

Celtic Cross

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Guidance. We all need it at times---probably more than we care to admit. Sometimes we welcome it. Sometimes we wish it would leave us alone. I have had someone say this: Guidance = God + I dance. Well, since you know I do dance (ballroom dance), you can guess that caught my attention. God desires a personal relationship with each one of us. And you could think of it as a dance. In a dance, the one, usually the male, is the lead and the other, usually the female, is the follower. But they both must work together, not against each other, in order to dance beautifully and effectively. When they struggle against each other, the dance will not look good and could end up with one or both partners on the floor. When a proper partnership is maintained, the dance has rhythm and beauty and grace. God desires to lead us and guide us. Often we resist Him---we don't know where He is leading us, we think we know better, we fear the outcome. Like a shepherd, God guides us to those still waters and green pastures, He refreshes our souls, and He guides us along His right paths. When we let Him lead and we follow Him (and it will take giving up our agendas and giving in to His will for us) that our dance together (His and yours) becomes a dance of great beauty, flowing gracefully into the tapestry He weaves for us and for our future---the tapestry of salvation and eternity with Him. So, as the song was titled: "I Hope You Dance", I do hope you DANCE! You and God together!

Hope is the ability to hear the music of the future; FAITH is the courage to dance to it today.

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Easter Sunday



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

Minute for Mission

www.presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs

Love Notes from Pastor Debbie

Thank you, Lord! Spring is here! The weather is gorgeous and the flowers are blooming! Things with COVID seem to be abating—at least enough to allow for us to gather together for Easter service! We will begin at 11:00 with the Call to Worship on the porch. We will also be “saying goodbye” to the mortgage (paid off last November). We will continue to wear masks for each other’s safety. I cannot wait to see you all! Here are the readings for April:



April 1: Maundy Thursday/Communion, Readings: Exodus 12: 1-14; Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19; **John 13: 1-17, 31b-35; 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26**. Sermon Title: “Service, Love, Body and Blood”.

April 2: Good Friday, Readings: Psalm 22; Isaiah 52: 13-53: 12; John 18: 1-19: 42; **Hebrews 10: 16-25**. Sermon Title: “The Curtain Opened”.

April 4: Easter/Resurrection Sunday/Communion, Readings: Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24; John 20: 1-18; **Acts 10: 34-43**; 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11. Sermon Title: “Jesus Christ, Lord of All”.

April 11: Readings: Psalm 133, John 20: 19-31, **Acts 4: 32-35**, 1 John 1: 1-2:2. Theme: Mission, Sermon Title: “Great Grace”.

April 18: Readings: Psalm 4, Luke 24: 36b-48, Acts 3: 12-19, **1 John 3: 1-7**. Theme: Love of God/Children of God. Sermon Title: “See What Love the Father Has Given Us”.

April 25: Readings: Psalm 23, **John 10: 11-18**, Acts 4: 5-12, 1 John 3: 16-24. Theme: Shepherd Sunday. Sermon Title: “Listen to My Voice”.

Holy Week

Service for Maundy Thursday—April 1 at 7:00 PM

Service for Good Friday—April 2 at noon

Resuming in person Worship— April 4 at 11 AM Easter Service
Burning of the Mortgage fulfilled in November 2020

April 4, **EASTER**: We will be resuming, with joy (and precautions intact), our in-person worship! We plan to gather on the porch for the Call to Worship shortly before 11 AM and enter the sanctuary together with thanksgiving and praise! Catherine Trausch, our new organist, is especially looking forward to gracing the service with her music at long last! Mike Steinel will play his trumpet! The Lord's Supper will be observed!

It is a new chapter in many ways for our congregation: Thanks to the faithfulness of God and the servant-hearts of the members, the debt on our Capital Campaign for expansion and renovation that began 20 years ago was retired last November! so we will also celebrate the symbolic "burning of the mortgage"!

Lilies will be available to take home for a donation of \$10. You don't want to miss it.

Praise God from Whom ALL Blessings flow!



Class of 2020
Larry Harberson (T)

T= Trustee

Session
Class of 2021
Terry Nobles (T)
Valorie Frederico

Diaconate 2021
Pam Asher (Moderator)

Class of 2022
Beverly Hoch
Carol Nance (T)

Diaconate 2022
Carolyn Smith
Marlene Nobles

Women's Bible Study

2020-2021 Horizons Bible Study

Into the Light Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament

<https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/IntoTheLight-flier.pdf>



Beverly Hoch and Carol Nance have found a way for us to study "together." The 1st Sunday of each month you will receive either in the mail or at Church a work sheet on the lesson for that month. Then later in the month you will get a call about or asked about sharing your thoughts on the lesson. With Gods' Blessings

we can continue the study "Into the Light" - go to WWW.fpcdenton.org click on Women's Bible Study.

Remember our Three-Step "plan" for sharing our study while we are not meeting together

Step 1-RECEIVE A monthly worksheet either in person or by mail.

Step 2-READ the lesson

Step 3-RESPOND Email/send your thoughts back to me during the last week of the month

March —Lesson Six —"Lament Over the City"

The Mission Committee has been working on ideas for **community involvement**. If you are interested in writing cards to student (a lost art to them) or to residents of nursing homes, a sign up sheet will be up Easter morning in the narthex. Cards will be provided for each such as birthday, hello, thinking of you and encouragement. See Diana Shenberger for questions.



