

CALENDAR

Date	Church		Community	
Sun 2/18	8:30	Worship (sanctuary)		
	9:30	Education		
	10:30	Coffee Hour (FH); Choir Rehearsal (music)		
	11:00	Worship (FH) - <i>Crossroads</i>		
	4:00	Youth Winter Relief Dinner Prep (only with RSVP)		
Mon 2/19	PRESIDENTS' DAY - Church Closed			
	9:00	Winter Relief Departure	Noon	AA (FH)
Tues 2/20	7:00	Trustees (KC1a)	Noon	AA (FH)
Wed 2/21	8:45	FPC Foodshare		
	9:30	CLAMS (Barnes + Noble)		
	11:00	Staff (KC1a)	9:00-1:00	Lobby Day with ACT
	12:00	Bible Study (Zoom)	Noon	AA (FH)
	7:00	Worship & Music (KC4a)	6:30	BAYPAA (FH)
Thu 2/22	10:00	Archives (KC4b)		
	12:00	Backpack Buddies (Annapolis Elem.)	Noon	AA (FH)
	7:00	Men's Lenten Circle (KC4a / Zoom)	6:15	ACOA (FH)
	7:30	Choir Rehearsal (music room)		
Fri 2/23	10:00	Food Fridays (Pip Moyer Center)	Noon	AA (FH)
Sat 2/24	10:00	Flower Workshop (Ferguson home)	8:00	Meditation (Chapel)
			1:00	Community Conversation
			8:30	Saturday Night AA (FH)
Sun 2/25	8:30	Worship (sanctuary)		
	9:30	Deb's Lenten Circle (KC4a)		
	10:00	Hands & Feet: Winter Relief Lunch-Making (FH)		
	10:30	Coffee Hour (FH); Choir Rehearsal (music)		
	11:00	Worship (FH) - <i>Crossroads</i>		
	12:15	Jane's Lenten Circle (meet in the Conduit)		



SCAN QR CODE TO GIVE ONLINE. ALSO, HEARING AIDS, LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & BIBLES AVAILABLE FROM USHERS. SANCTUARY IS EQUIPPED WITH A T-LOOP -- SET HEARING AID TO "T" POSITION.

First Presbyterian Church of Annapolis, Maryland
February 18, 2024 – 11:00 am Worship
First Sunday in Lent

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

✠ Please rise in body or in spirit. **Bold** in unison.
Please complete and pass the Welcome Pad down the pew and back again.

PRELUDE - *Nocturne in E-Flat Major*, Op. 9, No. 2 F. Chopin

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT - *Have Mercy, God, Upon My Life* from "A Collection of Hymns and Sacred Poems" (1749)

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

People of the covenant: God does not remember us according to our sins and transgressions. **God remembers us according to God's own steadfast love!**
From water to wilderness: **God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.**
Come, let us worship God!

PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

✠ HYMN 22 - *God of the Sparrow* ROEDER

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we begin this Lenten season in confession. We do not always live according to your ways, but according to our own. We condone violence, participate in systems of injustice, and use power to our own advantage at the expense of others. Forgive us, we pray, when we are tempted to follow paths other than those you set before us. Help us to turn from evil in its many guises, and turn toward your kingdom drawing near. Remember us, we pray, and be for us, once more and always, an ark of safety and new life. Amen.

✠ KYRIE 551 - *Land of Rest* LAND OF REST
Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy upon us. (2x)

✦DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

✦GLORIA PATRI: Hymn 581 - *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen, amen.

✦PASSING OF THE PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
(Please greet your neighbor with the peace of Christ.)

TIME WITH CHILDREN
(Children are welcome forward for the message. Following the message, children 4 and under are invited to the nursery with staff and prek-5th graders to Crossroads. Worship bags and Family Table available at front.)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM - *Requiem* (mvt. 1) W. A. Mozart

SCRIPTURE - Genesis 9:8-17; Mark 1:9-15
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✦HYMN 166 - *Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days* ST. FLAVIAN

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS
(Give online at www.annapolis-presbyterian.com/give or scan QR code in bulletin.)

