

PIPE CREEK PIPELINE

News, notes, and updates about our church family at Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church

From the Pastor's Pen

March 2021 promises us Spring is coming, the days get longer (in fact we change time on Sunday, March 14). As we cherish the arrival of Spring, we will continue our journey through the season of Lent.

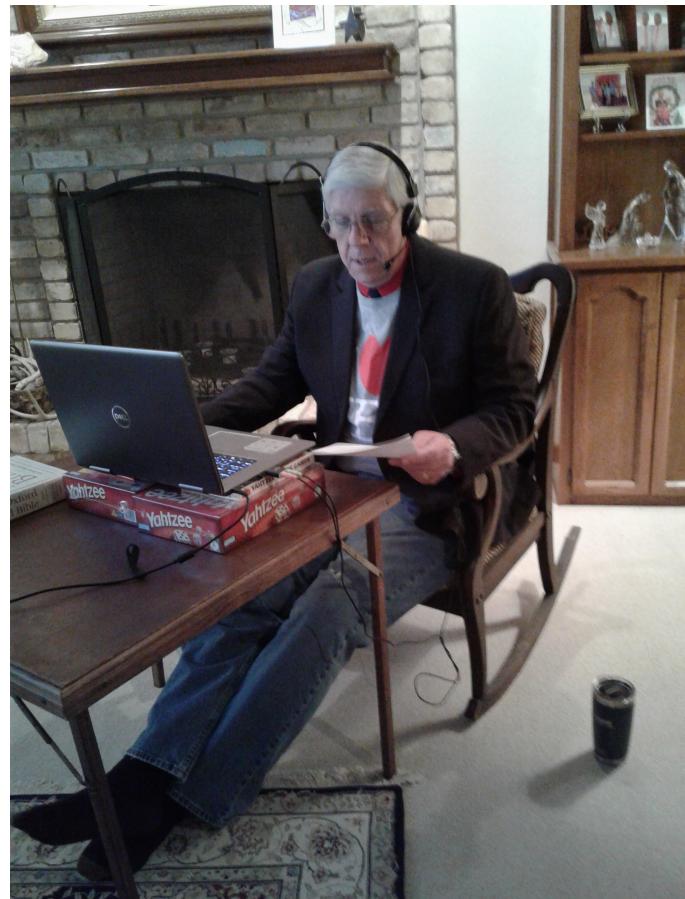
My prayer for each of us is that we will spend quiet time each day thinking about the ways God has blessed us and how we may share the Good News with others.

We have a great opportunity to talk with God through prayer on Friday, March 5th which is the World Day of Prayer.

Holy Week begins on Sunday, March 28th, Palm Sunday, as we shout Hosanna! as Jesus triumphantly enters the City of Jerusalem.

We will have many opportunities to gather as the body of Christ for worship, bible study, and fellowship throughout the month. May we share the Love of God with each other, our friends and neighbors. May God be with you and your family always!

Duane Manning



(church on Zoom during "snowmagedon")

The Mission of Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church is to share the joy and the comfort of God's love and His message of reconciliation through Jesus Christ.

March Scripture Passages

March 7 – Psalm 19; John 2: 13 - 22

March 14 – Psalm 107: 1 – 3, 17 - 22;
John 3: 14 - 21

March 21 – Psalm 51: 1 – 12;
John 12: 20 - 33

March 28 (Palm Sunday)–

Psalm 118: 1 – 2, 19 – 29;
Mark 11: 1 - 11

Theme for the Month:

Getting Right with God!

March guides us through the season of Lent and culminates with Holy Week. We are called to experience a time of introspection and repentance. What have we done or left undone that separates us from fulfilling God's calling for us?

Our scripture readings provide a number of examples that we can consider in our own lives.

March 7th is the third Sunday of Lent and we read about Jesus clearing the money changers out of the Synagogue. How do we care for the Father's house?

On the fourth Sunday of Lent we read that God did not send His Son to condemn the world but to save it. We're invited by God to come out of the darkness and into the Light. The fifth Sunday of Lent invites us to hear conversations between Jesus and His disciples. Hear these words of discipleship, "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor."

