

From the Pastor...

April 2025 Newsletter

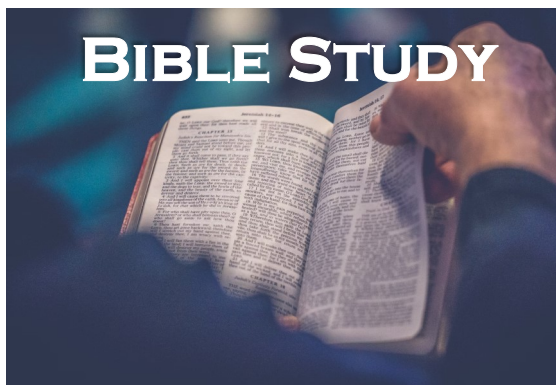
Our journey through Lent this year has taken us to many tables and many places bread has been broken. In this time, we have looked at how bread gives us life and growth, how God provides us enough for each day and to share, and how bread and meals together can help to create community. During Holy week we will look at two more examples of bread being an important part of our understanding of ourselves as follows of Jesus. On Maundy Thursday (April 17th) we will remember how Jesus met in an upper room with his disciples and took bread, blessed it, and gave it to them. On Easter (April 20th) we retell the story about how, on the very day that Jesus was resurrected, he once again took bread and broke it and his disciples recognized him.



Both of these remembrances of Jesus remind us how the Bread of Life is central to our faith. Communion, where common elements of bread and juice are marked as divine, reminds us that Jesus is met in simple elements that transform us and the world into something that is not mundane, but in fact holy. By revisiting these stories, we will once again encounter the mystery of God, where the world is turned on its head. The poor become rich, the weak become strong, death becomes life, and we, who were once hopeless, become beacons of hope to a world that needs hope so badly. All of this because the simple ingredients of flour, water, oil, and yeast are transformed into something much greater than the amalgamation of its parts. All of this because God became human and dwelt among us. All of this because God submitted to death so death no longer has power. May we feed on this Bread of Life all our days.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Will".



Monday Bible Study

Mondays at 9:45 AM

Join us for a discussion about the coming Sunday's lectionary readings either in-person in Fellowship Hall or watch on Channel 966.

Mar 31	Psalm 122; Luke 19:1-10	for Apr 6
Apr 7	Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29; Luke 19:28-40	for April 13
Apr 14	Luke 24: 1-12 and 13-35	for April 20
Apr 21	No Class	
Apr 28	Acts 9:1-20 ; John 21:1-19	for May 4

Questions about Presbyterians

1st and 3rd Thursdays at 1:30 pm

Our spring Adult Study Series will focus on what does it mean to be Presbyterian. We are using *Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers* by Donald McKim as our jumping off point for this series.

April 3 - Salvation and Church

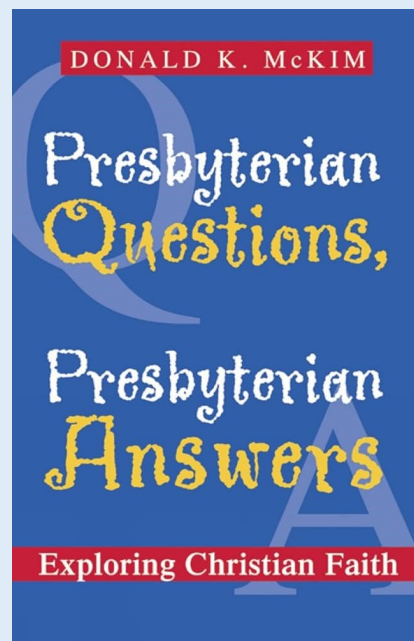
Chapters 7 and 8 [pg 55-70]

May 1 - Worship and Sacraments

Chapters 9 and 10 [pg 71-86]

May 15- Christian Life and Reign of God

Chapters 11 and 12 [pg 87-102]





We are a connectional church...connected in faith to God – Father, Son, Holy Spirit. Jesus taught us that prayer connects us to the Divine...and to each other.

Each month we list our faith community. Every family has a date when we ask you to hold them in prayer.

April Prayer Calendar

APRIL 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30 10 AM Worship	31 9:45 AM Bible Study—CH	1 April	2	3 1:30 PM - Questions about Presbyterians 	4	5
6 10 AM Worship with Communion  	7 9:45 AM Bible Study—CH	8 6 pm Finance Meeting	9	10	11	12
13 10 AM Worship	14 9:45 AM Bible Study—CH	15	16	17- Maundy Thursday 6:30 Worship with communion	18	19
20 Easter 10 AM Worship 	21 No Bible Study	22	23	24	25	26
27 10 AM Worship Guest Pr: JP Kastner 11:10 AM Session and Coffee Hour	28 9:45 AM Bible Study—CH	29	30	1 1:30 PM - Questions about Presbyterians 	2	3



Average March Attendance

In person: 35

Zoom/livestream: 5

Total Average Attendance: 40

The Care and Concern of the Congregation is with:

Did we miss your birthday
or anniversary? Please let the office know
so we can update our files.



Food Pantry Sundays

Apr 6 May 4 June 1

Our food pantry collection bin is now
inside the church office hallway.



FINANCIAL UPDATE - As of February 28, 2025

	Actual	Budget	Fav/(Unfav) Variance
Total Income - YTD	\$ 19,296.55	\$ 21,890.00	\$ (2,593.45)
Total Expense - YTD	\$ 28,667.76	\$ 31,052.00	\$ 2,384.24
Net Income - YTD February 28, 2025	\$ (9,371.21)	\$ (9,162.00)	\$ (209.21)
Unrestricted Funds as of February 28, 2025	\$344,218.07		

One Great Hour of Sharing

March 5-April 20, 2025

Ending hunger, repairing after disasters, and promoting the self-development of all people.



WE ARE THERE

One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for justice, resilience, and sustainability.

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2025 Deacons: (A-D) Ann Tennyson
(M-R) Karen Stephan -Co-Moderator

(F-H) Ken DeBoer

(S-T) Martin Gahle

(I-L) Cherie Andrus—Co-Moderator, Secretary

(V-Y) Jan Isbister

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