First Presbyterian Church of Puyallup

April 2025

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Six Dates to Mark

Sometimes people think all days are equal in the church or that, if there is a most important day, it is Christmas. But Easter is older and the center point of our faith. Christ Risen means new life for us all. Here at First Church, we have five events you won't want to miss.

April 6th is Communion Sunday and one where we will be getting closer and closer to Jerusalem and Holy Week.

April 13th is Palm Sunday where we remember Jesus' Triumphal Entry. We have special music and celebrations planned.

April 17th is our special holy week Cantata, where we remember Jesus' last moments of freedom and what immediately followed. We celebrate this, primarily with music and in conjunction with First United Methodist, Puyallup. Communion and a special prayer time are included.

April 18th is the Cross Walk we do on Good Friday afternoon in conjunction with Lutherans and Catholics. We will begin at First Presbyterian (at 4:15 p.m., enjoying a liturgical dance), move to Peace Lutheran (enjoying special photography with a theme of compassion), and end at All Saints Catholic Church (where there will be an ecumenical speaker).

April 20th is our Easter service with special music and an Easter egg hunt. We will welcome new members this Sunday too!

April 27th is our Youth Sunday, where our youth will lead most of our worship service.

We hope to see you here in April. It will be a blessed month.

In Christ,

Pastor Tom



Scriptures for April

April 6 5th Sunday in Lent Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8

April 13 Palm/Passion Sunday Palms: Luke 19:28-40 Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29 Passion: Isaiah 50: 4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 22:14-23:56 Luke 23: 1-49

April 20 Resurrection of the Lord/ Easter Sunday Acts 10:34-43 Isaiah 65: 17-25 Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18 Luke 24:1-12

April 27 2nd Sunday of Easter Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 118:14-29 Psalm 150 2 Kings 7:1-16 Psalm 2 Revelation 1: 4-8 John 20:19-31



Walking in the Light

Adult Sunday School



On Sundays from 9 to 10 AM, join us in the FPCP parlor for a continuing Bible discussion and learning group for adults. Guided by the excellent Feasting On The Word curriculum, using the same lectionary calendar our congregation follows when planning weekly scripture readings, our group seeks to provide a

welcoming, casual space where folks can learn and share while we reach deeper into scripture and act upon what we find there. We seek to walk alongside and learn from Jesus, and we invite anyone who would like to be in fellowship, exploring how to live more thoughtful, Gospel-centered and Holy Spirit led lives



Easter Egg Hunt 2024– teens takeover the courtyard

Easter Sunday Egg Hunt

Hop on over after Sunday service on April 20th for a fun-filled Easter Egg Hunt! Kids are invited to join in the search for colorful eggs hidden around the church grounds. There will be prizes, treats, and lots of excitement as we celebrate the joy of Easter together!

Bring your baskets and your best egg-hunting skills—we can't wait to see you there!!

Scholarships

Starting April 1, the Scholarship Committee will begin receiving applications for:

The Leslie Paulson Memorial Scholarship

The First Presbyterian Church Scholarship

The Timm-Harrison Scholarship

The deadline for all applications is Wednesday, May 14th by noon. Application forms are available online or in the church office. Please return your completed application to the church office or email at office@fpcpuyallup.org. If your application is sent to the church office, the church secretary will send a "received notice" to you.

Myrna Laycock, co-chair of the scholarship Committee

Youth Sunday

Join us for Youth Sunday on April 27th as our young leaders take over the service with an inspiring message based on David and Goliath! We'll explore how God's plan for us is always bigger than what others think we can do—just like David, who proved that faith and obedience to God matter more than size or strength.

Don't forget to prepare for Bible Jeopardy! We will be

Come celebrate the incredible ways God works through us, no matter what the world says—see you there!

Courtyard Rose Garden

For several years we have been enjoying the Clarence Waters yellow rose and the beautiful red rose planted in memory of Peggy Bourough and her parents.

You may have noticed there are 3 new roses in ceramic pots in the courtyard. Recently, The Highlands on South Hill (a senior independent housing facility) has needed to dismantle their beautiful memorial rose garden. One of the roses in this garden was in memory of residents Arlen and Nancy Davison, long standing members of FPC. It is yellow and has been gifted to us to continue their memory. A second rose was purchased by Cheryl in memory of Scott and Pat Hodgson, also long time members of our church. It is called Heaven Sent and is pink. And the third rose, plum and very fragrant, is in memory of John and Hazel Shively, parents of Laurie Peil and active members for many years.

