



The Weekly Update

Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church

March 12, 2025

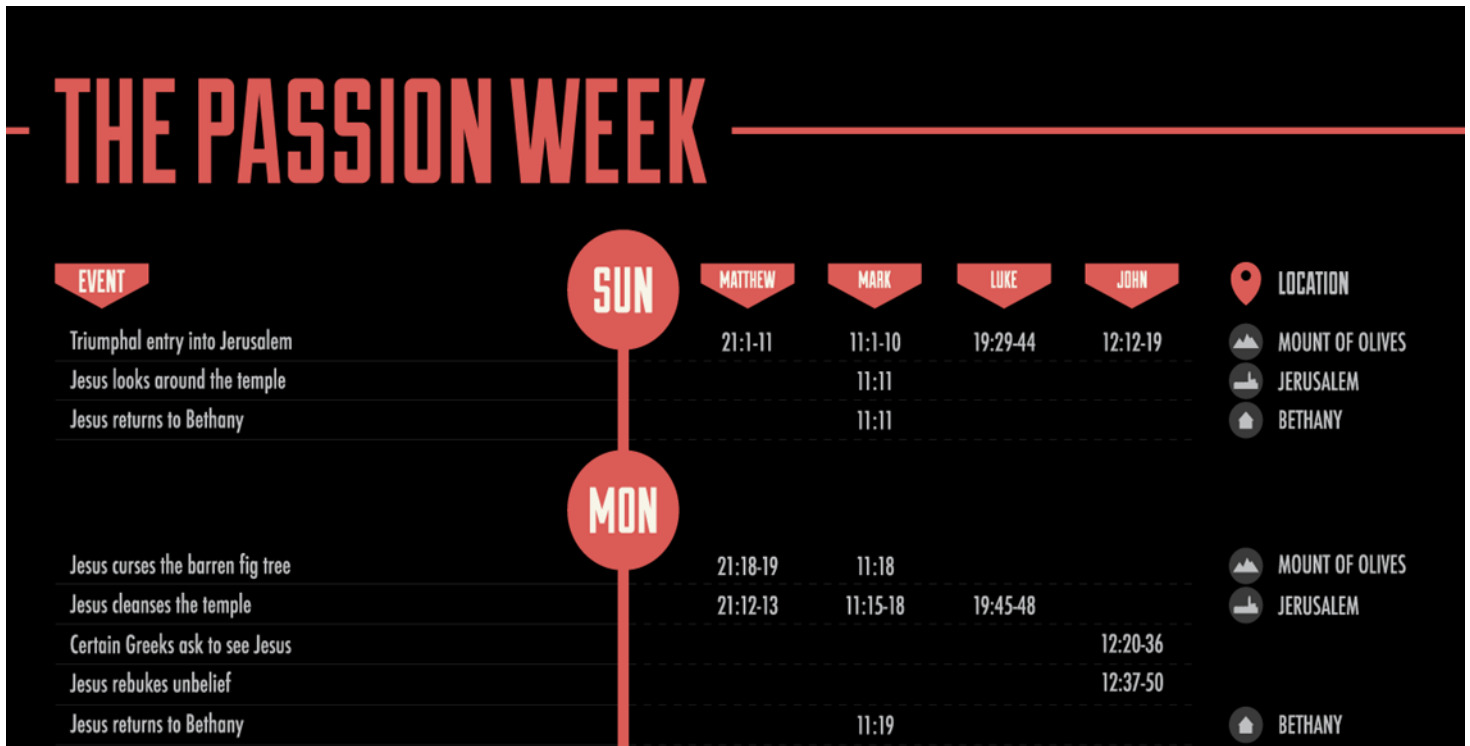
FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This past Sunday we began our Lenten sermon series: A Walk with Christ to the Cross. Over the next month and a half, we'll be following Jesus through the week leading up to Easter Sunday – sometimes called “Holy Week” or “Passion Week”. These seven real days contain the most important historical events in all of human history. But that ancient week isn't just relevant to the story of Jesus' life – it's relevant to our lives as well!

The things that happened in and around Jerusalem over the course of one week almost 2000 years ago are the most important events that have ever happened to us. When we put our faith and trust in Jesus, we tie our personal stories to His. We intertwine the narrative of our life with the life of Christ. He is the one who saves and rescues, redeems and forgives; He is the one who offers new and everlasting life. And the stories of our lives are shaped by our trust in Him. What Jesus did in Jerusalem 2000 years ago He did for us. He showed Himself to be the King of all things – the redeemer of those who will trust in Him and the resurrected Lord who we follow.

If you want to go a little further into the stories of Jesus' final week, the chart below is a great place to start. You can see how the different gospel writers recorded key events, and you can track the conversations, encounters and actions Jesus and those around Him took leading up to the cross and the empty tomb.

Don't let this Lenten season pass you by without slowing down and taking greater notice of what Jesus walked through for you!



Happy Anniversary!

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March 19 Sharon & Dale Cramer

Happy Birthday

March 14 Anita Spencer
March 14 Logan King
March 14 Peyton Lemon
March 18 Jenny Miller
March 19 Mike Rhamy



You are invited to a baby shower
in honor of
Quintin Keller Smith.

