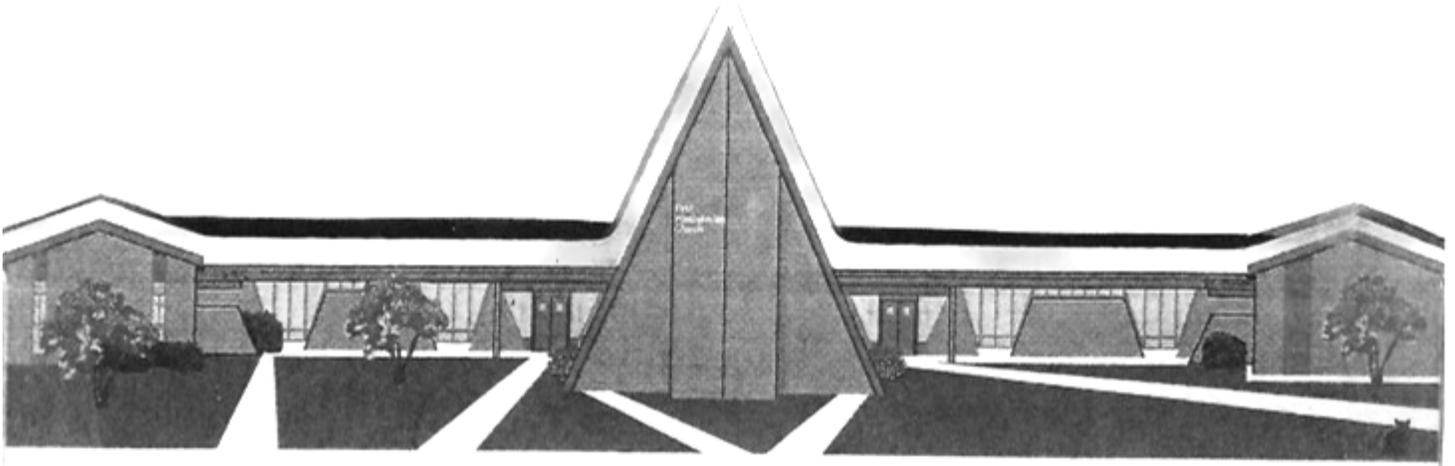


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March 2026

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Service Times:

9:30	Coffee & Donut Fellowship
10:45	Worship Service



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March 2026 Newsletter

March Worship Schedule W/Pulpit Guests & Liturgists

- Mar. 1 - Rev. Elizabeth Affsprung (Pulpit Guest) & Gwen Stanley (Liturgist)
- Mar. 8 - Dr. Wayne Morris (Pulpit Guest) & Jack McKinnis (Liturgist)-Communion
- Mar. 15 - Dr. Joe Williams (Pulpit Guest) & Gary Smith (Liturgist)
- Mar. 22 - Rev. Tylar Grant (Pulpit Guest) & Jan Ethell (Liturgist)
- Mar. 29 - Mike Archer (Pulpit Guest) & Music Scholars (Liturgists)

Elder On Call - March

- Mar. 1 - Bob Hanefield
- Mar. 8 - Jack McKinnis
- Mar. 15 - Neil West
- Mar. 22 - Janice Bell
- Mar. 29 - Nancy Willoughby

2nd Sunday LUNCHEON SPONSORSHIP

- March 8 - Presbyterian Women
- April 12 - Men's Club
- May 17 - Choir Thank You
- June 14 - Deacon's

PRESBY LADIES

REMINDER: Circle meets on Tuesday, March 10 in the Parlor at 10:00 am.

Gather 'n Gab

The “**gather**” will be at **Thai Bistro**. Location: Cache Road Square, 3807 Cache Rd. The white building in the center of the Square, next to the former Ted's Mexican Restaurant. The “**gab**” will be Tuesday, **MARCH 24** at **11:30 am**. See you there!

BIBLE STUDY at the Chateau

If you're looking for a Lenten study to prepare for the magnificence of Easter, consider joining our Bible Study at The Chateau on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm. Our new LENTEN study is MEETING JESUS ON THE ROAD. All are welcome. As you come in the front door, look to the left for our gathering.

