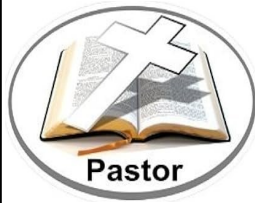


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Easter

Easter is the most important event in the Christian faith and appropriately the most important day on the Christian Calendar. At the Ash Wednesday service, at the beginning of Lent, I invited you to memorize 2 Corinthians 5:17, "If anyone is in Christ, you are a new creation: everything old as passed away; see everything has become new!" We are made new through the events of Holy Week and the Resurrection at the end of Lent. We are made new creations through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. His death on the cross, which we will celebrate on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, offers us forgiveness for sin and Christ's Resurrection on Easter has given humanity new life.

It is through the resurrection that we have been made new in Christ, we have been re-created. The Apostle Paul writes in Romans 6, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into his death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life....We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. Whoever has died is freed from sin. If we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him....So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus."

Through Jesus Christ's death and resurrection, we have been given new life as new creations in Christ. This is why we consider every Sunday worship a celebration of Easter- a celebration of the resurrection.

Easter is the most important event in our faith. In Paul's teaching the Corinthian church, the importance of the resurrection he writes in 1 Corinthians 15, "If Christ has not been raised from the dead, then our faith is futile and we are still in our sins....But in fact Christ has been raised, the first fruits of those who have died. Since death came through a human being, Adam, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being, Jesus; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ."

As we approach Holy Week, I encourage you to experience Easter fully by participating in each worship service at the church. On Palm Sunday we celebrate the

reception of Jesus being hailed by crowds waving palm branches, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." On Maundy Thursday we remember the Passover that Jesus celebrated with his disciples. He washed their feet and he instituted the Lord's Supper, "This is my body broken for you" "This is my blood of the covenant which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." On Good Friday we will worship at noon to recall when Jesus died on the cross and "breathed his last." Then on Sunday we celebrate Christ's resurrection on Easter, when the angels proclaimed at the empty tomb, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, He has risen."

On Easter we celebrate, "Christ has Risen, He is Risen Indeed!"

Pastor Bob

**See the Holy Week Schedule
On the Back Page**



Little Free Food Pantry Items

Located at the corner of 22nd St. & Capitol

Travel Size:

Toothpaste/toothbrush/
mouthwash
Deodorant
Shampoo/conditioner
Band aids
Hand-wipes
Disposable razors
Lotion/hand cream
Soap/body wash
Hand sanitizer

Food:

Snack packs of tuna/
chicken crackers, peanut
butter crackers
Individual power bars/
candy bars/snack bars
Individual bags of chips
Water bottles, juice boxes/
small juice cans
Peanut butter in small
packets

Other Items:

Toilet paper
Small notebooks
Feminine hygiene
products
Chap stick
Flashlight pens
Batteries - AAA or AA
Ink pens
Envelopes

Congratulations Pastor Bob On 30 Years of Service



On March 9th, Bob was recognized and celebrated with a cake for 30 years of ministry service.



Thanks to all who cooked and served at **Comea Shelter** in March. Our next date will be Tuesday, 13 May. A signup sheet will be available in the Fellowship Hall for 2 weeks prior.

Our donations for our **Extended Table** on 6 April will go to Day of Giving. Any food items are welcome or baby diapers/wipes.

Undie Sunday donations of new unopened packages of underwear will begin on Sunday, 13 April and can be delivered to the church during regular business hours and Sundays through Undie Sunday, 27 April. Thanks in advance to Ashley and the youth group for delivering them to Day of Giving. You can donate underwear of all sizes for children and men and women. Special thanks to

Lousia Brownstein for the beautiful Undie Sunday poster!

Thank you for your donations to our **Little Free Food Pantry**. Protein items are always needed. You may place donations in the basket in the Fellowship Hall anytime. Huge thanks to Joe Dougherty and Eddie Marcus for keeping the pantry supplied.

Without your generosity, the Deacons could not serve the needs of our community. Bless you all.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me by email at belajean2@gmail.com or by phone at 307-421-4896.

Belinda Smith, Deacons Local Mission Chairperson

Belinda Smith Receives Angel Award



COMEA honored five individuals at this year's Tacos and Tequila event. The Angel award is given to individuals, couples, and businesses who have gone above and beyond to show support for the shelter. Among this year's honorees was Belinda Smith. Belinda has been volunteering at COMEA for many years in the kitchen serving with our church group and other areas of the organization. Belinda has worked the shelter desk at check-in so staff could attend various events and trainings, she also helps with mailings and donations. Belinda is a familiar face at COMEA which is comforting to the residents. Other recipients were Pat and Tess Moran, kitchen volunteers, and Gary and Jo Butler, who established COMEA's endowment. Congratulations and much appreciation to these angels among us!



Wearing of the Tartans

Joe Dougherty wore his tartan on Sunday, March 16, in honor of his mother, Beryl Campbell Dougherty, who was a member of Frist Presbyterian Church.

