

FAITH MATTERS



A Letter From The Pastor

“For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans for wholeness and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me. When you seek me with all your heart, I will be found by you,’ declares the Lord”[1]

[1] Jeremiah 29:11-14a.

This may not seem like a traditional Lenten passage, but I am of the mind that God is speaking to us here at Laboratory through these verses in a couple of different ways. They are occurring on two different levels, the personal and the corporate.

On a personal level, as we travel through these days of Lent, we travel with Jesus toward Jerusalem. It is a time when He is teaching His disciples the true nature of the kingdom of God. On this journey, we spend time looking inward, seeing our own depravity and a need for the Savior. We learn that we are in a desperate place without the love of God intervening on our behalf.

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In God's plans for the Passion of His Son, we identify the Father's plans for wholeness, a future, and a hope. As we do so, we find out that His plan calls us to Him if we will only call upon Him. We find out that all we need to do is call upon the name of Jesus and He is right there waiting to be found by us. We join Him in His death and resurrection giving us that future and hope.

On the corporate level, we are reminded in these verses not only that God has good plans for us but also that He wants us to call upon Him. He will hear us. He wants us earnestly to seek Him and find Him.

I believe as a congregation this is a call for us to surrender ourselves to Him, to surrender our wills to His. I believe that this period of Lent is a time for us to see how good God is and to get prepared for what He has in store for the life and ministry of this congregation.

When Jeremiah penned these words that He had received from God, he was reaching out to the exiles in Babylon. God was reminding these exiles through Jeremiah that though they were far away from where they were meant to be, He was still waiting for them. They were in exile because of their failure to be listening to and seeking God, yet God was holding out the opportunity for things to be different for them if they would only seek Him. No matter what you have done, no matter where you are right now, God is still offering us the same blessings. No matter how recent years have looked here at Laboratory, God's offer still stands. Seek Him; call on Him; listen to Him. He is waiting for you and will be found and has great plans for you. There is a future and a hope found in seeking after Jesus. Let's go find Him together.

In Christ's service,
Pastor Scott

[1] Jeremiah 29:11-14a.

"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

BIRTHDAYS



3/3 - Rachel Heather

3/5 - Colleen Dille

3/9 - Chloe Morgan

3/14 - Piper Rowley

3/20 - Gail Wrenshall

3/23 - Marah Pegram

3/25 - Sarah Drake

3/30 - Brian Daetwyler

3/31 - Beckett McDowell





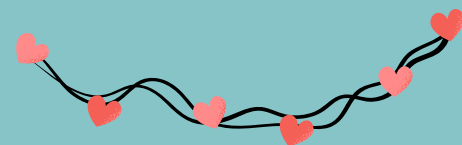
*The steadfast
love of the Lord
never ceases;
his mercies
never come to an
end;
they are new
every morning;
great is your
faithfulness.
“The Lord is my
portion,” says
my soul,
“therefore I
will hope in
him.”*

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-24

ANNIVERSARY



3/27 - Gene & Kathy McDaniel



March 5, 2023 (Communion) (Second Sunday, Lent)

Sermon Title: Imputed Righteousness

Scripture: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Focal Verse: “That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all,” v. 16.

Synopsis: Forgiveness is given to us as a gift. It is not something that we can earn. It comes through faith in Jesus.

Special Notes: Scout Sunday

March 12, 2023 (Third Sunday, Lent)

Sermon Title: The Well-Spring of Life

Scripture: John 4:5-26, 35-42

Focal Verse: “Jesus said to her, ‘Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.’ vv. 13-14.

Synopsis: Among the many treasures that come from the storehouse of heaven is that of eternal life. As we move ever closer to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Today we are reminded that all life comes through our Savior because He is the living water that nourishes our souls and gives us life.

March 19, 2023 (Fourth Sunday, Lent)

Sermon Title: To See or Not to See

Scripture: John 9:1-12, 35-41

Focal Verse: “Jesus said, ‘For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.’” v. 39.

Synopsis: Being in church all the time does not mean that we have a clear vision of what God is up to in our lives. Neither do we see clearly through the haze of our own desires and failures. We have a choice to make. This is a season of surrender.

