

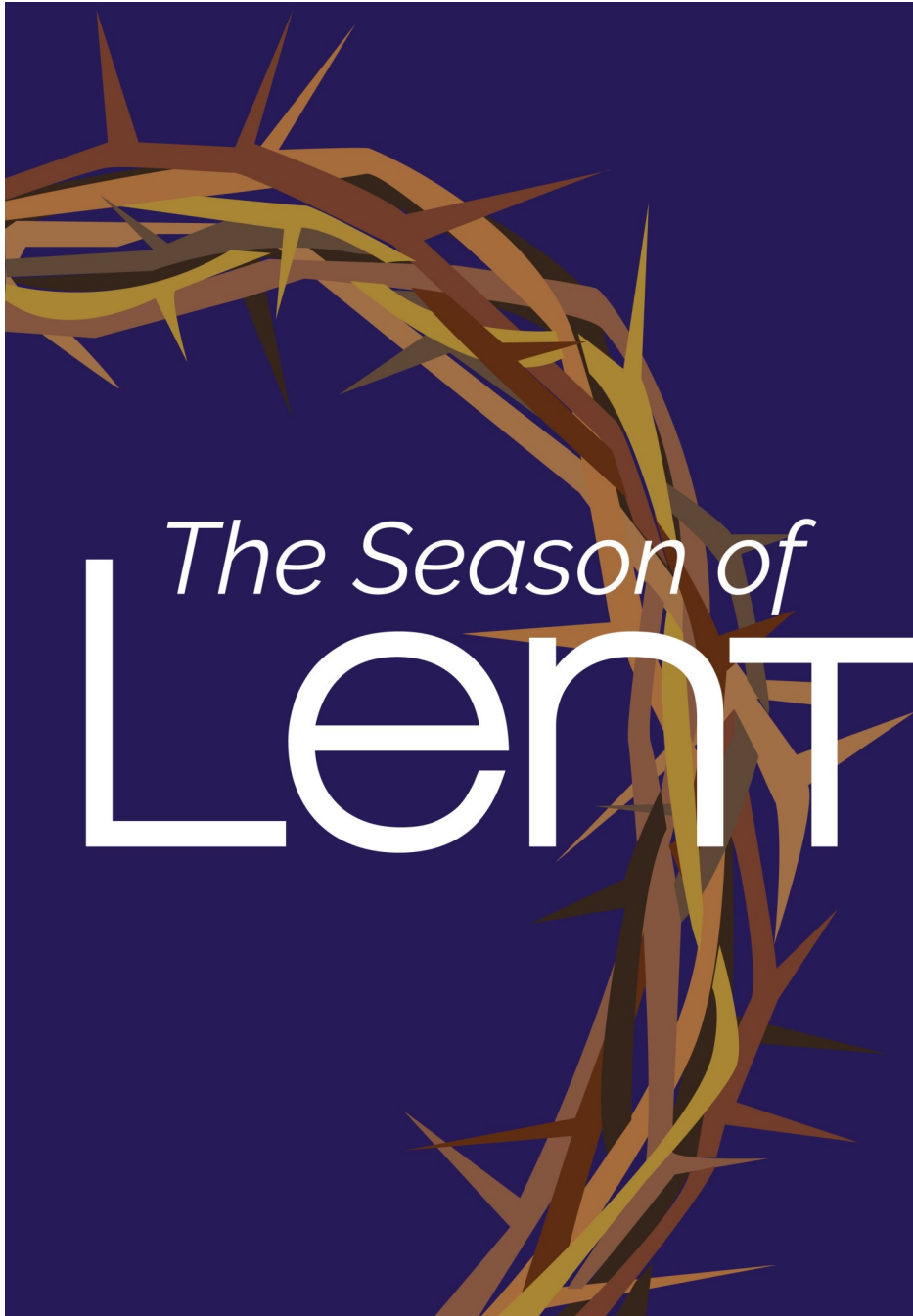
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The Carillon

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**The Carillon
March 2023**

Sunday In-person & Virtual Worship Schedule:

10-11 a.m.- Worship
11 a.m. - Fellowship
11:30 a.m. -Adult Sunday School

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Hybrid Worship - Sundays at 10am



If you are unable to attend in-person worship, we invite you to join us for an interactive virtual Sunday worship service, Sundays at 10 a.m. on the church's Facebook page. Just be on our Facebook page at 10 a.m. and wait for the live video to start. If you have not had an opportunity to like or follow us on Facebook, you can do so by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchofEverett/>

You can hear and/or view previous worship services and find worship guides on our mobile app or by visiting our website at <https://firstpreschurch.com/sermons>

You can also watch our worship services on our YouTube channel. Subscribe today by visiting https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBm4b8eSW9TqN1e1RoFkdag?view_as=public

Worship guides are posted on our website and mobile app, the Friday before worship.

