



# Celtic Cross

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Dear FPC Denton Church Family,

If you include scientific words, there are over one million words in the English language. The average person knows about twenty thousand words and speaks about sixteen thousand words a day. Your words matter. However, what matters most is not the number of words you speak but the kind of words you choose and the purpose for which you use them. The apostle James tells us that although “the tongue is a small part of the body” it is extremely powerful (James 3: 5). Each day you have the great potential: either to destroy or to build.

I’ve been seeing a “trend” on Facebook lately that reminds me of James’ words—and they do apply to the written word—because Facebook is “dialogue”. If one person posts that they like what a politician does, others will “blast” their opposing views. Now, stating opposing views is acceptable. The language used should be polite and to the point, not derogatory or abusive. If a celebrity posts a political view you don’t like, you have the choice to scroll on past. When a well-known personality dies, it is not the time to publically bash the person or that person’s career. This kind of speech has been escalating of late.....and as James pointed out---the tongue (even written speech) is extremely powerful and has the potential to destroy or to build. There are times when I agree with one of my church family: “Facebook and any social media is the tool of the Devil.” Used in the wrong way, it surely can be!

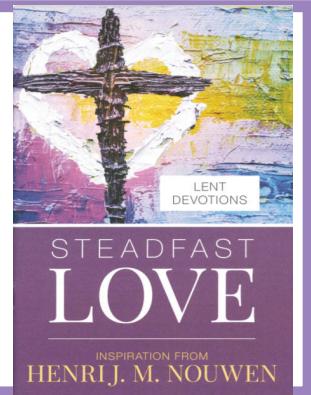
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Lent started with Ash Wednesday on February 17, 2021

Thank you Worship committee for mailing out the Ash Wednesday-Lituary and the Lent Devotions. Please let the office know if you did not get your copy.



## Love Notes from Pastor Debbie

Wow! By God's provision we have survived the SNOWPACALYPSE OF 2021! I called everyone that I could reach and it seems that everyone has fared okay. Ash Wednesday came and went with the best I could do with an online service. Thanks to Beverly and Mike, you all received the bulletin along with your Lenten devotionals and some ashes to do your own service. Palm Sunday is the last Sunday of March so you can guess that Easter will be here soon! Have a great month!



Here are the readings for March:

March 7: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent/Communion, Readings: Exodus 20: 1-17; Psalm 19; **John 2: 13-22**; 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25. Sermon Title: "Destroy and Build Up".

March 14: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, Readings: Number 21: 4-9; Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22; John 3: 14-21; **Ephesians 2: 1-10**. Sermon Title: "The Gift of God".

March 21: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, Readings: Psalm 51: 1-12; Jeremiah 31: 31-34; **John 12: 20-33**; Hebrews 5: 5-10. Sermon Title: "A Grain of Wheat". Nicene Creed.

March 28: Palm/Passion Sunday, Readings: Palm Readings: **Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29**; **Mark 11: 1-11**. Passion Readings: Psalm 31: 9-16; Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Mark 14: 1-15: 47; **Philippians 2: 5-11**. Palm Sermon Title: "The One Who Comes". Passion Sermon Title: "Humble and Obedient".



2 AM Sunday Morning  
for March 14th 2021

# Denton Christian Preschool

## 488 CANS!!

At least 25 cans per student.  
Thank You, Lord.  
You are Mm-Mm-Good!!!



20 boxes ready to deliver but wait .... 19 little ones what to do with #20?.....



God goes before us!  
there was one "extra" box. #20.

I stopped by the office to remind them of it and to use it however they saw fit. I did not notice a sweet little girl sitting quietly waiting for her ride home. Alicia said:  
Miss Beverly, this is Elana, she just started today so that is her box. ☺thank you God!!

Thank you!

# March 2021

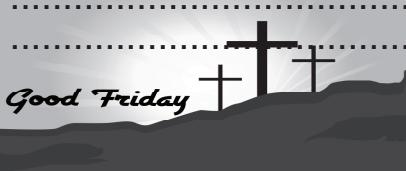
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5 Birthday: Larry Harberson	6
7 Worship 11 AM Lent 3  	8 Birthday: Jim Nance and Linn Welborn	9 Session 7PM	10	11	12	13
14   Worship 11 AM Lent 4	15 Birthday: Kimberly Tate	16	17 	18	19 Birthday: Hal Reed	20 Birthday: Bob Norton
21 Worship 11 AM Lent 5	22	23	24	25 Birthday: Keely Briggs	26 Birthday: William Briggs	27
28 Deacons 10:30 AM Worship 11 AM Palm Sunday Celtic Cross Deadline	29	3-	31	1 Maundy Thursday Worship 7 PM	2 Good Friday Worship 12 Noon	

## Holy Week



Palm Sunday— March 28th

Maundy Thursday  
Communion, April 1st



April 2nd

Good Friday Service noon

April 3rd (Saturday)  
Prayer Vigil 8 AM—5 PM  
Come to the sanctuary to pray and meditate on the day before Easter.