March 19, 2023 (Installation Service)

Sermon Title: Transformed Ministry

Scripture: Romans 11:33-12:2

Focal Verse: “Do not be conformed to this world,[a] but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” 12:2.

Synopsis: Rev. Dr. Stuart Broberg preaches about transformative ministry.

Special Notes: This service takes place at 3PM.

March 26, 2023 (Fifth Sunday, Lent)

Sermon Title: Dry Bones

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14

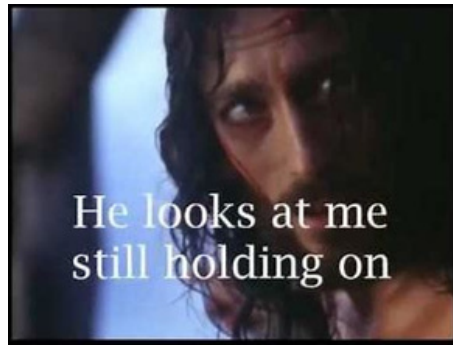
Focal Verse: “Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people.” v. 12.

Synopsis: When we focus on living life in our own strength instead of drawing from the storehouses of heaven our bones will eventually dry up. But God is in the business of breathing new life into these dry bones and wants to call us into His presence.

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Third Day

I am a thief, I am a murderer
Walkin' up this lonely hill
What have I done?
No, I don't remember
And no one knows just how I feel
And I know that my time is comin' soon
It's been so long, oh, such a long time
Since I've lived with peace and rest
And now I am here at my destination
And I guess things work for the best
And I know that my time is comin' soon
O who is this man, O this man beside me
That they call the King of the Jews?
No, they don't believe that He's the Messiah
But somehow, I know that it's true
O they laugh at Him in mockery
And beat Him 'til He bleeds
O they nail Him to the rugged cross
And raise Him, yeah, they raise Him up next to me
My time has come, I'm slowly fading
But I deserve what I receive
Jesus when You reign Your kingdom
Could Ya please, please remember me?
O He looks at me still holdin' on
And the tears fall from His eyes
And He says, "I tell the truth
O today, O you will live with me in Paradise!"
Oh, yeah, yes
And I know that my time, O my time is comin' soon
Oh, yeah, yes
And I know that my time, O my time is comin' soon
Yeah, yeah, yeah
And I know Paradise, O Paradise
Is comin' soon



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Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

ROMANS 5:1-5



TRUE LENTEN DISCIPLINE

FAST from judging others; FEAST on Christ dwelling in you.
FAST from bitterness; FEAST on forgiveness.
FAST from apparent darkness; FEAST on the reality of God's light.
FAST from thoughts of illness; FEAST on the healing power of God.
FAST from words that pollute; FEAST on phrases that purify.
FAST from discontent; FEAST on gratitude.
FAST from anger; FEAST on patience.

Author Unknown

Lenten Poem by Ann Weems

Lent is a time to take time to let the power
of our faith story take hold of us,
a time to let the events get up
and walk around in us,
a time to intensify our living unto Christ,
a time to hover over the thoughts of our hearts,
a time to place our feet in the streets of
Jerusalem or to walk along the sea and
listen to his Word,
a time to touch his robe
and feel the healing surge through us,
a time to ponder and a time to wonder....
Lent is a time to allow
a fresh new taste of God!
Perhaps we're afraid to have time to think,
for thoughts come unbidden.
Perhaps we're afraid to face our future
knowing our past.
Give us courage, O God,
to hear your Word
and to read our living into it.
Give us the trust to know we're forgiven
and give us the faith
to take up our lives and walk.

*For we know
that the whole
creation has
been groaning
together in the
pains of
childbirth until
now. And not
only the
creation, but we
ourselves, who
have the
firstfruits of the
Spirit, groan
inwardly as we
wait eagerly for
adoption as
sons, the
redemption of
our bodies. For
in this hope we
were saved. Now
hope that is seen
is not hope. For
who hopes for
what he sees?
But if we hope
for what we do
not see, we wait
for it with
patience.*

ROMANS 8:22-25

Taco Fundraiser



Get your tickets today!

Join us on March 25th, 5-8pm for "**Tacos for Izzy!**"

Laboratory Presbyterian Church

will be holding a fundraiser dinner benefiting **Izzy Heather**.