April 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Service for Maundy Thurs:00 PMday	2 Service for Good Friday at noon	3
4 Worship 11 AM <i>Easter in person</i> <i>Worship</i> 	5	6	7	8	9 Birthday: Steven Smith	10 Birthday: Jim Welborn
11 Worship 11 AM	12	13 Session 7PM	14	15	16	17
18 Worship 11 AM	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Deacons 10:30 AM Worship 11 AM Celtic Cross Deadline	26	27 Birthday: Judy Royal	28	29	30	

The next Celtic Cross deadline is April 25. Send your news and articles to Newsletter@fpcdenton.org. Please call if you have questions or need to make sure an article gets published.

Thank You

I want to take a moment here to thank Jim Welborn who has been our faithful camera man all throughout this "season of separation" and well before that, filming and then posting Debbie's sermons and maintaining our website. Thank you, Jim! New cameras and sound/lighting systems will be installed in the sanctuary in the coming weeks making "live streaming" of our services available at last. Thank you to Terry Nobles (and consulting help of David Pierce and others) for researching the possibilities and facilitating these improvements!

Beverly

Awake, thou wintry earth
Fling off thy sadness!
Fair vernal flowers,
Laugh forth
Your ancient gladness!
Christ is risen.

— Thomas Blackburn



BULLETINS: The "hard copy" bulletins we have been mailing to our local congregation will be curtailed, but still emailed in advance.

If you still want to receive an advance bulletin by USPSmail, please email beverlyhoch@hotmail.com and we will make sure you have one each week. Thank you, Pat Edell for preparing those!

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

Bohemian Cake (page 213)

2 c. sugar
1/2 c. brown sugar
1 c. shortening
4 eggs
1 cup milk
2 1/2 c. flour
1 tsp. baking powder
Dash of salt
1 tsp. vanilla
1 c. coconut
1 c. pecans, chopped



Cream sugars and shortening. Beat in eggs and add mixed dry ingredients, mixing alternately with milk. Add vanilla, coconut, and pecans. Bake in tube pan 45 minutes at 350°.

Natalie Massengale

Households for Prayer

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

April 2021

Marlene and Terry Nobles

Loretta and Bob Norton

Pat and Hal Reed

Don Richards

Alexandria Rodriguez

Judy Royal

Diana and Ron Shenberger

Carolyn and Steven Smith



Session meeting—Tuesday, April 13th at 7 PM



Deacons meeting—Sunday, April 25th at 10:30 AM

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FPC Presbyterian Women: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PWDentonFPC/>

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Prayer Concerns Joys

Health Concerns: Pray for continued swift distribution of vaccines and for their safety and effectiveness. Praise for all who have recovered and especially for those still battling. Protection for all healthcare workers, especially Valorie F, Ashley H, Kim T and Becky J. New: Clarice Miller, broken hip. (for address please contact Cheryl Briggs) Continuing Prayers for Pam A, Helen B, Gerald B, Eunice C, Pat H, Pat M, Pat R, James N, Bob

N, Don R, Judy R, Beverly W; Buzz F, Kathy K, Karen B and Dorothy M, Julia R, Annemarie V, Sam C, Noble C, Sara L, Irene R and her sisters Delia, Susie, Alicia; Sandi, Michael B, Mary G, MaryAnn, Rose, Kay L, Mark R, Rosa R, Margie G, Aunt C, and Rev. Tim Keller. Larry Hughes, Lila Jones and James Nance remain in rehab.

Sympathy : Families of Carolyn Hornbuckle (sister of Jim Kirkpatrick), Ernesto Herrera (grandson-in-law of Nadine H) and Richard Hoch (stepson of Nadine H); Danny Wilkinson (son-in-law of Lynelle M); Jewel Dale Grant (sister of Terry N); Shayne Wilkinson (cousin of Carol N); Melissa (sister of Irene R)

Safety, Strength, Wisdom and Courage: every one of us the world-over as we navigate this extraordinarily unprecedented time. Those impacted by recent natural disasters and civil unrest; rescue teams, fire fighters, first responders, police officers and other peacemakers; those who seek a spiritual connection, may they find it.

April Birthdays *Anniversaries*

9 Steven Smith

10 Jim Welborn

27 Judy Royal



No Anniversaries



Easter Sunday
Communion April 4th



Bible Readings

April 2021

- 1 John 17:1–11 (12–26)
- 2 John 13:36–42
- 3 Rom. 8:1–11
- 4 Luke 24:13–35
- 5 John 14:1–14
- 6 John 14:15–31
- 7 John 15:1–11
- 8 John 15:12–27
- 9 John 16:1–15
- 10 John 16:16–33
- 11 John 14:1–7
- 12 John 17:1–11
- 13 John 17:12–19
- 14 John 17:20–26
- 15 Luke 3:1–14
- 16 Luke 3:15–22
- 17 Luke 4:1–13
- 18 John 21:15–25
- 19 Luke 4:14–30
- 20 Luke 4:31–37
- 21 Luke 4:38–44
- 22 Luke 5:1–11
- 23 Luke 5:12–26
- 24 Luke 5:27–39
- 25 Matt. 7:15–29
- 26 Luke 6:1–11
- 27 Luke 6:12–26
- 28 Luke 6:27–38
- 29 Luke 6:39–49
- 30 Luke 7:1–17

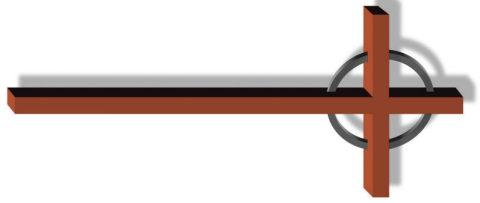
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Aerobics

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Erwin Hall - 8:30 am

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