



Open Door
2026
MARCH



In Thomas Merton's "Thoughts on Solitude", he offers this thought for us:

"There is no true spiritual life outside the love of Christ. We have a spiritual life only because we are loved by Him. The spiritual life consists in receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit and His charity [...]"

If we know how great is the love of Jesus for us we will never be afraid to go to Him in all our poverty, all our weakness, all our spiritual wretchedness and infirmity. Indeed, when we understand the true nature of His love for us, we will prefer to come to Him poor and helpless. We will never be ashamed of our distress. Distress is to our advantage when we have nothing to seek but mercy. We can be glad of our helplessness when we really believe that His power is made perfect in our infirmity. [...]"

"We must love our own poverty as Jesus loves it. It is so valuable to Him that He died on the Cross to present our poverty to His Father, and endow us with the riches of His own infinite mercy.

We must [also] love the poverty of others as Jesus loves it. We must see them with the eyes of His own compassion."

Be loved by God. Love God. Love others. And this fulfills the law of Jesus.

Pastor Ray

World Day Of Prayer, March 6th



Mr Roger's Day, March 20th

"Knowing that we can be loved exactly as we are gives us all the best opportunity for growing into the healthiest of people."

~Fred Rogers





March 1	Commitment to Service	Genesis 15:1-12,17-18, Philippians 3:17 -4:1, Luke 13:31-35
March 8	Heart of Service	Isaiah 55:1-9, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9
March 15	Service as Radical Hospitality	Joshua 5:9-12, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
March 22	The Ministry of Self-Giving	Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippians 3:4b-14, John 12:1-8
March 29	The Servant King	Isaiah 50:4-9a, Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 19:28-40

Kum Ba Yah aka Kum Ba Zoom

We meet every Wednesday on ZOOM for fellowship, study and prayer.

7:00 PM. The link to the Zoom Meeting is sent in the Wednesday Email each week.

Kum Ba Yah topics:

March 4	Commandments 9 & 10
March 11	The Human Search for Peace
March 18	The Human Destruction of Peace
March 25	God, Peace, and the Old Testament

Adult Sunday School

Sundays at 9:30am on Zoom and in Person!

March 1	David
March 8	David
March 15	Prayer
March 22	Prayer
March 29	Prayer

BACKPACK PROGRAM

We are grateful for the leadership of Dave Foster and Janice Johnson, who organize our weekly food program with children at Roosevelt Elementary School. Since school started this year, we are averaging about **29** backpacks per week.

If you have not previously assisted with this ministry and would like information, don't hesitate to get in touch with Dave Foster or the office. We are grateful to all of you who volunteered to pack backpacks this year.



MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission program is partly sustained by gifts from the Myers Sisters' bequest and gifts from members. You can designate gifts to "Local Mission" or "Global Mission." In February, the committee gave to Local Missions: **\$300, Red Cross**, and Global Missions: **\$300, Mercy Corps**

The Deacon's Shoe Ministry: The Deacons have delivered 2 pairs of shoes in 2026.

Food Pantry: The food pantry served **47 households** and **96 individuals** from February 1st through February 23, 2026.



FPC Miami Presbyterian Women's Luncheon

The women of FPC Miami enjoyed another wonderful luncheon in February, featuring leftovers from the "Soup"er Bowl of Caring. In March, Cindy will bring Lasagna.



Next Luncheon: Tuesday, March 10th at 11:30 am



*Do you enjoy FPC Miami's Open Door?
Would you like to be more involved in the
Open Door?*

Good News! You Can!



*Please share your thoughts, prayers, short
stories, poems, memories, or experiences of
what God is doing and has done in your life.
Kindly submit your contributions by the
15th of the month so that Ross can include
them in the Open Door.*



*Palm Sunday
March 29th*

Hosanna!

**"Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord!"**

Luke 19:38, NIV

Hosanna in the Highest!



