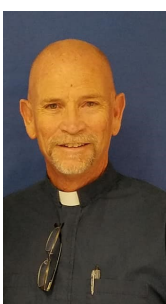


From the Pastor



Two years ago, during Lent we entered a pandemic lockdown. Our lives were turned upside down. We learned to focus on what can be done, not what cannot be done. This year as we

begin our Lenten journey the news about COVID-19 is much more positive. We are learning to live with the presence of COVID-19 and go forward into a new normal. However, chaos continues. The latest source of fear – war in Ukraine.

We can add the newest fear to the many other sources of fear. Some fear there is no longer a meaningful distinction between truth and falsehood. Some fear that our “American way of life” is being lost. There is fear of the other, the bully, the loser, the rich, the poor, the right, the left. We fear getting old, getting cancer, being irrelevant, being in the minority. We fear dying. All this fear makes us hunger and thirst for security, and a flight or fight response.

The Beatitudes take us in a different direction. The blessings with which

Jesus begins the Sermon on the Mount proclaim present and eternal security to those who have neither political power nor spiritual virtuosity. From this place of ultimate safety, followers of Jesus are free to risk living in ways Jesus described in the rest of the Sermon on the Mount. Like a lamp set on a lampstand, the community blessed as the beatitudes describe give light in this chaotic world of darkness.

As we move through Lent, I invite you to join me as we pray the Beatitudes. Each Wednesday evening, I will post a devotional offering on the church’s Facebook page and YouTube channel. Each week we will focus on one of the beatitudes. Together in prayer we will be formed and shaped as people of the new age of the reign of God. Praying the Beatitudes draws us to a way of life as described in the Sermon on the Mount. This is what it means to be blessed.

Speaking of being blessed, Barbara and I are blessed to announce the

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

birth of William Scott Ritchie, February 27, 2022, to our son and his wife, Craig and Mary Ritchie. His stats were 7lb 3oz, and 20 inches. Mom and William are doing great! William’s three brothers are adjusting well to the newcomer! William is our fourth grandchild! Barbara and I are enjoying our Tutu and Pappa time with the family in Illinois. We will look forward to seeing you in a couple of weeks!

Let me know of any needs or

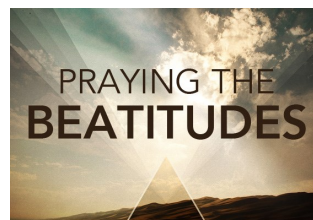
concerns. If you would like to visit with me, let me know and we can arrange a time to meet.

Let’s continue to choose kindness, compassion, and love; let’s do justice and make peace; let’s welcome the stranger; let’s persevere in prayer, as we glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.

In Christ’s Love,

Pastor Ken

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Words of Faith

Outreach & Evangelism

Courtland Lewis

The **One Great Hour of Sharing** offerings will be received through Easter, April 17. Whether giving online or via check please designate your offering by noting it for "OGHS."



SPECIAL OFFERINGS
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

For over 70 years, **One Great Hour of Sharing** has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by **One Great Hour of Sharing** - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Thank you in advance for your gifts to **One Great Hour of Sharing**.



Metrocrest Services will hold their annual KEYHOLDERS Breakfast on Tuesday, April 5 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Carrollton. We are looking for people from Faith United to attend and learn about the good work being done by Metrocrest. If you can attend, please contact the church office or Courtland Lewis at 214-417-9982 by March 20.

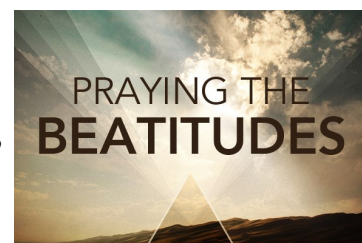
Congregational Meeting, 3/20/22

The Session is calling for a meeting of the congregation, Sunday March 20. The purpose of the meeting to elect a new Elder for the Session. There are currently two open spots on Session. The Session will be putting forth Frank Fehmel as the candidate. **The meeting will occur at the beginning of the worship.** This will allow for installation during worship. Please plan to participate in this important event in the life of our church.



