

Celtic Cross

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Dear FPC Denton Church Family,

There are those books in the Bible that we tend to “breeze past”---the ones with the rules, the measurements of the temple and the temple adornments, the endless list of genealogies, kings and battles. Exodus 25:8 says: “Have the people of Israel build me a holy sanctuary so I can live among them.” God gave Moses extensive details for His dwelling place—and we might “gloss over” those details. But think of this: God didn’t give those details because He is unreasonably demanding but because these details had a much larger purpose. They reflected heavenly realities. The Tabernacle and all its articles of worship were “only a copy, a shadow” of the real place of worship in heaven. It was a visible expression of the invisible throne room. God gave Moses a picture to help translate one realm of reality into another. And the copy, the shadow, had to be accurate.

That tells us a lot about the nature and purposes of God. He wants to dwell with us; He desires closeness. He also wants us to know the environment of heaven. He shared with us a picture of where He has lived for all eternity. He has shared a glimpse of the home He desires to share with us for eternity.

Other places in Scripture give us views into those heavenly realities—the visions of Isaiah, Daniel and Ezekiel, as well as the heavenly scenes of Revelation 4 (and following). These are invitations to imagine what God’s environment is like. Doesn’t that make you want to read them, step into these pictures, and try to hear the sounds, smell the smells, see the sights, and more?! That pleases God.

Blessings!
Debbie

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Wear red for
Pentecost Sunday
May 28th





Love Notes from Pastor Debbie

Usual typical weather—56 today/last week in the 80s, rainy today/dry last week. Those iris bulbs that I was so happy to receive from the church that were by the church sign on 380 have bloomed in various shades of white and yellow and have been so pretty! Thank you, FPC, and thank you, Lord! Such beauty God has created for us and He sustains it all! I pray you all enjoyed your Easter! Now we look forward to Mother's Day, Jesus' Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday the first Sunday in June. I will be away from the pulpit on May 7th—I can't believe it's time for my 50th High School Reunion at Slidell High School in Slidell, Louisiana! Where did the time go? Another milestone! And yes, when I drove by Slidell, Texas I did a double take—two Slidell's? Really? Is there a connection? Wikipedia says yes---John Slidell was instrumental in founding both! Who knew?!

Here are the readings for May:

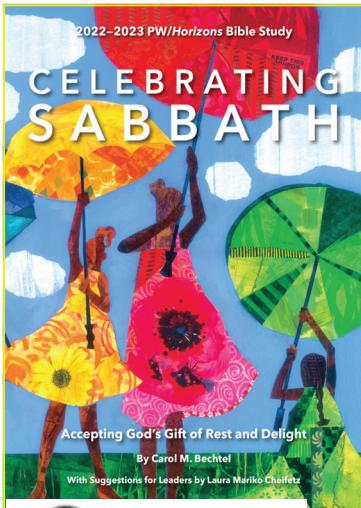
May 7: 5th Sunday of Easter. Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16; John 14: 1-14; Acts 7: 55-60; 1 Peter 2: 2-10. PASTOR OUT OF PULPIT. OFF TO HIGH SCHOOL REUNION.

May 14: 6th Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day. Psalm 66: 8-20; John 14: 15-21; Acts 17: 22-31; 1 Peter 3: 13-22. Sermon Title: "In Celebration of Mothers" Various Sermon Texts.

May 21: 7th Sunday of Easter/Ascension of the Lord. Ascension readings (May 18): Psalm 47; Luke 24: 44-53; Acts 1: 1-11; Ephesians 1: 15-23. 7th Sunday readings: Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35; John 17: 1-11; Acts 1: 6-14; 1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5:6-11. Sermon Title: "Why is Jesus' Ascension Important?" Texts: Luke 24 and Acts 1

May 28: Pentecost Sunday (wear red!). Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b; John 7: 37-39; Acts 2: 1-21; 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13. Sermon Title: "Why is the Coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost Important?" Sermon Text: Acts 2