We will have a taco bar, desserts, 50/50 raffle, gift basket raffle, and music.

Adults are \$10, Kids ages 4-10 are \$5, and kids 3 & under are free.



Tickets MUST be purchased in advance. The Missions team is asking for donations of either desserts or gift baskets. Please see a member of the Missions & Outreach team for tickets or with any questions.



Please Join Us!

On **Sunday, March 19 at 3:00 PM**, Rev. Dr. Scott Shetter will be officially installed as the Designated Pastor of the Laboratory Presbyterian Church. The service will include music from the LPC Ringers and Adult Choir. Members from the church and also members from the Washington Presbytery will be participating. A luncheon in the Fellowship Hall will immediately follow the service.

We hope you will join us as we celebrate and congratulate Pastor Scott and his family on this new beginning at the Laboratory Presbyterian Church. Sign up in the Narthex with the number attending.

Thank you.



Journey to Jerusalem

It's not too late! Join the deacons as they lead us on a virtual pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Our goal is to collectively travel the 6,000 miles through exercise of the body, mind, and spirit.

Check out our website at bit.ly/lpcwalk23 to sign up

or talk to our deacons:

Harriet Dilly, Darlene McDonald, & Brenda Rollison.



*Do not be
slothful in zeal,
be fervent in
spirit, serve the
Lord. Rejoice in
hope, be patient
in tribulation, be
constant in
prayer.
Contribute to the
needs of the
saints and seek
to show
hospitality.*

ROMANS 12:11-13



Ushers & Greeters



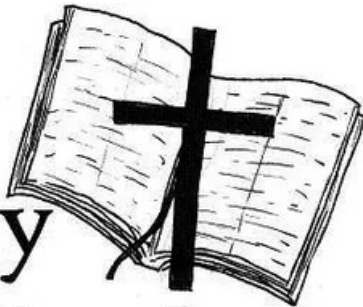
March 5 - Scouts
March 12 - Sarah & Ollie Drake
March 19 - Tammy Varner & Fred Allen
March 26 - TBD



Children's Message











March 5 - Colleen Dille
March 12 - Pam Koppes
March 19 - Tammy Varner
March 26 - Harriet Dilly

Liturgy of the Word



March 5 - Scouts
March 12 - Jade Morgan
March 19 - Jolie Welling
March 26 - Sarah Drake

March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 4:30 PM Bell Choir 5:30 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM NA Meeting	2 5:00 PM Music & Worship Meeting	3 8:00 AM World Day of Prayer 7:00 PM NA Meeting Rachel Heather 	4
5 2nd Sunday in Lent 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 5:30 PM FROG YG Colleen Dille 	6	7 6:30 PM Presbyterian Women's Meeting	8 4:30 PM Bell Choir 5:30 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM NA Meeting	9 6:30 PM Session & Trustee Meetings Chloe Morgan 	10 7:00 PM NA Meeting	11
12 3rd Sunday in Lent 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	13	14 10:00 AM Garden Club 4:00 PM Presbytery at West Alexander Church 7:00 PM Dartball	15 4:30 PM Bell Choir 5:30 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM NA Meeting	16	17 7:00 PM NA Meeting 	18
19 4th Sunday in Lent 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 3:00 PM Installation Service. Reception Following. 5:30 PM FROG YG	20 Gail Wrenshall 	21 10:00 AM Garden Club	22 4:30 PM Bell Choir 5:30 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM NA Meeting	23 Marah Pegram 	24 7:00 PM NA Meeting	25 5:00 PM Taco's for Izzy! Sarah Drake 
26 5th Sunday in Lent 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Christian Education Meeting	27 6:00 PM Mission and Fellowship Meeting Gene & Kathy McDaniel 	28	29 4:30 PM Bell Choir 5:30 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM NA Meeting	30 Brian Daetwyler 	31 7:00 PM NA Meeting Beckett McDowell 	

Upcoming Lenten Schedule

Palm Sunday Worship will be April 2

Maundy Thursday Worship April 6, 7:00 PM

Good Friday Worship April 7, 7:00 PM

Easter SonRise Service April 9, 8:00 AM

Easter Breakfast April 9, 9:15 AM

Easter Celebration Service April 9, 10:30 AM