Beryl passed in 1981.



100 Years of First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary and Building

This is a summary of the insert from March 23rd on the history of our building.

The entire insert can be found on our website: firstprescheyenne.org.

March 22-25, 1925

The new building was publicly set aside for the worship of God with dedication services extending over four days from March 22-25. The services included a formal program: an organ recital by John McClellan, organist from the Tabernacle in Salt Lake City and a musical program by the church's choir. The membership was roughly 616 people. Total cost for the new building and property was \$215,000, equating to roughly \$3.8 million in 2025. A few items contained in the building's cornerstone include an American Flag, history of the church, and a list of church members and officers. The Boy Scout troop has met here since its opening.

1936

The church property and building survived a potential foreclosure in 1936 during the Great Depression by refinancing a loan through the Presbyterian Denomination's National Board of Missions.

1944

The church congregation's 75th anniversary and 20th anniversary of the church building. The church celebrated the retirement of all church building debt.

1940's

During WWII, members of the military service were

welcomed at worship services and social functions. An average of 75 service members attended worship each Sunday. First Presbyterian Church had 182 of our members serve in the Armed Forces during WWII. Our Memorial Chapel is dedicated to the twelve men from the church who gave their lives during WWII. Their names are memorialized on a plaque in the chapel. It was dedicated on October 10, 1948.

In the late 1940's the First Presbyterian Church held three Easter services accommodating approximately 3000 worshippers.

1961

A new Christian Education building was completed, dedicated, and in three years the debt paid off.

2022

During our capital campaign, the original sanctuary and building was remodeled. Fully accessible bathrooms were added as well as a dedicated choir room. The major change in our capital project was to the Christian Education building. A new entrance was added and the front of the building expanded. We now have a new Fellowship Hall and kitchen, a new playground, new technology in our church's new offices, and the church is fully accessible through our elevator.



Visit our
Library

During this time of Lent, when we are to meditate on what needs to be changed in our daily life so that we are prepared for the gift of Easter, Lloyd Ogilvie's book "God's Will in Your Life" is a good resource. Ogilvie uses Old and New Testament scriptures and stories about people to help the reader understand God's will, how we can learn what his will is for our lives and why it is important that we do so.

📍 Walk † Pray ❤️ Love

Join us for a short walk, in or outdoors, depending on the weather, and enjoy nature, exercise, and conversation. A time for devotions and fellowship will be held. Light snacks follow the walk. We meet at the church Library at 9:30 a.m. on the fourth Wednesday each month, except during July and December. For additional information please contact Phyllis O'Connor at 630-3997.

May Newsletter Deadline to Submit Articles and Pictures is Weds., April 16

PW National Honorary Life Membership

The Rebecca and Ruth Circles awarded Kay Barnes an Honorary Life Membership to Presbyterian Women with a pin and certificate. She has been the pillar of the Circles for many years, leading us every year in our monthly Bible Studies. The Honorary Membership program was established early last century in the Presbyterian Church to honor faithful service to the women's organization and the church. Kay also has her mother's (smaller) pins for Honorary Membership and Life Member from the Presbyterian Church US before the northern and southern branches of the denomination reunited. Kay's devotion to the principles of Presbyterian Women has made her a deserving recipient of this honor. Thank you, Kay, for your many years of service.



April 2025 Calendar

Date	Day	Time	Event
Weekly Meetings:			
	<i>Mondays</i>	6:30 pm	Boy Scouts 116 (Activity Center)
	<i>Tuesdays</i>	9:30 am	Staff Meeting (Library)
	<i>Wednesdays</i>	5:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
		6:15 pm	Bells Rehearsals
	<i>Thursdays</i>	5:30 pm	APNC (Library)
	<i>Fridays</i>	Noon	Church Office Closes
<i>See specific date for any weekly updates:</i>			
WORSHIP	<i>Sundays</i>	8:00 am	Worship – Chapel / Fellowship
		9:00 am	Adult Sunday School (Library)
		9:30 am	Nursery (Upstairs)
		10:00 am	Worship – Sanctuary and Live Stream
		10:00 am	Sunday School (Upstairs)
		11:00 am	Fellowship
		11:15 am	-11:45 Children’s Choir & Chimes (Upstairs) (<i>not 4/6</i>)
		2:00 pm	-4 Youth Group (2 nd & 4 th Sundays)
April 1	Tuesday	12:30 pm	Clergy Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
		2:00 pm	Mission (Library)
		6:15 pm	Soup & Lent Study (Fellowship Hall)
April 2	Wednesday	6:00 pm	Mariners – Goodness’ Cakes Auction (Fellowship Hall)
		7:30 pm	Boy Scouts O.A. (Stage Room)
April 5	Saturday	10:00 am	Hearts & Hands (Fellowship Hall)
April 6	Sunday		<i>See Worship Schedule at the Beginning</i>
April 8	Tuesday	3:45 pm	Personnel (Library)
		6:15 pm	Soup & Lent Study (Fellowship Hall)
April 9	Wednesday	4:00 pm	Finance (Library)
April 10	Thursday	5:30 pm	Sarah Circle (Fellowship Hall)
April 11	Friday	1:00 pm	Ruth Circle (Library)
April 12	Saturday	8:00 am	Men on a Mission (Fellowship Hall)
April 13	Sunday		<i>See Worship Schedule at the Beginning</i>
			<i>Palm Sunday – Holy Week / One Great Hour of Sharing</i>
			<i>Special Music: Children’s Choir</i>
April 14	Monday	1:30 pm	Building & Grounds (Library)
		5:15 pm	Worship & Music (Fellowship Hall)
		5:30 pm	New Life (Library)
		5:30 pm	Christian Ed (Christian Ed)
April 15	Tuesday	6:00 pm	-8 District Scout Masters (Activity Center)
		6:15 pm	Soup & Lent Study (Fellowship Hall)
April 16	Wednesday		<i>May Newsletter Deadline</i>
		7:30 pm	Boy Scouts O.A. (Stage Room)
April 17	Thursday	7:00 pm	<i>Maundy Thursday 7 PM – Live Stream</i>
			<i>Special Music: 1st Five</i>
		1:00 pm	Coloring and Caring (Library)
April 18	Friday	NOON	<i>Good Friday Service - NOON</i>
April 19	Saturday	10:00 am	Stitch by Stitch (Fellowship Hall)
April 20	Sunday		<i>See Worship Schedule at the Beginning</i>
			<i>Easter – 10 AM Service Only / Lily Memorial Program</i>