Later this spring and into fall, take a walk through the courtyard and enjoy the beauty and fragrance of the roses.

Personnel, Stewardship, and Finance Committee Update

Our PSF Committee has conducted the yearly performance reviews of our paid staff. Each employee is an asset to the workings of First Presbyterian in their individual roles. We appreciate Deb Jaap, Andrea Klouse, Diane Gibbons, Preston Woodall, Katie Eatherly, and Heather Toomey. Thank them for their work at FPC. They are all remarkable employees. Though PSF doesn't oversee the many volunteers who work behind the scenes, we say thank you to them as well.

For the first 2 months of the year the income goal is 17%. Our current income is 14% and our expenses are 17% through February. Please remember to keep your pledge or offering up to date. We are also accepting per capita payments of \$50 per member. Please note per capita in the memo line of your checks. Thank you for your stewardship to FPC!





In today's world, social media has become an important tool for staying connected, especially for our church community. Platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube allow us to share uplifting messages, updates, and events, and connect with one another, even when we can't be together in person. By engaging with our church's social media accounts, you can help spread the good news and encourage others. To show your support, simply "like" or "follow" our church on Facebook and Instagram to stay informed about upcoming events and activities. On YouTube, make sure to "subscribe" to our channel so you never miss a sermon or inspirational video. Each click helps extend our reach and build a stronger, more connected community. Don't worry if you're unsure how to do this—our younger members can always assist you in getting started!

Facebook: First Presbyterian Church of Puyallup



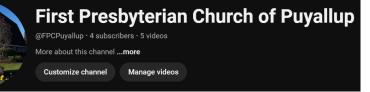
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APRIL 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		9:00 am Christian Ed Commission 6:30 pm Commissions	9:30 am Bible Study Zoom 6:30pm Green Book SAA	10:00AM South Hill Artist 6:00 Serenity Seekers	12 noon PW Lunch	8:00am A.A.
Laundry Soap Sundays			•	6:00 pm TOPS 6:00 pm Praise Team 6:00pm AIA Teen 6:30 pm Choir		
6 9:00am Adult S School 10:30 am Worship 12noon Youth Sunday Practice 2-5pm PVC Recital	7 10:30am PW C/T	8 10:30am New Hope Meal Prep Team 6:30 pm Deacons	9 9:30 am Bible Study Zoom 6:30pm Green Book SAA	10 9:30 Bagging for Kids 6:00 Serenity Seekers 6:00 pm TOPS 6:00 pm Praise Team 6:00pm AIA Teen 6:30 pm Choir	9:30 Bagging for Kids	12 8:00 am A.A.
13 PALM SUNDAY 9:00am Adult S School 10:30 am Worship 12noon Youth Mission Meeting 6:00 pm Living Free (AA)	14	15 6:30pm Session	16 9:30 am Bible Study Zoom 12noon PW Circle (HN) 6:30pm Green Book SAA	17 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service 12noon PW Circle (CM) 6:00 Serenity Seekers 6:00 pm TOPS 6:00 pm Praise Team 6:00pm AIATeen 6:30 pm Choir	18 CROSS WALK @ 4pm	19 8:00 am A.A. 10-2pm PVC Recital
20 EASTER SUNDAY 9:00am Adult S School 10:30am Worship Egg Hunt after service PVC MAPS 2-4 6:00 pm Living Free (AA)	21 6:00 pm Adult Children of Alcoholics	22 10:30am New Hope Meal Prep Team 6:00pm Eve PW Circle	23 9:30 am Bible Study Zoom 6:30pm Green Book SAA	24 6:00 Serenity Seekers 6:00 pm TOPS 6:00 pm Praise Team 6:00pm AIA Teen 6:30 pm Choir	25	26 ^{8:00} am A.A. 1:00pm Memorial
27 9:00am Adult S School 10:30am Youth Sunday Worship Service PVC MAPS 2-4	28	29	30 9:30 am Bible Study Zoom 6:30pm Green Book SAA	VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES PVC Piano Recitals	PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN EVENT	ELDERS DEACONS & COMMITTEES









HE HAS RISEN INDEED

Celebrate with us EASTER SUNDAY April 20,2025 at 10:30am