Praying the Beatitudes

Pastor Ken will begin a new midweek devotion, **Praying the Beatitudes**, Wednesday, March 9. Jesus began his Sermon on the Mount with these provocative and comforting statements of blessing. In many ways, the *Sermon on the Mount* is a disciple's training manual. What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus in these chaotic and anxious times? How might praying the beatitudes form and shape our faith and faithfulness? Each Wednesday a new video offering will be posted to the church's Facebook page and YouTube channel. If you like the Facebook page and/or follow the YouTube channel you will get notice when they have been uploaded. Join us and spread the word! Perhaps someone who is not part of our church might be interested!



Happy Birthday!

March 5

* Kevin Miller

March 8

* Susan Saiter

March 9

* Chris West

March 12

* Erin West

March 13

* Brenda Swindle

March 25

* Wayne Saunders

March 26

* Glenn Craig

March 30

* Scott Sloey



Homebound or Recovering:

- ♥ Charley Rae Furrh (Terri Russell's cousin)
- ♥ Freddie Simmons

Prayers for:

- ♥ David Duell
- ♥ Dale Dorcholz
- ♥ Kathie Heffler
- ♥ Roger Jones
- ♥ Mike Jones
- ♥ George & Mozelle Mills
- ♥ Dennis Van Deventer

Worship services are available In-Person, via Facebook Live, or on our YouTube channel.

Worship resources available at www.FaithUnited-pc.com



Weekly Bible Study class

Rich Lewis

The class is currently led by Rich Lewis. They meet from 9:45 to 10:45 in classroom #4. Their current series: The Other Three Kings: Saul, David and Solomon. The kings were heroic, troubled, principled, and flawed. They will read about and discuss these characteristics and their effects on the Kingdom of Israel. They will not meet 3/20 or 3/27, Rich & Courtland will be traveling.



Order Form for Lilies

It is time to place your order for Easter Lilies. We will take orders until Wednesday, April 6. Please print your **specific** dedication/sentiment. You may mail this form with payment attached to the church office by April 6. Please note **"for Lilies"** in the memo section if paying by check.



I (we) wish to order _____ lilies at **\$11.00 each**.
Quantity

Please check one: _____
Payment (include check #) Wish to pay later

Name(s): _____

Please print the following dedication(s) for my (our) Easter Lilies.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:30 OA-Fellowship #1	 Ash Wednesday Worship March 2, 7pm	3	4 9:00 LTCDS Fellowship Hall #1	5 9:00 GA Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1
6 <i>Lent 1</i> 9:45 Adult Sunday School 11:00 FUPC Worship 11:00 Iglesia-Fellowship Hall	7 7 pm GA-Room #2	8 7:30 OA-Fellowship #1	9 9:30 LTCDS #1	10	11 9:00 LTCDS Fellowship Hall #1	12 9:00 GA Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1
13 <i>Lent 2</i> 9:45 Adult Sunday School 11:00 FUPC Worship 11:00 Iglesia-Fellowship Hall	14 7 pm GA-Room #2	15 7:30 OA-Fellowship #1	16 9:30 LTCDS #1	17	18 9:00 LTCDS Fellowship Hall #1	19 9:00 GA-Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1
20 <i>Lent 3</i> 9:45 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Cong. Meeting 11:00 Communion Worship 11:00 Iglesia-Fellowship Hall	21 7 pm GA-Room #2	22 7:30 OA-Fellowship #1	23 9:30 LTCDS #1	24	25 9:00 LTCDS Fellowship Hall #1	26 9:00 GA-Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1
27 <i>Lent 4</i> 9:45 Adult Sunday School 11:00 FUPC Worship 11:00 Iglesia-Fellowship Hall 12:30 FUPC & Iglesia Session	28 7 pm GA-Room #2	29 7:30 OA-Fellowship #1	30 9:30 LTCDS #1	31		

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