



# First Presbyterian Church

## The Cross and Crown



March 2022

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas

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Class of 2023:

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### Preaching Schedule:

**March 2 - 5:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service, Jane Els**

**March 6 - Jane Els, communion**

**March 13 - Lessons and Hymns (Daylight Savings Time begins! Spring your clocks forward!)**

**March 20 - Jane Els**

**March 27 - Jimmy Chapman, Regular Stated Session Meeting after worship**

### Congregational News

On Sunday, February 13, the congregation elected a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) to begin the search for a full-time installed pastor. John Clark, Alice McGregor, Sandy Corder, Dan Wilson, and Tricia Clark were elected to that committee and were commissioned on Sunday, February 20 during the worship service.

A survey was handed out after the congregational meeting. This is an opportunity for our congregation to give your thoughts on what we are looking for in a pastor. It is also an opportunity for us to express who we are currently as a congregation and what our vision is for the future. If you did not receive a survey and would like to fill one out, please pick one up on Sunday or contact the church office. Having your thoughts will help the PNC write up

the Ministry Information Form (MIF) [church information form] which will be used to help match potential pastors to our church.

As we learned the last time we went through this, the process is lengthy. Your prayers for our church during this search are requested!

### Correspondence

We received a very warm letter from the Mayfield, Kentucky Presbyterian Church thanking us for our donation to them following the devastating tornado in December. That letter will be on the table near the offering plate in the narthex.

## March 2022 Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals

### Ash Wednesday—March 2

Joel 2:1–2, 12–17 or Isaiah 58:1–12

Psalms 51:1–17

2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10

Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

### First Sunday in Lent—March 6

Deuteronomy 26:1–11

Psalms 91:1–2, 9–16

Romans 10:8b–13

Luke 4:1–13

### Second Sunday in Lent—March 13

Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18

Psalms 27

Philippians 3:17–4:1

Luke 13:31–35 or Luke 9:28–36

### Third Sunday in Lent—March 20

Isaiah 55:1–9

Psalms 63:1–8

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

Luke 13:1–9

### Fourth Sunday in Lent—March 27

Joshua 5:9–12

Psalms 32

2 Corinthians 5:16–21

Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

### March birthdays & anniversaries:

**(Please notify the office if I do not  
have your birthday)**

**8 Judy DeWees**

**15 Ann Dunn**

**23 Jacob Wilson**

### Attendance:

**January 30—12**

**February 6—11**

**February 13—13**

**February 20—12**



## Jane's Journey

What is Lent?

The Lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday, March 2. We'll have a special service in the sanctuary at 5 o'clock for prayer and the imposition of ashes to begin a season of penitence.

During Lent, we reflect on Christ's ministry, death and resurrection. It's a time to slow down and examine our spiritual lives and how we live out our faith in the community around us.

Some people choose to "give up" something as their act of penitence during Lent, to deny themselves something dear to them, chocolate being an example. That has a purpose because it can ground you and remind you of the season in a deep and dramatic way. Recently, others have made the choice to "take up" a new practice instead by trying out new things they may not have done before like a new prayer routine or charitable activity. There are cell phone apps now that will remind you on a daily basis of the time if you want to set up a regular habit to take place at a certain time each day.

I tried this a few years ago. I decided I would pray what the Catholics call "the office," meaning at set times throughout the day. The only catch was that, back then before Apple developed a lot of apps, the only one available that would alert you at a set time during the day was the Muslim call to prayer. It wasn't too bad if you were accepting of other religions. In fact, it worked exactly like the Roman Catholic prayer times did. An alert went off at sunrise, mid-day, afternoon and sunset, then bedtime. Those Muslims had it all figured out because this app had the sunrise and sunset calculated right down to the minute according to how the sun changes on a daily basis every day.

I'm afraid I never observed the sunrise prayer time, however. I have my limits and I think Jesus understands. Jesus was human, too after all. And I'm not sure God wants to hear what I might say at sunrise.

The intent was to pray more. To put more thought into what we are saying to our Creator. And to listen more carefully. And we don't really need a cell phone to do that.

# March 2022

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Mar 2022 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	1	2	3	4	5
	2pm - Bible Study	First Day of	9am - Bible study 5pm - Ash			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Communion	2pm - Bible Study	Judy DSWess	9am - Bible study			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Daylight saving	2pm - Bible Study	ANN DURN	9am - Bible study	St. Patrick's Day		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Cross & Crown 2pm - Bible Study		Jacob Wilson 9am - Bible study			
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
Session	2pm - Bible Study		9am - Bible study			