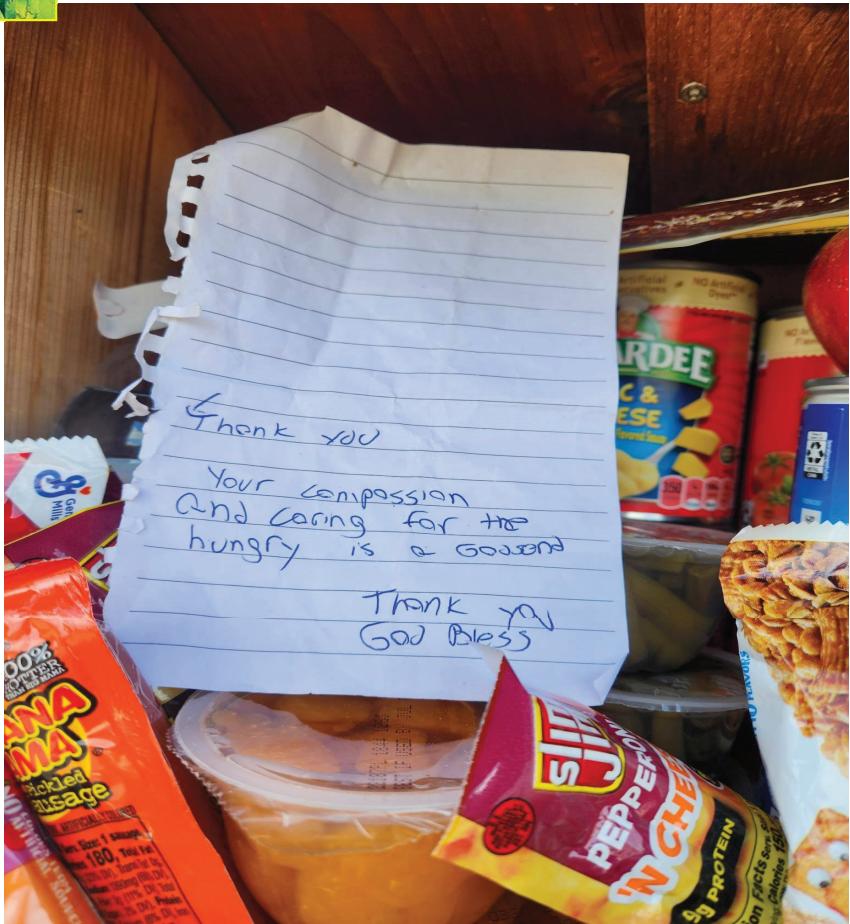


Women of the Church

On Tuesday, May 2 2023
Celebrating the Sabbath: Sabbath and Community, at 10:30 AM in the Conference Room at the church.
Lesson: Nine
Sabbath and Community
Acts 2:42-47

Leader:
Carol Nance and Beverly Hoch

Thank you



Again the **Mission Committee** requests your help in assisting those who are served by Our Daily Bread. Twice a year FPC collects items needed. We will be collecting items needed for warm weather months. Please bring some of these items to the collection box in the narthex of the church:

- Deodorant (for men and women)
- Toothbrushes/paste
- Feminine hygiene products
- Disposable razors
- Allergy medicine (Benadryl)
- Travel wipes
- Bug spray/bug bands
- Lip balm
- Sunscreen
- Bottled water
- Nuts/trail mix
- Fruit cups
- Vienna sausages
- Socks for men or women
- Ball caps



Our mission to feed the hungry in our community continues. The Little Free Food Pantry is used by the hungry to obtain food products. Many people beyond the congregation of FPC contribute to the pantry. Some have asked if these gifts if food are appreciated. Those of us who attend the pantry regularly have often received verbal thanks from recipients in obvious need. They are grateful for the help and the concern of our congregation. Often, recipients have referred to the pantry as a blessing. Another local food pantry recently received a written thank you stating what many of us have heard in person. (Be sure to read the photo of the letter on the previous page.) Does the pantry solve the problem of hunger in our community? Absolutely not - but it does help to meet the needs of those who receive the food. As we provide for "the least of these" we are following the words of scripture to love our neighbors. All donations to the Little Free Pantry are greatly appreciated. Non-perishable foods and diapers are always needed. The mission committee continues to look into new ways to expand our help to the hungry in our community.

Thank you! Judy Royal

May 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Grief Share Meeting 1PM	2 Bible Study and Prayer 10:00 AM	3 Bible Study and Prayer 10:00 AM	4	5 Birthday: Loretta Norton	6
7 Disciples Class 9:30 AM Worship 11 AM Birthday: Pat Reed 4:00 Sing Along 	8 Grief Share Meeting 1PM Violet Society— Sybil Hopper room at 7:00 PM	9 Grief Share Meeting 1PM Violet Society— Sybil Hopper room at 7:00 PM	10 Birthday: Cathy Taylor Bible Study and Prayer 10:00 AM	11 Anniversary: Jim and Glen-na Kirkpatrick	12 Quilters @10 AM in Sybil Hopper Room	13
14 Disciples Class 9:30 AM Worship 11 AM Denton Bach Mother's Day Concert @ 4:00 	15 Birthday: Debbie Spangler	16 Anniversary: Chris and Keely Briggs Grief Share Meeting 1PM Session 7PM	17 Bible Study and Prayer 10:00 AM	18 Ascension of the Lord Birthday: Parker Briggs	19	20
21 Disciples Class 9:30 AM Worship 11 AM	22	23 Grief Share Meeting 1PM	24 Bible Study and Prayer 10:00 AM	25	26	27
28 Disciples Class 9:30 AM Deacons 10:30 AM Worship 11 AM Celtic Cross Deadline Pentecost 	29	30 Grief Share Meeting 1PM	31 Bible Study and Prayer 10:00 AM			

Celebration Singalong May 7 at 4:00

The **Celebration Singalong** in memory of my mother, Nadine, **Sunday May 7 at 4PM** is shaping up!...please come join us for an hour or so of hymns and songs, anthems, solos, surprises and lots of memories. My aim is to provide hope and comfort, peace and joy to ALL who are remembering their loved ones, especially near Mother's Day. ~Beverly



Sunday May 14th

Denton Bach Society
Music of Stephen Foster
Mother's Day Concert
4:00—5:30 PM



Grief Share Meetings

Grief Share meetings will begin again! We will meet every Tuesday afternoon from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the Conference Room beginning April 18, 2023 and running 14 consecutive weeks. Carol Nance, Charlie Bratton and Pastor Debbie will be hosting the meetings. Whether you've lost a loved one years

ago or just recently, this program is a great way to work through any and all feelings related to grief. It is Bible-based, friendly and open. The program uses a three step method—a video, a workbook, and discussion. Please consider joining us---and invite friends! Contact Carol Nance at 940-312-2854 or cstance2001@earthlink.net.