Vital Congregation Initiative Offers 2023 Lenten Devotion

DECATUR, Georgia — The tenor of Lent is one of “complicated joy,” according to the Rev. Carlton Johnson, Associate Director for [Theology, Formation & Evangelism](#) for the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

“That is the way many of us approach Ash Wednesday, and the Easter Season in general,” writes Johnson for a new resource from the [Office of Vital Congregations](#), which Johnson serves as coordinator. “While we know that the season ends with hope, we begin with the recollection of despair that is both present and historical, both individual and collective.”

The “Vital Congregation Initiative Lent 2023 Devotion” offers weekly reflections by pastors and presbytery staff participating in the [Vital Congregations Initiative](#), which is currently in its 5th wave. The Rev. Dr. Gary Neal Hansen, the Rev. Katie Day, the Rev. Dr. Flo Barbee-Watkins and the Rev. Mario A. Bolivar are just some of the contributing writers, who in addition to reflecting on scripture contribute a favorite soup recipe to encourage a practice of fasting once a week during a season traditionally associated with penitence.

The resource is organized according to the [7 Marks of Congregational Vitality](#): Lifelong Discipleship Formation, Intentional Authentic Evangelism, Outward Incarnational Focus, Empowering Servant Leadership, Spirit-Inspired Worship, Caring Relationships, and Ecclesial Health.

“There is plenty we can give up for Lent,” writes [the Rev. Dr. Tracy Keenan](#), Missional Presbyter for [New Castle Presbytery](#), as she connects Lenten practices to the process of getting “real” that comes with Ecclesial Health. “It’s more important than ever that we know who we are and what our priorities are,” Keenan writes before encouraging leaders to know their values and make decisions in alignment with them and to be accountable to one another.

The “Vital Congregation Initiative Lent 2023 Devotion” [is available as a downloadable pdf](#) and is designed to aid your devotional journey beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 22.

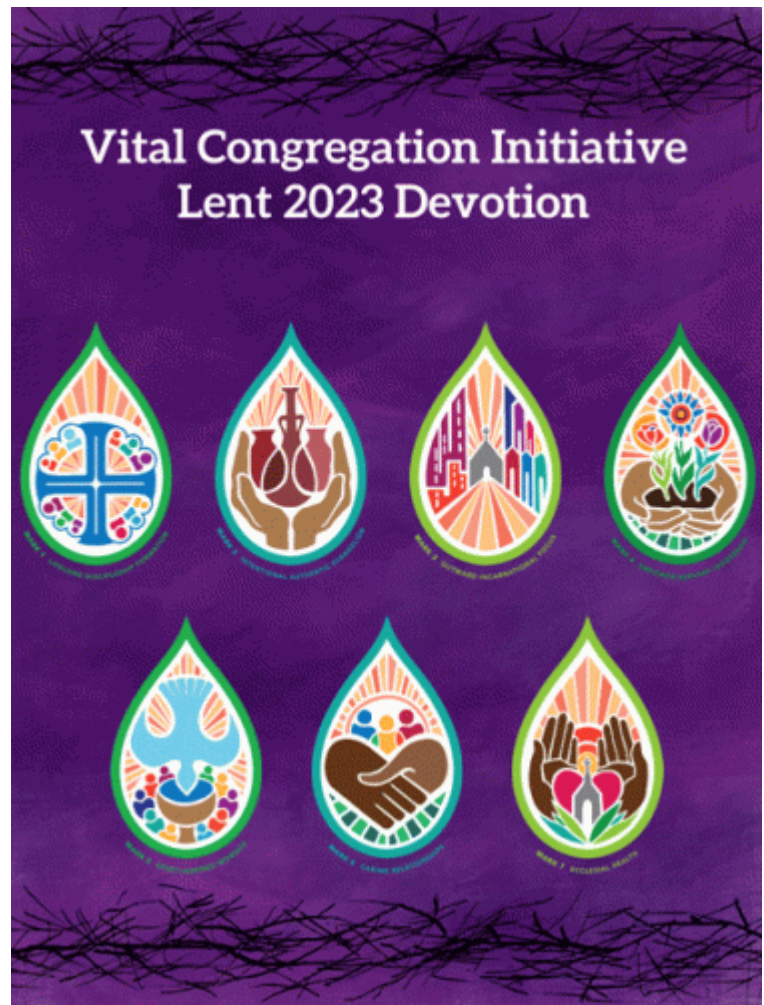
Registration for the [5th Wave of Vital Congregations](#) is ongoing.