April 4th  
Easter Service 11:00



Class of 2020  
Larry Harberson (T)

Session  
Class of 2021  
Terry Nobles (T)  
Valorie Frederico

Class of 2022  
Beverly Hoch  
Carol Nance (T)

T= Trustee

Diaconate 2021  
Pam Asher (Moderator)

Diaconate 2022  
Carolyn Smith  
Marlene Nobles

# 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](http://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

## 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

### Peanut Butter Sticks (page 10)

1 large loaf bread (day old)  
1 c. oil  
12 oz. peanut butter  
Dry bread crumbs



Remove crusts. Cut each slice into 6 strips. Put strips in a 200° oven for 2 hours or until good and dry. Dry crusts and save time. Roll crusts into fine crumbs. Roll strips in oil and peanut butter which has been blended, then roll strips in bread crumbs.

Ethel Judkins

# Households for Prayer

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

March 2021

Felix, Esther and Victory Igbudu  
Lila Jones  
Jim and Glenna Kirkpatrick  
Louise Kraft  
Lynelle McConnell  
Insook Melton  
Pat Miller  
Jim and Carol Nance

The next Celtic Cross deadline is March 28.(Palm Sunday) Send your news and articles to [Newsletter@fpcdenton.org](mailto:Newsletter@fpcdenton.org). Please call if you have questions or need to make sure an article gets published.

Session meeting—Tuesday, March 9th at 7 PM



Deacons meeting—Sunday, March 28th (Palm Sunday)  
at 10:30 AM

## Friend us on Facebook

FPC: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/FPCDentonTX/>



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

Find us on the web: <http://www.fpcdenton.org>





## Prayer Concerns Joys

**Health Concerns:** Carolyn's brother in law, Buzz F, throat cancer treatments beginning. For swift distribution of vaccines and for their safety and effectiveness. Currently fighting the virus: Glenna K, Gene F, Richard, Nancy, Sarah H. Recovered: Catherine T. Protection for all healthcare workers, especially Valorie F, Ashley H, Kim T, Becky J, and Isabella F. Continuing Prayers for Pam A, Helen B, Gerald B, Greg C, Annabel C, Eunice C, Pat H, Lila J (in Denton Rehab), Pat M, James N (in Corinth Rehab, Bob N, Don R, Judy R, Beverly W; Karen K, Karen B and Dorothy M, Julia R, Annemarie V, Sam C, Noble C, Sara L, Irene's sisters Delia, Susie, Alicia, Sandi, Michael B, Mary G, MaryAnn, Rose, Kay L, Mark R, Rosa R, Maggie G, Aunt C, and Rev. Tim Keller. Larry Hughes remains in Rehab as well.

**Safety, Strength, Wisdom and Courage:** every one of us the world-over as we navigate this extraordinarily unprecedeted 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.

## March Birthdays

- 5 Larry Harberson
- 8 Jim Nance
- 8 Linn Welborn
- 15 Kimberly Tate
- 19 Hal Reed
- 20 Bob Norton
- 25 Keely Briggs
- 26 William Briggs



## Anniversaries

No Anniversaries

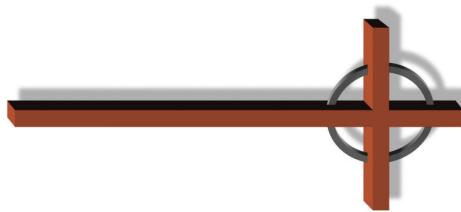


## Bible Readings

### March 2021

- 1 John 4:27–42
- 2 John 4:43–54
- 3 John 5:1–18
- 4 John 5:19–29
- 5 John 5:30–47
- 6 John 7:1–13
- 7 Mark 5:1–20
- 8 John 7:14–36
- 9 John 7:37–52
- 10 John 8:12–20
- 11 John 8:21–32
- 12 John 8:33–47
- 13 John 8:47–59
- 14 Mark 8:11–21
- 15 John 6:1–15
- 16 John 6:16–27
- 17 John 6:27–40
- 18 John 6:41–51
- 19 John 6:52–59
- 20 John 6:60–71
- 21 Mark 8:31–9:1
- 22 John 9:1–17
- 23 John 9:18–41
- 24 John 10:1–18
- 25 John 10:19–42
- 26 John 11:1–27
- 27 John 11: 28-44
- 28 Matt. 21:12–1
- 29 John 12:9–19
- 30 John 12:20–26
- 31 John 12:27–36

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