Fellowship Report

10:30 Coffee Hour gatherers!

To provide a little consistency,

There will now be donuts and piggies *provided* on 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays.

You are always welcome to bring your homemade treats on Sunday mornings, especially on 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Irene's yummy creations will appear, as usual, on 4th Sundays

Thanks! come for a chat

~fellowship committee



Session Committee Meeting
May 16 at 7:00 PM

Deacons Committee Meeting
May 28 at 10:30 AM

In the Kitchen

In 2002, Presbyterian Women at First Presbyterian Church published the revised edition of "In the Kitchen," their favorite recipes. The first edition was published in 1993. The ladies of the church, and some men, provided their favorite recipes.

I hope you enjoy looking back at these glimpses of times past.

Jim Welborn

Baked Onions (page 96)

12 medium size fresh onions
1 3/4 oz. bag potato chips
1/2 lb. Cheddar cheese, grated
2 cans cream of mushroom soup
1/2 c. milk
1/8 tsp. cayenne pepper



In a 9X13 inch buttered casserole, place alternate layers of thinly sliced onions, crushed potato chips, and grated cheese. Mix soup and milk and pour over the onion mixture and it will cook thoroughly. Sprinkle cayenne pepper over top and bake 1 hour at 350°. This is good with any meat but especially with good barbecue.

Grace Hall

Households for Prayer

Let us continue to uphold our households in prayer with these members for

May 2023

Beverly Westlake
Ted Wilkinson
Maiya Williams
Tristino Ali
Jacob and Michelle Augsten
Helen Beck
Charles Bratton
Chris, Keely, William and Parker Briggs

The next *Celtic Cross* deadline is May 28th. Send your news and articles to newsletter@fpcdenton.org. Please call if you have questions or need to make sure an article gets published

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Prayer Concerns

Health Concerns: Helen B, Cheryl B, Gerald B, Lynda E, Gene F, Bonnie F, Pat H, Jim K, Louise K, Pat M, Don R, Pat R, Irene R, Diana S, Michael S. Price and Margaret B, Brenda C, Sam C, Mike C, Sherman C, Connie D, Kevin F, Bob I, Kathy K, Sandy L, Jackie S, Tammy S, Ann S, Robin and Alana, Lydia W, Craig White, Annemarie V.

Safety DCP Children, military personnel and first responders

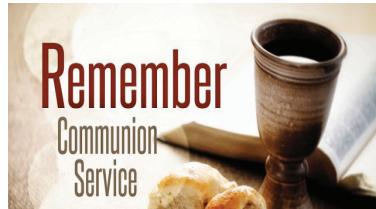
May Birthdays

- 5 Loretta Norton
- 7 Pat Reed
- 10 Cathy Taylor
- 15 Debbie Spangler
- 18 Parker Briggs



Anniversaries

- 11 Jim and Glenna Kirkpatrick
- 16 Chris and Keely Briggs



May 7th

Remembering on Memorial Day
Thank You, Veterans!



Bible Readings

May 2023

- 1 Luke 6:1–11
- 2 Luke 6:12–26
- 3 Luke 6:27–38
- 4 Luke 6:39–49
- 5 Luke 7:1–17
- 6 Luke 7:18–28
- 7 Matt. 7:7–14
- 8 Luke 7:36–50
- 9 Luke 8:1–15
- 10 Luke 8:16–25
- 11 Luke 8:26–39
- 12 Luke 8:40–56
- 13 Luke 9:1–17
- 14 Matt. 13:24–34a
- 15 Luke 9:18–27
- 16 Luke 11:1–13
- 17 Luke 12:22–31
- 18 Matt. 28:16–20
- 19 Luke 9:28–36
- 20 Luke 9:37–50
- 21 Matt. 10:24–33
- 22 Luke 9:51–62
- 23 Luke 10:1–17
- 24 Luke 10:17–24
- 25 Luke 10:25–37
- 26 Luke 10:38–42
- 27 Luke 11:14–23
- 28 John 14:21–29
- 29 Luke 14:25–35
- 30 Luke 15:1–10
- 31 Luke 15:1–2

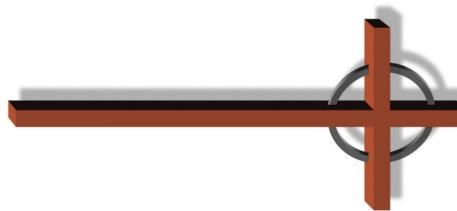
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Lectionary

Aerobics

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Erwin Hall - 8:30 am

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