual Tithes and Offerings	\$21,391
Actual Expenses	\$53,908
Overage (deficit)	(\$32,517)

Yearly Glance: 2025

Anticipated Tithes & Offerings	\$409,000
Actual Tithes and Offerings	\$104,463
Actual Expenses	\$108,761
Overage (deficit)	(\$4,298)

Thank you for your tithes and offerings! Without your faithful giving, ministry and missions would not be possible.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April

1 Janie Terrell

9 Carson Covnet

10 Cheyenne Kirkpatrick

11 Sally Beane

12 Julie Gage

14 Shelby Savony

Christi Whisenhunt

15 Colin Johnson

17 Maryanne Harris

18 Jack Tyra

25 Landry Jackson

26 Dana Hudelson

29 Elaine Hall