


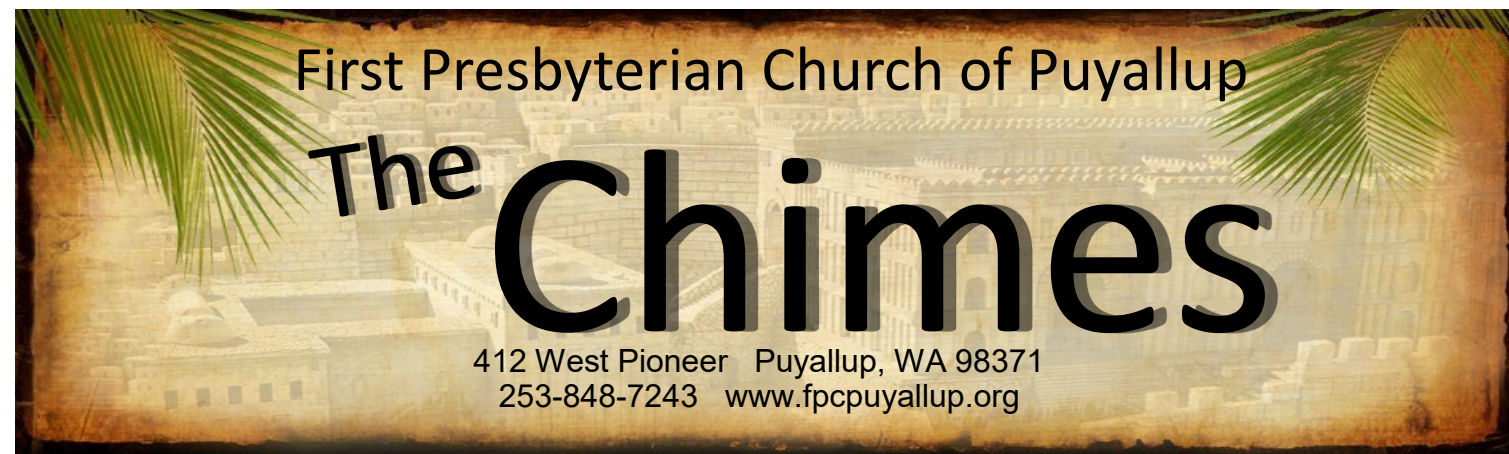


MARCH 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9am Adult Sunday School 9:00 Praise Team /Choir 10:30 am Worship 3:00pm PVC Recital 6:00 pm Living Free	2	3 1:30pm PW Coordinating 6:30pm Committee Meetings	4 9:30 am Bible Study Zoom 6:30pm Green Book	5 10:00am South Hill Artist 6:00 AA, ALANON , ALATEEN 6:00 pm TOPS 6pm Praise Team 6:30pm Choir	6 12:00pm Presbyterian Women's Lunch	7 8:00am A.A. SOS
8 Gifts of Women Sunday 9am Adult Sunday School 9:00 Praise Team /Choir 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Living Free (AA)	9	10 9am PVC Meeting 10:30 New Hope Meal Prep  6:30pm Deacon Meeting	11 6:30pm Green Book	12 9:30 am Bible Study Zoom 6:00 AA, ALANON , ALATEEN 6:00 pm TOPS 6pm Praise Team 6:30pm Choir	13 9am-9pm Puyallup Valley Recital MAPS	14 8:00am A.A. SOS 9am-9pm Puyallup Valley Recital MAPS
15 9am Adult Sunday School 9:00 Praise Team /Choir 10:30am Worship 12noon Session 2:00pm PVC MAPS 6:00 pm Living Free (AA)	16	17 	18 9:30 am Bible Study Zoom 6:30pm Green Book	19 9:30am Food for Kids Bagging Event 12noon PW Circle 6:00 AA, ALANON , ALATEEN 6:00 pm TOPS 6pm Praise Team 6:30pm Choir	20	21 8:00am A.A. SOS 8:00am Men's Breakfast at Crockett's with guest speaker
22 9am Adult Sunday School 9:00 Praise Team /Choir 10:30 am Worship 29 Palm Sunday	23	24 10:30 New Hope Meal Prep  31	25 9:30 am Bible Study Zoom w/Phyllis 6:30pm Green Book	26 6:00 AA, ALANON , ALATEEN 6:00 pm TOPS 6pm Praise Team 6:30pm Choir	27	28 8:00am A.A. SOS



The Lenten Journey At FPC Puyallup

Lent is a season of prayer, fasting, and self-examination in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter. It is a period of 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter— like The Flood, Moses at Mount Sinai, Elijah’s at Mount Horeb, Jonah’s call to Nineveh to repent, and Jesus’ time of testing in the wilderness. (The Sundays in Lent are not counted in, as every Lord’s Day is a celebration of the Resurrection.)