LENT

COME and SEE: An Invitation to Pilgrimage

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he explained, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "**What are you looking for?**" They said to him, "**Rabbi**" (which translated means Teacher), "**where are you staying?**" He said to them, "**Come and see.**"

- John 1: 35-39a

OUR JOURNEY THROUGH THE SEASON OF LENT calls us to a period of reflection either through prayer, fasting, self-examination, or a combination of spiritual disciplines. The effect of these practices is to create space in our busyness, allowing us to be present and attentive, even if only for a few moments each day. Lent is a pilgrimage of forty days as we walk – mentally or physically – with Jesus as he reveals the world as God sees it and we examine our responses as followers.

Jesus summons his followers with the words, "follow me," or, as in the Gospel of John, "come and see." Jesus' invitation in this passage bids the disciples not only to come (or follow) but also to see. Disciples did not simply study the teachings of Jesus. They followed him from town to town seeing how he lived out the teachings, and they emulated his ways. He taught by word and deed. To follow Jesus requires dusty sandals and sore feet,....

The art of pilgrimage requires that we be open to the experience. When Jesus notices John the Baptist's disciples following him, he asks, "What are you looking for?" (John 1:38). ... The two do not (or cannot) answer that question. Isn't that often the case for us? We cannot articulate what we are seeking. We just have a deep sense that there is a void within. To find the answer often requires accompanying Jesus on the road for what we find is often not an answer but a path, a broader understanding, a way of living, a more fulfilling life. "Come and see" is an invitation to explore God's way.

-- Ben Blake from Meeting Jesus on the Road

The FPC Corner ...

When asked, **What is (necessary) (it) to be a PRESBYTERIAN?**

We can answer,

CONFESS the Christian faith

TRUST in Christ as our forgiving Savior

PROMISE to follow Christ and Christ's example for living

COMMIT oneself to attend church and to become involved in its work.

ANYONE WHO CAN BE A CHRISTIAN CAN BE A PRESBYTERIAN

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
supports programs in over 100 countries!

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed during this Lenten season. You can help sustain the important ministries and programs that are supported by One Great Hour of Sharing. Please, give generously.

If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

Coming Soon!

- Maundy Thursday Service- April 2- 5:30 p.m.
- Easter - April 5

What's New at FPC?

Session moderator -- Rev. Mark Henslee. You may remember Rev Henslee from years past as pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Currently he is pastoring the Duncan Presbyterian Church and has graciously agreed to help us as Session Moderator. WELCOME, Rev. Henslee!

Nurturing Community

Prayers for Encouragement & Healing

<i>Bob & Carolyn Glasco</i>	<i>Ruth Stiger</i>	<i>Linda Stanley</i>	<i>Joyce Baggett</i>
<i>Brenda Scarborough</i>	<i>Tom Lane</i>	<i>Michael Neel</i>	<i>Rick Baggett</i>
<i>Randall Wagner</i>	<i>Sue Long</i>	<i>Leota Erwin</i>	<i>John Neel</i>
<i>Alton Charles</i>	<i>Barbara Dawkins</i>		

Remembering Our Homebound

<i>Svea Penepacker</i>	<i>Weatherford, TX</i>
<i>Linda Stanley</i>	<i>Chateau, 114</i>
<i>Carol Glick</i>	<i>Norman, OK</i>

March Birthdays

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| <i>1 - Jan Ethell</i> | <i>19 - Liisa Rheinlander</i> |
| <i>4 - Scott Rheinlander</i> | <i>21 - Gary Smith</i> |
| <i>4 - Kari Stanley</i> | <i>22 - Ava Hess</i> |
| <i>8 - Daphne Faries</i> | <i>27 - Patricia Bonacci</i> |
| <i>12 - Mena Stone</i> | |

Celebrating with you!

March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Bible Study - Chateau 5:30pm	5	6	7 MB 7:30am Lawton Pro Musica, Cameron Concert Choir 7:00pm
8 Time Change Luncheon/ Sponsored by Presbyterian Women	9	10 Circle 10:00am	11 Bible Study - Chateau 5:30pm	12	13	14 MB 7:30am COB 10:00am
15 Music & Worship 12:00pm NTCC Luncheon 12:00pm	16	17 Session 4:30pm	18 Bible Study - Chateau 5:30pm	19	20	21 MB 7:30am
22	23	24	25 Bible Study - Chateau 5:30pm	26	27	28 MB 7:30am
29	30	31				