



First Presbyterian
Church on the **Square**
March 2025 Grapevine

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Dear FPC Members & Friends,

Susan and I are looking forward to the special opportunity we will have on March 16th to express our gratitude for the joy, love, and friendship you have brought into our lives during the last two years! It has been an amazing time that we will carry with us for the rest of our lives.

Another highlight on March 16th will be the baptism of Everett Russell Emerson who was born on August 1st, 2024. As I lead worship on Sundays and see Everett and his cousin Walker Shindorf sitting next to each other on the laps of their parents, I give thanks for God's answers to prayer for the Shindorf and Emerson families. It fills me with joy and encourages me to continue praying for Lauren & John, Isaac and Emily as the due date for the birth of their child approaches at the end of this month.

There are so many other areas in our lives, homes, and congregation in which we see God's faithfulness and goodness in answering our prayers. And for the answers that we wait for, that we don't yet see, let's continue to thank God for God's listening ear, caring heart, and promise to provide for our needs. God will keep all of God's promises in ways that go beyond what we can ask or imagine.

As we celebrate the Sacrament of Communion on March 2nd, begin the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, baptize Everett Russell Emerson, and celebrate our partnership in ministry on March 16th, and worship together on March 23rd, Susan and I will join you in giving thanks for God's faithfulness to the FPC Family.

**With Thanks & Blessings,
Pastor Karl**

ANNOUNCEMENTS!



- All submissions for Grapevine and the monthly calendar should be sent by email (fpcathens@fpcathens.org) or by phone (256-232-0122) by the 20th of the month.
- Directories are now available in the church office!
- Office hours are Monday - Thursday from 9am - 1pm.



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

**PW Circle will meet on
Tuesday March 5
at 1pm in Rodgers
Hostesses: Bonnie Noel
Program: Lesson 6: Climate Change
Devotional: Vicki Kellogg
Receive Birthday Offerings**

SHINE

All FPC Children and Youth

Wednesday, March 26th at 5:30 in Revival

Shine is open to all children K-5th grade. Each meeting will include a light dinner or snacks, verse of the month, lesson and related activity. Free play will be at the end of the meeting.

"IN THE SAME WAY, LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE OTHERS, THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD DEEDS AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN." -MATTHEW 5:16

**Please contact DeAnna McNeill for additional information at
deannahmcneill@gmail.com or 256-497-5020.**

Farewell Luncheon for Dr Kling and Susan Kling

**FPC will have a farewell lunch honoring
Dr. Karl Kling and Susan Kling for their great work in the last
two years at our church. The lunch will be in the Rodgers Center
right after the morning service on March 16, 2025.**

**The congregational care committee
will provide chicken and ham.**

**See Karan Baker to sign up for salads, sides, desserts and
drinks. A basket for cards will be placed in the Rodgers Center
for Karl and Susan as they begin a new phase of life and work.**

We pray for their new path and wish them the best.



**The Service for Ash Wednesday will
be
March 5, 2025 6:00 pm**

St. Timothy's Lenten Luncheon Schedule

Wednesday March 12 - Father Tom John, Saint Paul's Catholic Church

Wednesday March 19 - Pastor Robert Malone, Village View United Methodist

Wednesday March 26 - Rev. Mack Butrum, First United Methodist of Athens

Wednesday April 2 (tentative) Pastor Jason Parnell, First Christian

Wednesday April 9 - Pastor Bill Perkins, Journey church

PRAYER REQUESTS

CHURCH FAMILY

Marv & Elizabeth Price (Health)	Duane Counter (Health & Healing)
Doris Welch (Home)	Suzanne Weeks (Healing)
Dean Steele	Jac Catlett
Susie Fogg (Home)	Diane Lynn (Health)
Sharon Massey	Gale Cottles (Healing)
Melvin & Ruth Clem (Health)	Christy Arnett (Healing)
Debbi O'Neill (Healing)	Ken (Healing) and Connie Brown
Betty Fae Spencer (Recovery from Surgery)	

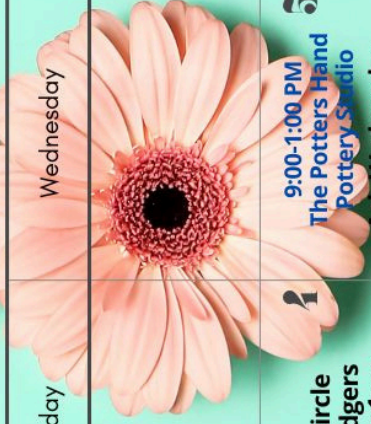




THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Brandon Noel - Army	Sean Miller - Army
Adam Naves - Marines	Damien Williams - Army
Kevin O'Neill-Army Nat. Guard	Michael Ress - USAF -AZ
Joshua Hargrove - Deployed	Jay Tulley- Middle East
Justin Ruf- Army Air Guard	

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Bob Defour (Doyle & Suzanne Weeks son-in-law)
Brent Harris (Friend of Chris Hilgeman)
Larry Harris, (Healing, friend of Chris Hilgeman)
Sue Guyer (Health & Healing, Bonny Noel's sister)
Gerry Smith(loss of Spouse cousin of Jan Ruth)
Alex Noel (Nephew of John & Bonny Noel)
Hazel Ruf (Mason Ruf's mother, home)
Gary Kilgo (Health, Kay Baugher & Carol Quillen's family member)
Karen Ferguson (Potter's Hand)
Sherry Thompson (Healing, sister of Christy Arnett)
Keith Clem (Healing, cousin of Chris Paysinger)
Amy Cotten (Potter's Hand)
John Cotten (Healing, Potter's Hand)
Telula Thornton (Healing and Comfort, mother of Karan Baker)
Phyllis Ramshur (Health, mother- in - law of Sean Harbin)
Mike Frehner (Support, friend of David Lyle)
Cindy Newman (Healing, cousin of Chris Hilgeman)
Jesse Saunders (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)
Martha Taylor(Healing, mother of John Cagle)
Wendy Jordan (Recovery from Surgery, friend of Matt Copeland)
Maryann McKee (Healing, friend of Carol Copeland)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9am Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship 10 am Worship Communion	5	1 PW Circle in Rodgers Center 1pm	4 9:00-1:00 PM The Potters Hand Pottery Studio Ash Wednesday Service @ 6pm	6	7 OFFICE CLOSED	8
9 9am Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship 10 am Worship	10	11 Mission Shower Day Started Session Meeting 6:00 pm (Revival)	12 9:00-1:00 PM The Potters Hand Pottery Studio	13 	14 OFFICE CLOSED	15 
16 9am Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship 10 am Worship Luncheon For Karl and Susan Kling	17	18 	19 9:00-1:00 PM The Potters Hand Pottery Studio	20	21 OFFICE CLOSED	22 OFFICE CLOSED
23 9am Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship 10 am Worship	24	25	26 9:00-1:00 PM The Potters Hand Pottery Studio SHINE FPC Children K-5th Revival 5:30-6:30 pm	27 	28 OFFICE CLOSED	29
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March Birthdays 2024

1st Jane Gossett

2nd Hazel White

3rd Kerri Beth Owens

6th Libby Shindorf

7th Sandy Colvin

10th Karen Clem

12th Wanda Blair

12th Pat Booth

20th Jonah Quillen

25th Michael Cottles

27th Mary Clair Patterson

27th Christy Arnett

28th James Clem

28th Lynn Ware