Palm Sunday enables us to shout "Hosana" and lay palm branches on the road as our Lord and Savior enters Jerusalem. This is the beginning of God's plan for Jesus' arrest, crucifixion and resurrection.

Let us worship God together this month!
Peace & Blessings.

Duane Manning

You are invited to Tuesday morning Bible Study when on the Tuesday prior to sermon Sunday we get together to discuss the scripture readings on which the sermon is based. Join us at 11 a.m, and bring a lunch for fellowship afterwards.

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March Birthday Celebrations

- 3/5 Mary Potter
 3/11 Patty Haltmar
 3/13 Gail Bowie
 3/14 Joveda Nelson
 Joel Price
 3/16 Delmar Potter
 3/17 Pat Fellows
 3/18 Braxton Gilmore
 3/18 Erwin Barden
 3/22 Brooklyn Kraemer
 3/25 Wyatt Blair
 Sylvia Kelley
 3/27 Lillianne Gray
 3/28 Nan Moody
 3/29 Jane Graham
 3/31 Jean Criss

March Wedding Anniversaries

- 3/7 Jill & Kirk Price

March Events

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| Mon. Mar 1 | Quilting Ministry |
| Tues. Mar 2 | 11 a.m. Bible Study |
| Wed. Mar 3 | Little Rock Cafe, 5:30 |
| | 7 p.m. Bible Study |
| Fri. Mar 5 | World Day of Prayer |
| Sun. Mar 7 | Celebration Sunday |
| Mon. Mar 8 | Quilting Ministry |
| Tues. Mar 9 | 11 a.m. Bible Study |
| Wed. Mar 10 | Pork Loin at Little Rock Cafe, 5:30 |
| Sun. Mar 14 | 7 p.m. Bible Study |
| | Taco Sunday |
| | Daylight Savings Time |
| Mon. Mar 15 | Session Meeting |
| Tues. Mar 16 | Quilting Ministry |
| Wed. Mar 17 | 11 a.m. Bible Study |
| | St. Patty'S Day at Little Rock Cafe, 5:00 |
| Sun. Mar 21 | 7 p.m. Bible Study |
| | Sweet Sunday |
| Mon. Mar 22 | Quilting Ministry |
| Tues. Mar 23 | 11 a.m. Bible Study |
| Wed. Mar 24 | Little Rock Cafe, 5:30 |
| Sun. Mar 28 | 7 p.m. Bible Study |
| | Palm Sunday |

GOD IN THE NOTES

Written by Esther Benedict

God of All My Days

I love this song! In it, I hear the tender feelings of the author towards a God Who has always been there through thick and thin. I hear the rejoicing sound of praise—the constant in his life.

There was a time in my life I felt that God was no longer there. I was in the shadows. I had questions and my heart was in pieces. I thought for sure He had turned His back on me. I was miserable and felt alone. And yet, He was a God that relentlessly pursued me. Where I had thought He had turned His back on me, I found instead He was there all the time with open arms. In reality, I had turned my back on Him.

Turning to God when your heart is broken in pieces is not easy. We think we can control everything, and we've got this! Yet if we surrender, leave all else behind, know He has healing in His hands and will make all things new, then all we must do is give in to His love. When we are overwhelmed and lost in our everyday life, that is the time we need to turn to the God Who holds all wisdom. With trust we can step out on the ocean of uncertainty and reach for the God that takes our hand.

He sees us as precious and fully loved. When we are sincere, we can lean into Him, lean on Him, and make Him the God of all of our days.

God is with us in each step we take in life. Through seasons of change, He is always there. Life gives us many questions. We agonize over what we should do, could do, and at times what in the world can we do! The seasons of our lives are constantly changing. Times may be good, great, or glorious; or perhaps dark, dismal, and hopeless. Whatever season we face we need to simply turn to the God of all our days. We will find freedom, answers, stillness and power.

Each step we take He will make a way. He always stays the same and is the Constant in our lives.

"In my worry God you are my stillness
In my searching God you are my answers
In my bondage God you are my freedom
In my weakness God you are my power
You are the God of all my days!"

