

MARCH 2024

NEWS FROM THE PIT

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CALENDAR

CONFIRMATION BOOT CAMP?

On Ash Wednesday Whitney preached about the origins of Lent as a time for new Christians to prepare for their baptisms which would take place at dawn on Easter. "Three years of Christian training and catechism was condensed into 40 days...a baptismal boot camp...a faithful return to the basics of what it means to follow Christ." As I've told you before, I love Lent for it provides me a focused time to be present in my faith. Whether fasting from or feasting on, I commit to 40 days of intentional practices that draw me closer to God.

Taking a cue from the early church, we have rescheduled the second confirmation retreat for March 10th. It will be a sort of confirmation boot camp - book of order, book of common worship, polity, discipleship, stewardship, and so much more! The two big questions are: What does it mean to affirm your baptismal vows at First Presbyterian Church of Athens? How will you live out your faith in this congregation? Confirmands, I am looking forward to sharing in this Season of Lent with you. See you soon!

❤ Miss Kim

SUMMER 2024

Montreat Youth Conference

The Lodge is full with a waitlist. Please turn in final balance by 4/1. I will open up spots after that date. Meeting on 4/28.

Middle School Montreat

I currently do not have enough middle youth signed up, but am exploring opening up to rising 6th graders. Decision to be made by 4/1. <https://forms.gle/ZHBcNrbMPHBWbenX8>

MAR 3 9:45am 6:00pm	3rd Sunday in Lent MS Sunday School HS youth group - <i>Ness house</i>
MAR 10 9:45am 5:00pm 5:00pm 6:00pm	4th Sunday in Lent MS Sunday School MS youth group Confirmation Retreat Dinner
MAR 17 9:45pm 5:00pm 6:30pm	5th Sunday in Lent MS Sunday School MS youth group HS youth group
MAR 24 9:45am 10:30am 5:00pm 6:00pm 6:30pm	Palm Sunday MS Sunday School Palm parade with donkey MS youth group Dinner HS youth group
MAR 31	HAPPY EASTER! <i>no youth group</i>

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March 3

HIGH SCHOOL ONLY

Before Spring gets here, we want to have one last fire pit gathering. Join us at the Ness house (200 Glenwood Drive) from 6-8pm for basketball, dinner and conversations around the fire pit with smores!

no middle school youth group

March 10

MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLY

Last week was for high schoolers. Tonight is all about the middle schoolers! We'll meet in the PIT for a round of games, followed by a mini service project. Our college interns are on Spring Break this week, so we are looking for 2-3 parents who can help Erin tonight.

no high school youth group

March 17

LOOKING AT THE LAST SUPPER

Next week begins Holy Week. Tonight youth will gather around the table to break bread together. We'll look at the life of Jesus and what that means for us today. We'll talk about grace, confession, accountability, redemption. What does Easter Sunday really mean to you? Note different times (MS 5-6, HS 6:30-8).

March 24

HOLY WEEK PRAYER STATIONS

The PIT has been transformed into interactive prayer stations focused on the days leading up to Easter. Youth will walk through the different rooms, reflecting on what each day must have felt like for Jesus and his disciples and what it means for the church today.

Prayer stations will be open to the entire congregation for Holy Week. Parents, I hope you'll find time during the week to stop by and spend some quiet intentional time with God.

March 31

HAPPY EASTER!!

Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!
no Sunday School or youth group



so many march babies



3/1	3/12	3/17	3/25
Kim Ness	Elizabeth McArthur	Camille Attaway	Benjamin Crim
3/7	3/12	3/19	3/26
Jimmy Bishop	KD McArthur	Thomas Bowden	Pat Bryan
3/9	3/13	3/21	3/26
Charlie Phillips	Kate Ness	Anna Simmons	Petch Bryan



Holy Week

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

Palm Parade and worship service

Waving palms, shouting Hosanna we'll follow a real donkey around the block to the Sanctuary. This special worship tells the story of Jesus from Palm Sunday to Good Friday through scripture & song.

MONDAY-SUNDAY

Prayer Stations in the PIT

The PIT will be open for all to participate in interactive prayer stations related to the different days of Holy Week.

THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday worship

Join us as we gather around tables in Fellowship Hall for a simple dinner & worship service.

FRIDAY

Good Friday worship

This year's Presbyterian community worship is hosted by Oconee Presbyterian Church. All are invited to come worship.

SATURDAY

Easter Egg Hunt

Come watch the children search for eggs then join us for a picnic-style meal on the beautiful lawn of The Hill.

EASTER

Worship and Biscuit Breakfast

Start your day with sunrise service at Oconee Hill Cemetery then come worship here at FPC, with breakfast between services.