Lent shows us the power and possibility of the paschal mystery (Jesus’ passion, death, resurrection, and ascension), and that the way of the cross, the way to Easter, is through death. To gain this new life that is beyond the power of death means we must die with Christ who was raised for us. To live for Christ, we must die with him. New life requires a daily surrendering of the old life, letting go of the present order, so that we may embrace God's new humanity. “I die every day!” asserts Paul (1 Corinthians 15:31). During Lent we learn all who are baptized into Christ are baptized into his death. To be raised with Christ means to die with Christ. In order to embrace the resurrection, we must experience the passion of Jesus. The way of the cross, the way to Easter, is through the death of the “old self.” In dying, we truly live.

We are reading *Turning Over Tables* by Kathy Escobar this season.

Themes in parentheses. What we still have before us is:

March 1: (Lament) Communion and the commissioning of our Pastoral Nominating Committee.

March 8: (Repentance) Gifts of Women Sunday.

March 15: (Disruption).

March 22: (Cultivation).

March 29: Palm Sunday & New Members. (Illumination).

April 2: Maundy Thursday at Puyallup United Methodist.

April 3: Good Friday, Crosswalk beginning at 4:15 p.m. in the parking lot across from the Senior Center - proceeding to FPC.

April 5: Easter (Embodiment).

AS FAITHFUL DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST WE

REACH UP TO GOD



REACH INTO HIS WORD

REACH OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE





Gifts of Women Sunday

During the worship service on March 8th, our church will join Presbyterian Women in celebrating Gifts of Women Sunday. An honorary membership in PW will be presented to one of our members. The congregation is also invited to participate in the Least Coin Offering. This is an international prayer movement. Women are asked to set aside the "least coin" of their country as they pray for peace, justice and reconciliation. Special containers for coins will be in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall. The International Committee for FLC awards grants for women's concerns from this offering.

PERSONNEL STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE REPORT

It is very early in 2026, however, our desire is to keep you informed of the financial standings at FPC. January is 1/12 of the year, equal to 8.3%. Income for January is 3.11%, pledges are 2.7% and the expenses are 2.03%.

In the first month of the year there have been some unexpected expenses. The sound system needed repair, and our furnace in the Sanctuary also has been repaired. Two pricey but necessary expenditures. PSF encourages staying current on giving. Thank you!

Scholarship Applications Now Available

First Presbyterian Church is offering scholarships to students who are continuing their education. Applications are available in the church office and church website www.fpcpuyallup.org and are due back to the church office by May 1, 2026. There are three different scholarship programs and each requires a separate application.

These scholarships are open to applicants associated with FPC and are continuing their education in a four-year university, community college, technical school, or graduate school. Scholarship recipients will be announced Graduation Sunday in June.

Want to Contribute Time?

Below is a list of responsibilities of the Congregational Worship Life Committee which we think members of the congregation could adopt as their own. You could do this one thing and not have to come to a meeting. If you are interested in any of the jobs, let me know or sign up on the welcome desk in the Narthex, and I will put you in touch with the person who can tell you all about it. Many can be done any time at your convenience. Please prayerfully consider helping in this way.

1. Keep the baptismal font clean and get it ready for baptisms
2. Clean the silver cross on the Communion table.
3. Take care of the welcome basket.
4. Be the usher for a month.
5. Be a lay leader.
6. Help change the paraments and banner at appropriate times
7. Be in charge of fellowship (your choice of how often)
8. Clean up after fellowship (again your choice of how often).
9. Learn how to do one of the jobs of the video and sound
10. Learn how to take care of the candles

Contact Jane Elam at 360-893-4325 for more information.

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women's study group offers a welcoming environment where women can come together to deepen their understanding of the Word of God and build lasting friendship.

These gatherings provide spiritual nourishment, personal growth, and a sense of community.

PW Coordinating Team Tuesday, March 3 at 1:30pm in the Parlor

PW Lunch Friday, March 6 at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall

PW Circle Study Thursday, March 19 at noon in the Parlor

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

We invite all men to join us for our monthly Men's Fellowship Breakfast at Crockett's, located on Main Street in Puyallup. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a hearty breakfast, connect with friends new and old, and grow together in faith.
March 21 at 8 am

Service Opportunity

All are welcome to join the Mission Commission as we pack bags of healthy food for our Bates preschool students. Join us in the FPC Library on Thursday, March 19th at 9:30 am.

Adult Bible Study

Are you looking for an opportunity to deepen your understanding of scripture and connect with fellow members of our church community?

We invite all adults to join us every Sunday morning 9:00am for Adult Bible Study in the FPC Parlor.

**You are invited to the Zoom Bible Study
with Pastor Tom each Wednesday at 9:30 am on link below**

<https://zoom.us/j/94654986416?pwd=TM0ZGnOYuBwiXw9oikwlcZkQWhkel.1>

Meeting ID: 946 5498 6416

Passcode: 454152

March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
<i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i>	<i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i>	<i>4th Sunday in Lent</i>	<i>5th Sunday</i>	<i>Palm Sunday</i>
Communion	Exodus 17:1-7	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Ezekial 37:1-14	John 12:12-19
Genesis 12:1-4a	Psalm 95	Psalm 23	Psalm 130	Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 121	Romans 5:1-11	Ephesians 5:8-14	Romans 8:6-11	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	Matthew 4:1-11	Matthew 5:1, 10-11	Matthew 13:1-23	
Luke 13:31-35				