When: Saturday March 22

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Where:

Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church

R.S.V.P. text "Party" to 330-464-0702 giving
your name, and the number attending.

March Calendar

March 12 10 a.m. G.L.O.W. (Women)
March 12 6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting
March 12 6:45 p.m. Music Team
March 15 Easter Flower Orders due
March 16 Sunday morning worship & 2nd Hour
March 18 7:00 p.m. Finance Team Meeting
March 19 10:00 a.m. G.L.O.W. (Women)
March 19 6:00 p.m. Emmaus 4th Day
March 19 6:45 p.m. Music Team
March 23 Sunday morning worship and 2nd Hour
March 25 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting
March 25 7:30 p.m. The Grind (Men)

VOLUNTEERS FOR March 16

Greeters Janine Schlauch
Bridget Rhamy
Ushers Adam Swinehart &
Brent St. John
Café Jenny Reed
Nursery (Worship) Erika Schuch
Nursery (2nd Hour) Jenny Miller
Kidz Jam Delores Schlegel
Kids 2nd Hour Delores Schlegel
Elder Assist Earl Rhamy
Safety Team Joe Chupp

PRAYER

Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.

The prayer needs listed in **BOLD** are new to the list.

Praises

- **Barry Walton's back surgery successful**
- **For the Deacons caring for our church family**
- **Jenny Reed – praise for doctor report & upcoming surgery**

Military Service:

- Isaiah Styer - Hawaii
- Hunter Amolotte deployed to southern border
- Shannah Swinehart - Army National Guard
- Christa Nelson - Navy
- Steven King - Army
- Ryan Chabak - stationed in Arizona
- Gaven Bee - stationed in Dayton, OH

Prayer Needs

- Triway's play production
- Victims of recent natural disasters

Health Concerns

- **Continued prayers for Zach Stevenson's stepfather's recovery from a stroke**
- **Jeff Styer's cousin - stroke and recovery**
- **Candace - facing surgery following accident**
- **Parents Caleb & Tatum and baby Theo - newborn in ICU with blood sugar issues.**
- Tim - Alzheimer's disease
- Pat Thomson
- Kelly - thrown from a horse
- Pastor Albert continued healing from accident
- Jane Heilman

Battling Cancer

- Jamie - brain tumor
- Diane Scott
- Susan Halliday
- Janet Lee
- Waldo - cont'd prayers for remainder of chemo
- Landon Sommers - Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- Keylee - leukemia
- Dale James

Condolences

- **The family of Stefan Hostetler**
- **The family of Sgt. Shaffer**

The Deacons encourage you to send cards or notes of encouragement to those in the church family experiencing prayer needs.

The Children's Ministry Team has a special request for our church family.

We are asking you to join with us in praying for the kids of the church and for growth and blessing in kids ministry. We are eager to see more children and families connect with our programming for kids; but as we work toward that goal, we are asking all of you to join us in prayer. We know that God is the one who can help us reach more children and so we want to be asking Him to be at work in these things. Each week in the weekly update we will be sharing a simple prayer prompt for each day of the month and it will be connected with a Bible reference that the prayer is based on. We encourage you to pray with us but lifting up the children in your life, or by praying a general blessing on the children of our community. Your commitment to join us in praying for these things is a blessing to us and makes a difference! Thank you!

Praying for Kids – March 5 – March 11

March 12 - Philippians 1:3-5

Every time I think of our volunteer team, I give thanks to you, God. As I pray, I make my requests for all of them with joy, for they are my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ with the kids at our church.

March 13 – Philippians 1:6

And I am certain, God, that you began a good work in the children I teach and will continue your work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

March 14 – Philippians 1:7-8

So it is right that I should feel as I do about the children in my church, for they have a special place in my heart. They share with me the special favor of God. God, you know how much I love these children and long for them with the tender compassion of Christ Jesus.

March 15 – Philippians 1:9

I pray that your love will overflow more and more in the children I serve, and that they will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding.

March 16 – Philippians 1:10

I pray that children truly understand what really matters, so that they may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return.

March 17 - Philippians 1 :11

May these children always be filled with the fruit of salvation—the righteous character produced in their lives by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to you, oh God.

March 18 – Colossians 1:3-5

I always pray for these children, and give thanks to you, God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. For they have shown me their faith in Christ Jesus and their love for all of God's people, which come from their confident hope of what you have reserved for them in heaven.



Sunday, March 16 is the final day to place Easter Flower orders.

The order form is on the table in the Gallery. Please note who the plant is in memory or honor of, and include payment with your order.

WATCH THE SKIES!! A total lunar eclipse will occur overnight on March 13 into the early hours of March 14, creating a striking red "Blood Moon" for observers across North America. The lunar eclipse will reach its maximum phase, whereby the moon is fully obscured by Earth's deepest darkest shadow, at 2:59 a.m. EDT on March 14. Totality — the period when the moon is completely engulfed in Earth's shadow — will last for approximately 65 minutes. Key viewing times : Eastern Time (ET): 2:26 a.m. - 3:31 a.m. (March 14)

