



February 23, 2020

❖ ❖ ❖ **Observing the Season of Lent** ❖ ❖ ❖
by Dale Flowers

From Ash Wednesday, February 26 until Easter, April 12, we observe 40 days (not counting Sundays) of Lent—a time of reflection and renewal, penitence and prayer, designed to prepare us personally and as a worshipping community for Holy Week and the observance of Christ’s sacrificial death and triumphant resurrection. In the Roman Catholic Church, Lent is a time of preparing for baptism. For those already baptized, it is a time of self-examination and reclaiming our identity with Christ’s death and being raised with him to new life. For this reason we place the baptismal font at the sanctuary entrance as a reminder of God’s gift of forgiveness and cleansing through faith in Jesus. A Lenten devotional, *The Sanctuary for Lent 2020* is available at the Connect Center for daily reading and prayer.

Ash Wednesday, February 26 ~ we offer two worship experiences:

7:00 to 8:30 AM is a drop-in time for silent prayer, contemplation, lighting a candle and receiving imposition of ashes or a pastoral prayer.

6:00 PM is a candlelit worship of singing, scripture, prayer, an invitation to confession, the cross, and communion. Childcare will be available.

❖ ❖ ❖ **Living Psalms** ❖ ❖ ❖
by Emily Stockert

As Christians we believe the Bible is the living word of God...but sometimes the verses feel just like words on a page. Do you ever wish scripture would come alive for you in a new way? A way that is not just informational but formational?

Before I went to seminary, I spent more than 10 years as an actor. I learned tools to connect emotionally and intellectually with words on a page, so that the words could take root in me and spring to life on stage.

When I was called to ministry, I realized that the study methods I utilized as an actor are perfect for engaging scripture at a profound level. I developed a new kind of workshop that utilizes acting techniques alongside traditional Bible study methods to explore God’s word and deepen discipleship.

At FPC, we are excited to offer “Living Psalms” as an Adult Discipleship workshop. On **Fri 3/27 (6 - 8:30 pm) and Sat 3/28 (9:30 - noon)**, we will play with improv acting and Bible study to encounter the Psalms in a lively, dynamic way.

This workshop will dovetail with our music department’s upcoming **musical experience of the Psalms on May 17**. “Living Psalms” participants will be invited (but not required!) to read a psalm at this musical event.

Space is limited! Sign up online or at the Connect Center today.

Dinner!	2020 Mexico Mission Trip Dinner & Auction Feb. 29 at 5:00 PM Tickets for this night of fun & fellowship are available from students after worship!	Auction!
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TODAY @ THE CONNECT CENTER

Sign up for:

- ◆ Enneagram Classes (March)
- ◆ Fifth Sunday Talent Show
- ◆ Living Psalms Workshop

Pick up:

- ◆ Lent devotional

Click to read:

- ◆ Newsletter & Worship Bulletin

Our Cups Runneth Over!

Please stop by the Connect Center and claim lost items or they will be donated to a local charity this week.

WE SUPPORT

Technology Improvements

We are improving our internal office programs including our email system. For several weeks, some staff members have not been receiving some emails. Once we have the new system in place, these issues will be alleviated. Should you need to reach Colleen Soldate, please call her at 328.5465 or to reach David Irvine call 890.8026. Thank you for your understanding in this transitional period.

WE SERVE

F.I.S.H. - Donations given on the last Sunday of each month for "2-Cents-A-Meal" are directed to "Friends In Service Here" (F.I.S.H.) to provide up to three days' supply of food from their food pantry to local residents. Flyers with details are available at the Connect Center.

WE CARE

We extend our love and prayers to Audrey & Peter Schell on the passing of his mother Nancy Campbell Schell on February 17 in San Jose. Services will be held in San Jose in the near future. Please keep their family in your prayers.



The rose on the organ celebrates the birth of Mason James Adam born on February 12 to Kyle and Nicole Adam. His grandparents are Kay and Bob Higgs.

WE GROW

Enneagram Classes

Sundays in March (8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th)
9:00 AM in Room 114

In this four- week class we will explore how each of us manifests all aspects of the 9 Enneagram types and how we can use this in our spiritual and devotional life. Sign up at the Connect Center and bring a notebook and pen to class!

Living Psalms Workshop

Fri, March 27, 6-8:30 PM & Sat, Mar. 28 9:30-Noon, Room 113

Seating is limited to the first sixteen who sign up. Stop by the Connect Center today to reserve your seat!

☆☆☆ FPC's Got Talent! ☆☆☆

Sign up now for March 29th

The 5th Sunday Talent Show and Luncheon are scheduled for March 29th at 11:30 AM.

Sign up at the Connect Center or contact Shawna for more information at 890.8017.