OFFERTORY - *I Hear Thy Welcome Voice* L. Hartsough

✦DOXOLOGY 606 - *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
(Following the prayer, you are invited forward to remember your baptism and your identity as God’s beloved child.)
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom, the power, and glory forever, Amen.

✦HYMN 488 - *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry* WATERLIFE

✦BENEDICTION (Immediately following the benediction please feel free to depart or to stay for quiet meditation during the postlude.)

POSTLUDE - *Étude* Op. 25, No. 1 F. Chopin

ASSISTING THIS MORNING - **Preacher:** Andrew Kort; **Ushers:** Brett and Vicky Shoemaker; **Crossroads:** Kelly Friends, Lindsey Seynhaeve; **Time with Children:** Miss Good.

STAFF NEWS - Pastor Mihee is with daughter Anna at a soccer tournament in Phoenix, AZ. Grace Oh will be away Thursday and not at choir rehearsal.

MUSIC NOTES

- ♪ Chopin's Nocturne in E-Flat Major, Op. 9 No. 2, was composed 1831-1832 when he was around twenty years old. The piece is characterized by a waltz-like accompaniment that gently supports its renowned melodies, delicate ornamentation, and elegant phrasing.
- ♪ Étude Op. 25, No. 1, composed in 1836, is part of Chopin's set of 12 études and is commonly known as the "Aeolian Harp" due to its resemblance to the gentle sounds of the harp. Praised by Robert Schumann as "a poem rather than a study," it is admired for its harmonic richness and remains a staple in the piano repertoire.
- ♪ Prelude and postlude music were taken from Janet Berry’s piano book, who recently returned to the arms of the Lord. It is wonderful to notice that her gentle and beautiful spirit ceaselessly inspires us to open our hearts to worship God.
- ♪ During the Lenten season, the choir will present selected movements of the Mozart Requiem, a choral masterpiece composed by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart in 1791, left unfinished at his death. It is a mass for the dead, expressing themes of mourning, redemption, and hope. Its rich musical tapestry serves as a poignant backdrop for the Lenten journey, guiding us through moments of solemnity, penitence, and ultimately, hopeful anticipation of renewal.

(ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT'D)



OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED WITH ANNE ARUNDEL CONNECTING TOGETHER (ACT):

1. February 22, 7:00 PM, join ACT and leaders on Zoom: "Critical Role of Planning in Creating Affordable and Equitable Housing." This program not only helps ACT learn more about how housing is approved in the county, but also provides an opportunity for participants to interact with county decision-makers and build relationships with them. Presenters: Janssen Evelyn, AAC Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Land Use, and Christina Pompa, for the AAC Office of Planning and Zoning. (Meeting ID 853 5319 3872 and Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85353193872>).
2. ACT is joining Action in Montgomery and People Acting Together Howard at Legislative Day on February 21 to support bills focusing on climate, affordable housing and tenants' rights. Register at <https://www.actioninmontgomery.org/statewide-campaign>. For more on research teams, visit <https://www.actaco.org/events/>.

JOIN CARE AT THE FOLLOWING:

