



FPC Herald

April 2026



Office Hours:

Tuesday: 9am - 2pm
Wednesday: 10am - 3pm
Thursday: 10am - 3pm
Friday: 9am - 2pm

5 Easter Sunday In-Person Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary or Watch Live Online, 10am

7 Mission Committee, 6pm
Worship and Music Committee, 7pm
Buildings and Properties, 7pm

12 Sunday In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary or Watch Live Online, 10am

14 Deacon Meeting, 6pm

19 In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary or Watch Live Online, 10am

21 Session Meeting, 7pm

26 In-Person Sunday Worship in the Fellowship Hall or Watch Live Online, 10am
Heritage Band Concert, 4pm

{Jesus} withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, 'Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.' An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him." Luke 22:41-43

This coming Sunday we celebrate Easter, proclaiming with joy, "Christ is risen; He is risen indeed!" Christ's once-for-all act of self-giving love continues to transform human life. Each Easter invites us into deeper faithfulness and a renewed relationship with our Creator and Savior. At the heart of this celebration is the freedom Christ offers to us all.

Scripture often uses the image of the "cup" to convey deep spiritual meaning. In Psalm 23, the cup symbolizes God's blessing and abundance: "My cup overflows." Here, the overflowing cup reflects the richness of God's provision for those who trust in Him.

At other times, the cup represents judgment. The prophet Jeremiah speaks of "the cup of the wine of wrath," illustrating the serious consequences of sin and rebellion and affirming the reality of divine justice (Jeremiah 25:15).

In the New Testament, the cup takes on its fullest meaning through Jesus Christ. At the Last Supper, Jesus offered the cup as a sign of the new covenant, poured out for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:27-28). Later, in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prayed that this cup might pass from Him—yet He chose obedience to the will of God, accepting the suffering that would lead to our salvation.

Today, we encounter the cup in Holy Communion. As the Apostle Paul reminds us, the cup we bless is a participation in the blood of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:16). When we gather at the Lord's Table, we both remember Christ's sacrifice and celebrate our unity with Him and with one another.

Through Jesus, the cup of judgment is removed, and the cup of blessing is extended to all. His obedience and sacrifice open the way to a life grounded in hope, purpose, and joy.

Throughout the Easter season, we will reflect more deeply on the cup of freedom made available to us through faith in Jesus Christ. I look forward to celebrating the risen Lord with you this Sunday and praying that God's blessings continue to guide and sustain you, now and always.

With gratitude,

Pastor Kathy Nealand



Heritage Concert Band Coming April 26

The final concert of our concert series will be the Heritage Concert Band featuring several members of our congregation. Please join us for this concert on Sunday April 26th at 4pm



SAVE THE DATE*Mark your calendar!!!**

BABY SHOWER for Beth Orin on Sunday, June 14th after Worship.

Beth and Colin will welcome their baby girl early in July. Plan on joining us for brunch and baby fun on the 14th.



Impact of our quilting group

Our quilting group continues to spread love and compassion through the quilts they make. They recently dropped off 21 quilts to Friends of Foster Kids, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting children and youth in the foster care system

Celebrating Membership

Below is a list of current members who have joined our church in April's past.

- Irma Black 4/16/1989
- Carol Cook 4/5/1987
- John Fisher 4/16/2013
- Ann Guldmond 4/16/1996
- Alex Landuyt 4/16/2013



March Attendance



In person:	Live Stream:
March 1- 68	15
March 8- 66	13
March 15- 64	18
March 22- 76	14
March 29 - 77	38



Our Service Men & Women

Stephanie Dixon, Army
Crestview FL

Michelle Dixon, Army
Colorado

Ashley Dixon, Army
Puerto Rico
Daughters of Glenn and Pam Dixon

Sam Heaton, ANG
Reservist at Selfridge
Son of Pastor Dan and Kim Heaton

Sean Heffernan, CG
Grandson of Sue Heffernan

Prayer List

Please keep the people listed in your daily thoughts, and remember them with a card, phone call and prayers of encouragement.

Assisted Living or Long-Term Care

Irma Black
Mary Murphy

Those we are keeping in Our Prayers

Loretta Martin
Lou Emerick
Gary Henderson
Nancy Ventimiglia
Claren Bannow
Fred Binning
Jeanne Ledingham

April Birthdays



- 1 Mark Blair
- 4 Sue Moore
- 4 Jeanne Ledingham
- 9 Leslie Hitchcock
- 10 Jeff Kindt
- 13 Nina Ferri
- 13 Staci Remejes
- 16 Mabel Dubs
- 19 Grace McHugh
- 24 Glenn Dixon
- 25 Michelle Dixon
- 25 Philip Mundt
- 26 Aubree Leitch
- 27 Olivia Huttenlocher
- 27 Brad Guldmond
- 28 Arlene David
- 29 Mimi Ullrich

Weekly Announcements

Sunday Worship Details

In-Person Worship and Live-Streamed Services on Sundays at 10am. To watch online, key in fpcmtclemens.com, click the worship tab, then live stream or click here: [Live Video Stream \(mtclemensfirstpresbyterianchurch.com\)](http://mtclemensfirstpresbyterianchurch.com)



**ONE GREAT
HOUR OF SHARING**

One Great Hour of Sharing

This Sunday we will have envelopes available for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering through the PCUSA. This offering is used to serve the most vulnerable around the world, offering aid to people lacking access to life's basic necessities.



CARD AND GAME NIGHT

Friday, April 17th from 7-9 pm.

Bring your choice of games and/or cards and snack to share.

Deacons will provide beverages. All are welcomed.



New Children's Mission Project for April

In April the children will be collecting books for Macomb Foster Closet. Please consider donating.

Fridays 9am

**Men's
Coffee &
Conversation**



Every Friday!!

Every Friday morning, the men of FPC get together in the parlor to talk about what's happening in the church, what's going on in their lives, and solve the world's problems. Other church men are welcomed to join them at nine!



Our Free Little Pantry is always in need of restocking! You can help by donating food, toiletries, even socks are needed. For food donations please bring items that do not need extra ingredients and are easy to open. Many of those who are blessed by this food do not have access to can openers and extra ingredients.

Our Free Pantry was built and decorated by our wonderful youth and kids. There is a box located by the north door where you can drop off your donations



Stay in the know on what's happening

To see events happening in the church and Family life center, you can view the Church Calendar via our website, or by clicking the tab below. If you have any questions, contact the office at 586-465-0461, or email office@fpcmtclemens.com.



Our Church Elders



Our Church Deacons

Session Class of 2026

- Mike Ball, Building, Property & Technology
- Martha Fisher, Personnel
- Patty Lange, Memorial
- Kenny Jung, Worship & Music

Session Class of 2027

- Becky Ball, Worship and Music
- Gary Cynowa, Mission
- Ken Schmidt, Finance

Session Class of 2028

- Kristen Abouelseoud, CE
- Barb Jung, CE
- Steven Thebo, Technology

Clerk of Session: Jane Ethier

Deacon Class of 2026

- Pam Kurtz
- Kyra Hickey
- Beth Orrin

Deacon Class of 2027

- Judi Armstrong
- Gloria Cynowa
- Evelyn McKenzie

Deacon Class of 2028

- Mary Jane Marino-Bratke
- Diana Lozen
- Jay Lozen

Deacon Moderators

- Beth Orrin
- Judi Armstrong