The song is sung by Casting Crowns

Here are the lyrics

God of All My Days by Casting Crowns

I came to You with my heart in pieces
And found the God with healing in His
hands

I turned to You, put everything behind me
And found the God, who makes all things
new

I looked to You, drowning in my questions
And found the God, who holds all wisdom
And I trusted You and stepped out on the
ocean

You caught my hand among the waves

'Cause You are the God of all my days

Each step I take, You make a way

I will give You all my praise

My seasons change, You stay the same

You're the God of all my days

I ran from You, wandered in the shadows

And found a God, who relentlessly pursues

I hid from You, haunted by my failure

And found the God, whose grace still
covers me

I fell on You when I was at my weakest

And found the God, the lifter of my head

Session Briefs

Pastor Duane said that the Holy Spirit has been working and the Session ministry assignments have been determined.

They are:

Chris Kelley	Worship
Barbara Boalo	Nurture
Darlene Hildebrand	Property
Kirk Price	Christian Education
Rick Melton	Stewardship
Bill Schultz	Evangelism/ Outreach

Duane says, "We have a terrific class of elders and I've already felt their excitement and enthusiasm. I ask the congregation to keep them in your prayers as they take on the challenges of their ministries in service to PCPC and God."

Some annual housekeeping business was completed by Session at its February 7 meeting. The Book of Order requires that Session elect the church treasurer and clerk of session each year. Tommy Hannah was elected to continue as treasurer and Jackie Manning was elected to continue as clerk of session. Also as required by the Book of Order, Session approved serving Communion on the first Sunday of each month in 2021, as well as on Maundy Thursday.

The way PCPC is serving Communion was brought up and several options were discussed. It was agreed to try this way on March 7: Two elders will serve Communion by standing in front of the Communion table. One elder will offer the

bread, the other elder will offer the tray of juice. People will come forward, take each element and return to their seats. Duane will then direct the congregation to eat and drink of the elements.

It was agreed to try a change in presenting tithes, offerings, and pledges. When time comes to do that during the service, one usher will bring the offering plate forward to be blessed and prayed over. When going forward with the offering plate, the usher will collect prayer cards (if any) and give them to the pastor for the Pastoral Prayer.

Your Quilting Ministry wants you!

Are you looking for a way to be a more active member of the PCPC congregation? Our Quilting Ministry offers a variety of ways to be involved in this very active ministry.

1. We meet every Monday morning. Early birds start arriving at 9:30 a.m.
2. You can get a lesson on how to make prayer quilts if you are a beginner.
3. You can take on some of the hand sewing activities if you don't want to make a whole quilt.
4. You can bring your own projects and join in the conversations with the other quilters.
5. You can bring fabric to donate (we have quite a stash!).
6. You can bring or help fix a lunch for the others.
7. Have fun and share with others.

PCPC Quilting Ministry continues to receive feedback from Prayer Quilt recipients

Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for thinking of me after all this time and for the beautiful handmade ornaments from you and the church. I will treasure them.

I am feeling well and walking better. I miss your church services and lunches. Church here is online only and I can't handle technology. Say hello to everyone, especially the Weller boys.

Love, Sylvia Kelley

Thank you so much for the quilt. It was very thoughtful of you. His death was very sudden but he had been going downhill for about 6 months. Then mom died on Dec. 16. She lived to be 99 and went in her sleep. I will think of you everytime I curl up with the quilt.

Love, RobbieJean

Thank you for the beautiful throw. It will be put to good use. Thank each and every one of you for your prayer and the blessing of the quilt. Sam has been sick with cancer for about 14 months and now on end of life treatment. I'm allowed to see him in the nursing home. Sometimes he knows me and other times not. Again, thank you for the prayers and the quilt. God bless each and every one of you.

with love, Sandy and Sam

Prayer Warriors,

I have no words to fully express my appreciation for this prayer blanket. What an absolutely beautiful and comforting gift. To know that so many have prayed for my family is overwhelming. Thank you so much; I will definitely cherish this gift.

My mother was quite a gardener! People would actually stop and take pictures because of my mom's garden. Thank you for choosing this fabric to remember her.

Sincerely,
Tosha Parker