- One America will share suggestions and skills for holding constructive conversations with those with different opinions. Monday, February 26, 7:00-9:00 pm, Fellowship Hall. What better time than a heavily polarized election year to start building bridges instead of walls? RSVP with email to debmitchell1026@comcast.net.
- Private Tour of the Banneker-Douglass Museum following the 11:00 service on March 24. Meet in Fellowship Hall (snacks provided) and walk over; the tour should last an hour; space is limited (RSVP with email to Deb Mitchell). ***Did you know...?*** The Museum is named for Benjamin Banneker and Frederick Douglass and was dedicated on February 24, 1984. Benjamin Banneker was free-born on a tobacco farm in Baltimore County and was the first African American man of science and mathematics. Among his scientific achievements are crafting the first wooden striking clock in America, writing several widely popular almanacs, and assisting with surveying Washington DC. Banneker also protested slavery. In a bold 1791 letter to Thomas Jefferson, Banneker compared the righteous fight for freedom by the Colonists to the plight of the enslaved person. Since Jefferson's response seemed to acknowledge Banneker's reasoning, he wisely published their correspondence in his almanac. Discover this gem in our own backyard!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HANDS & FEET: Lunch-Making - All ages welcome and needed! February 25, 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall. Prepare bag lunches for Arundel House of Hope's Winter Relief program. Lunch donations needed; email Miss Good to donate. Sponsored by Family + Youth Ministry.

THANK YOU CHURCH FAMILY! Last Sunday's "Souper Bowl of Caring" event raised over \$900 for the Light House. FPC youth appreciate the congregation's overwhelming support.

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING - for ushers / greeters to welcome people to worship at the 8:30 and 11:00 am services as well as at special services throughout the year. Please sign up here: <https://fpcannapolis.link/usher> and/or contact Bob at robert.foye@gmail.com. Thank you!



FROM CONGREGATIONAL LIFE:

- ❖ Flower Workshop, February 24, 10:00 am-Noon. RSVP h.foxwell@att.net. Learn to make a hand-tied bouquet (bring your snippers, 10 inch vase and \$15 fee). At the home of Denise Ferguson.
- ❖ Photojournalism Workshop, March 7 (note new date), 4:30-5:30 pm. RSVP h.foxwell@att.net. Learn to tell your perspective through the lens. Bring your own camera or smartphone. Perfect for teens and adults. Led by member Kirsten Elstner.
- ❖ Hands & Feet: Palm Sunday Extravaganza, March 24, 9:30 hour. Along with onion skins and (clean) stockings, Congregational Life needs donations of Easter breads for this special celebration. To bake, contact Barb Jacobs: 703.819.2464, bJacobsrn@gmail.com.



Palm Sunday bread-bakers needed!
 Reach out to Elder, Barb Jacobs
bjacobsrn@gmail.com

JOIN A LENTEN CIRCLE "Wholehearted Faith"

1. **Sunday Lunch** @12:15 on Feb 25, March 3, March 10 with Jane Hudiburg (janehudiburg@gmail.com). Meet in the Conduit at noon.
2. **Education Hour** Sundays @9:30 am on Feb 25, March 3, March 10 with Debbie Mitchell in KC4a (debmitchell1026@comcast.net)
3. **Parents of Children** Sundays at @9:30 am on March 3, 10, 17 with Vanessa Forisha (vanessaforisha@gmail.com)
4. **Monday Nights** @7:00 pm on March 4, 11, 18 in Shaw Chapel with Pat Foye (patricia.p.foye@gmail.com)
5. **Wednesday Bible Study** @noon on March 6, 13, 20 on Zoom with Pastor Mihee (mihee@annapolis-presbyterian.com)
6. **Men's Group** Thursdays @7:00 pm on 2/22, 3/7, 3/21 in KC4a + Zoom with Todd Pikel and Bill Hughes (wLhughes1@verizon.net)

To RSVP, complete the online form (<https://fpcannapolis.link/LentenCircles>) or contact the leader directly. Registration deadline is today, February 18.

LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

February 25 - 2nd Sunday in Lent

Pastor Mihee will preach from Psalm 22:23-31 and Mark 8:31-38; Crossroads offered.

March 3 - 3rd Sunday in Lent; Communion; Baptism

Pastor Mihee will preach from Psalm 19 and John 2:13-22. Communion will be served and William John, son of Emily and Matt Coffey, will be baptized.

Rev. Dr. Andrew Kort + Rev. Mihee Kim-Kort, Co-Pastors
 Miss Good, Family Ministry Director + Jill Woodward, Music Director + Grace Oh, Organist
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