April 2025 Calendar

Date	Day	Time	Event
			<i>Special Music: Bell & Children's Choir, Capital City Brass</i>
April 21	Monday	10:00 am	Genealogy (Family Research Center)
		7:00 pm	Session (Fellowship Hall)
April 22	Tuesday	1:30 pm	PW Coordinating Team (Library)
April 23	Wednesday	9:30 am	Walk, Pray, Love (Library)
April 27	Sunday		<i>See Worship Schedule at the Beginning</i>
			Undies Sunday
			<i>Special Music: Bell Ensemble</i>
April 28	Monday	1:00 pm	Rebecca Circle (Library)
		6:30 pm	Local Missions (Library)
		7:00 pm	Deacons (Parlor)

One Great Hour of Sharing 2025

The One Great Hour of Sharing campaign will run from March 5 through April 20. Envelopes will be in the pews in April. We will take the collection on April 20.

One Great hour of Sharing is a program of the Presbyterian Church USA with the intent of ending hunger, repairing after disasters, and promoting the self-development of all people. Donations are usually received during Lent. Each gift to OGHS helps to promote the lives of people in challenging situations. It provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. They do this through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP) and Self-Development of People (SDOP).

This year's prayer – God of Love, help us to show Your love today and everyday. As we prepare to give, may love bring forth Your world where all people, known and loved by You, are loved by all people around the world. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Find more information at – www.pcusa.org/oghs.

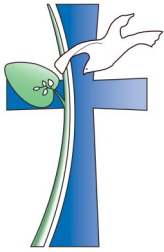


More than half of the people who contact us have been sick or in the hospital and have lost pay and possibly their job. Here are three ways people can get assistance with their utilities if they qualify. **Energy Share of Wyoming** provides a one-time expenditure of up to \$500 per household. **LIEAP** is a federally-funded program that helps people pay their heating bills during the winter months. **Local Cheyenne churches** may be able to help. People find them by contacting 211 or Community Action, and by calling local churches, which typically help only once per year. Please consider helping people through our Church's assistance program. We help one time with a maximum of \$250 per year.



For the families of Joan Anderson, Clarice Brown, and Phyllis McPherson Smith for their passing.

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| Robyn Anderson | | Dave Moench |
| Max Arrowsmith | | Carol Montgomery |
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| Paula Baldeshwiler | | Joan Mulhern |
| Guy Beardsley | | Kim Olson |
| Peggy Bjerke | | Pat Orris |
| Rose Burrows | | Susan Payne |
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| Donna Jo Epler | | Priscilla... |
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| Donna Goss | | Jeannie Smith |
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| Ray Hernandez | | Paula Stevens |
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| Mary Jensen | | Dorothy Tyrrell |
| Judith Krieger | | Sarah Wacker |
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Palm Sunday ~ April 13

Worship at 8 & 10 AM
One Great Hour of Sharing
(10 am livestream)



Maundy Thursday ~ April 17

Worship service at 7 pm
(Livestream)
Communion will be served

Holy Week Schedule



Easter ~ April 20

Worship at 10 AM *only*
(10 am live stream)
Easter Lily Program & Flower Cross
8:30-9:30 AM Deacons Easter Breakfast
Patries, Fruit, and Casseroles



Good Friday ~ April 18

A quiet service at Noon
remembering Jesus' death
on the cross. (No livestream)