



FPC Herald

February 2026



Office Hours

Tuesday: 9am -2pm

Wednesday: 10am -3pm

Thursday: 10am -3pm

Friday: 9am-2pm

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

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

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

10 Deacon Meeting, 6pm

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

18 Ash Wednesday In-Person Worship and Meal in the Fellowship Hall or Watch Live Online, 6pm

17 Session Meeting, 7pm

22 In-Person Sunday Worship in the Fellowship Hall or Watch Live Online, 10am

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“Set your mind on things above, not on things of the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you will also appear with Him in glory” (Colossians 3:2-4)

Dear Friends,

For those who are looking towards heaven, it might not matter that we have had one of the coldest and snowiest January's on record. I for one though hope the ground hog will not see his shadow predicting an early spring.

I am growing weary of stepping out of my door as if I am stepping into a walk-in freezer. I also can't stop thinking about those who have no shelter and are sleeping out in this weather. I can understand why for many people, heaven is a trip to Florida in these cold winter months.

There are two books that I am thinking about. The first is Dr. David Jeremiah's book, "The Promise of Heaven: 31 Reasons to Get Excited About Your Eternal Home."

Just as there may be a sense of anticipation about winter coming to an end, so we should have a sense of anticipation of what is awaiting us when our time on earth ends. Please though I hope none of you are in a rush to get there

Knowing what lies ahead encourages us in our day-to-day trials and tribulations. Life becomes sweeter when we know that when the LORD calls us home, we have an idea of what we will find there. More importantly, knowing what awaits us in heaven gives us a road map for living our life in this world. A phrase attributed to Ralph Waldo Emerson reminds us that it is not the destination; it is the journey. Maybe Dr. Jeremiah's book will find its way into our worship experience this summer.

Our journey this year began with digging deeper into the attributes and character of God through the "God is Like..." series. What I have noticed is that there are overlaps of attributes we associate with God, that are fulfilled in Jesus. For instance, God feeds our hunger as he did when the Hebrews were in the wilderness, and Jesus is known as the Bread of Life, feeding the five thousand, and nourishing our souls through the Word of God. That is why we will move from the "God is Like..." series to the "I am..." statements made by Jesus as we begin the season of Lent.

The second book that I will be using is the book written by Rev. John Penney entitled, "I Am: The Statements of Jesus." I believe that exploring the different attributes of Jesus during Lent will be essential as we journey towards the cross this year. Like the different sides of a prism, taking a close look at the 7 "I am" statements of Jesus will reveal a different aspect of who Jesus is. As we may know already, Jesus was a multifaceted person. In turn, we may also realize that we too are multifaceted when we consider the many ways, we describe ourselves.

Upon looking at the book, "I Am" it appears that this Lent we will get a good understanding of heaven as we study the One who came down from heaven and who returned to prepare a place for us.

May our journey through Lent cause us to cast our eyes toward heaven.

I thank God for you,
Pastor Kathy Nealand

Ash Wednesday is February 18th. There will be a soup meal followed by a worship service with the administration of ashes. Please plan to join us at 6pm for the meal and 6:45 for worship.



Mark your calendars for March 8th! Gemini returns to FPC!

GEMINI, twin brother musicians Sandor and Laszlo Slomovits, will be performing "Good Mischief—A Musical Celebration for Children and the Whole Family", on Sunday March 8th at 3pm right here at FPC. The concert will feature Gemini's uncannily matched voices, their up-beat flair for sparking audience participation, a stage full of instruments,

and award-winning songs which capture the warmth and humor of family life. Bring the whole family for this one! This is part of our concert series, and will be a free will offering.

Celebrating Membership

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

- Jane Ethier 2/12/1995
- Gary Henderson 2/21/1982
- Larry Huntington 2/12/1978
- Maribeth Jezak 2/17/2009
- Jeff Mundt 2/20/2024
- Karen Mundt 2/20/2024
- Nancy Schildgen 2/15/2011



January Attendance

In person:	Live Stream:
January 4- 67	21
January 11- 69	21
January 18- 65	14
January 25- 44	75



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

February Birthdays



- 4 Mike Ethier
- 4 Bill Kelley
- 5 Connor Abovelseoud
- 6 Bruce Focht
- 6 Pat Politano
- 8 Bob Guldemond
- 12 Dan Heaton
- 14 Mary Miller
- 15 Beth Orrin
- 16 Rick McKenzie
- 18 Jim Huttenlocher
- 20 Jan Davies
- 22 Claren Bannow
- 24 Wayne Courtney
- 25 Hermann Ball
- 25 Nikki Dubs
- 27 Irena Politano
- 28 Jeff Mundt

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.

This Sunday we continue a new sermon series: "God is like...."
This week is "God is Like a Comforter." Communion will be served.



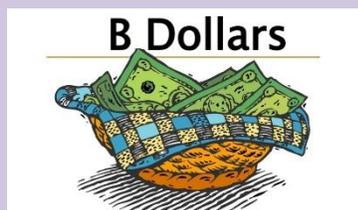
Children's Mission Project for February

The kids will be collecting pet food and old t-shirts (which can be used to make pet toys) for their February mission project. Please help them by donating!



Per Capita due

Per capita fee in the Presbyterian Church USA and its groups like the Synod, Presbytery of Detroit and our church this year is \$41.00 per member. You will find a special envelope in your offering box marked for this per capita donation.



B Dollars

Ever wonder what the letter in front of the serial number means? There are 12 Federal Reserve Banks, each with a letter, and "B" dollars come from the bank in New York. The church collects "B" dollars to help support the program formerly known as Blessings in a Backpack, a program that gives low-income school age children a bag of food to take home each weekend, when school lunches are not available. Bring your "B" dollars to church and place them in the basket at the side of the sound table or put them in an envelope in the offering plate. Thank you for your contributions.



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. 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 and 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