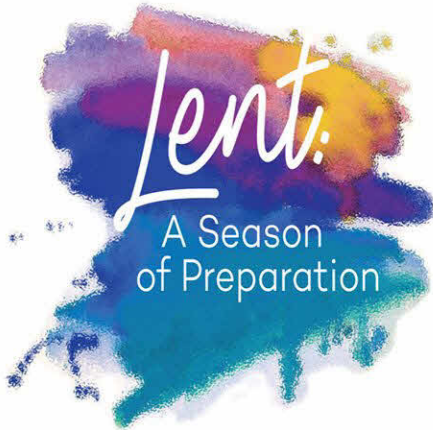
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:15 am Breakfast 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 Fellowship	2 10-12 Food Pantry	3 10-12 Food Pantry	4 10-12 Food Pantry 10am Windridge 7:00 KumBaZoom	5 10-12 Food Pantry 2:30 Backpack 7:00 GA	6 World Prayer Day 10-12 Food Pantry	7
8 Daylight Savings Time begins 9:15 am Breakfast 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 Fellowship	9 10-12 Food Pantry	10 10-12 Food Pantry 11:00 Mission Mtg 11:30 Ladies Luncheon	11 10-12 Food Pantry 2:30 Backpack 7:00 KumBaZoom	12 10-12 Food Pantry 7:00 GA	13 10-12 Food Pantry	14
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22 Palm Sunday 9:15 am Breakfast 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 Fellowship	23 10-12 Food Pantry	24 10-12 Food Pantry	25 10-12 Food Pantry 7:00 KBZ	26 10-12 Food Pantry 2:30 Backpack 7:00 GA	27 10-12 Food Pantry	28
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	Jamie Gray 3/7	Dottie Liwai 3/13
	Josh Gray 3/7	Emily Gray 3/21
	John Wilcox 3/10	Scott Gates 3/22
	Ross Tomlinson 3/12	Fred Niehaus 3/31

Should your name be here? Please let the office know your birth date so we can include you!

Lenten Devotional 2026



First Presbyterian Church
Miami, Oklahoma

Hot off the Presses

FPC Miami's

2026

*Lenten
Devotional*



MARCH



Sunday, March 8th, marks the beginning of Daylight Savings Time.

Remember to set your clocks ahead by one hour on Saturday night before going to bed.

Offertory Collection Schedule



March 1	Open & Open
March 8	Open & Open
March 15	Open & Open
March 22	Open & Open
March 29	Open & Open

Servers in the Lord's House		
	Coffee Host	Backpack Packers
March 1	Tim & Ross	Thu Mar 5th – The Schmiedekes
March 8	B-Day Sunday (Cari & Shawn)	Wed Mar 11th – Open & Open
March 15	Open	Thu Mar 19th – Spring Break
March 22	Open	Thu Mar 26th – Open & Open
March 29	Open	Thu Apr 2 nd – Open & Open



March 1	Clyde Shaffer
March 8	Karin Shaffer
March 15	Linda Gates
March 22	Diana Schmiedeke
March 29	John Lomax

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Sunday, March 8th.



Spring forward in faith!
CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS and
join us on time for worship.

LOOKING AHEAD

Thurs., April 2 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service
Sun., April 5 9:30am Easter Egg Hunt
10:30am Worship

Wednesday at Windridge

Please plan to join us as we travel to Windridge Nursing Home in Miami on the first Wednesday of every month.

March 4th, at 10:00 am, will be our next day to lead worship. The residents are thankful that we come. It's a good-sized group that comes to listen and join in with us as we worship.



If you are interested in purchasing an Easter Lily to help
decorate the sanctuary for Easter Sunday
just call the church office, costs will be \$25 each.
Orders are due by Friday, March 27th.

Your Name: _____ Quantity: _____

Dedication: _____

For example: "Jim Smith in Loving Memory of His wife Della" Or "Lee Price in
Celebration of Family both here and in Heaven."

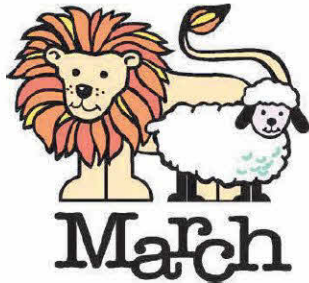
*Easter is just around the corner! If you're interested in
ordering an Easter Lily in loving memory of someone
special, please make sure to submit your order forms by
Friday, March 27th.*

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James 5:16

¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.