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/vital-congregation-initiative-offers-2023-lenten-devotional/>

Another Lenten Devotional is being made available thanks to Pastor Alan and the Christian Formation and Discipleship Committee (CFD).

Inward Work for Outward Living, written by Teri McDowell Ott, editor of The Presbyterian Outlook, will be available each Sunday during Lent for pick-up.

This devotion can also be found on the FPCE mobile app and on our church website at: www.firstpreschurch.com/lent-2023.





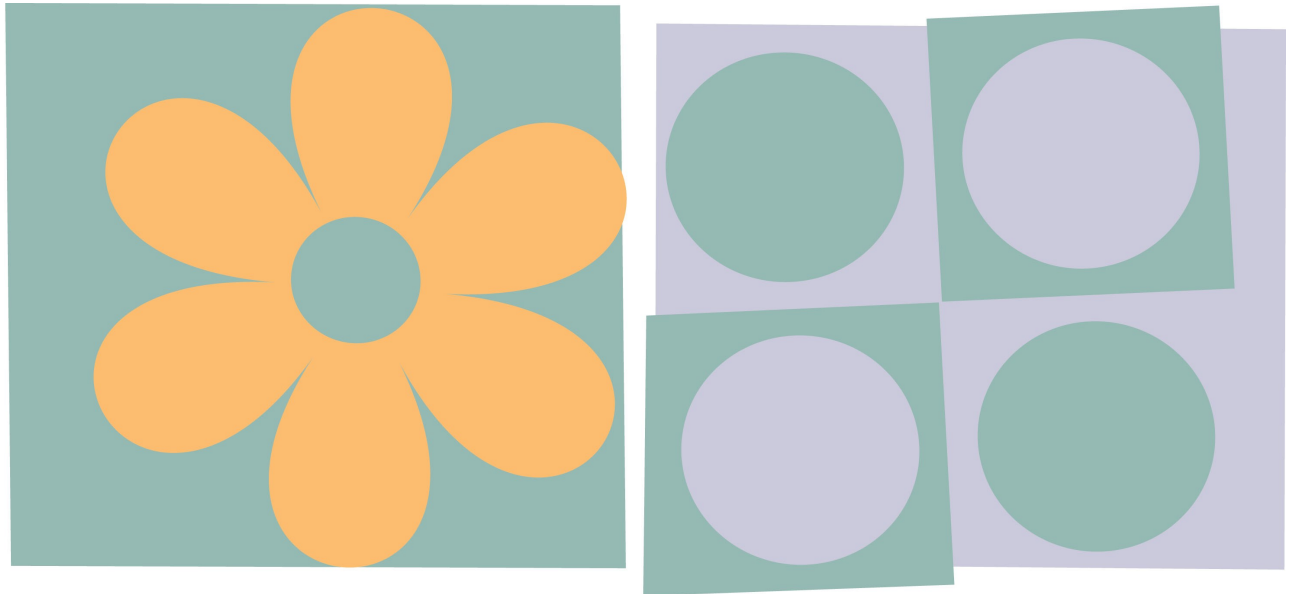
Save the Date

PW Women's Retreat

Saturday, May 6, 2023

**The Presbyterian Women will be hosting a women's retreat on Saturday, May 6.
More details will be coming soon.**





ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

A new Lenten Adult Sunday School Series Underway

Pastor Alan is leading a new Lenten Adult Sunday School series, after worship from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Adult Sunday School is held in a hybrid format.

Join us in-person in Calvin Lounge or on Zoom — see Zoom meeting details in the Sunday bulletin.

Visit our website for the schedule:

www.firstpreschurch.com/adult-sunday-school

Library Update - March 2023

Our church library offers rich resources to help us navigate the reflective season of Lent. Several contain meditations on the seven last words of Jesus from the cross. Others have a broader topical span. The books listed below are in a convenient row on one shelf identified by Dewey Decimal 232.96. As you read prayerfully, perhaps the Spirit will illumine a compelling new direction for our own mission and ministry.

Comfort from the Cross: Help for the Hurting from the Seven Last Words of Christ 232.96 Ber
Nina Mason Bergman

Seven brief chapters including related scriptures close with a stirring poem based on “How Do I Love Thee...?”

Cross-Shattered Christ: Meditations on the Seven Last Words of Christ 232.96 Hau
Stanley Hauerwas

A unique, original woodcut by artist Rick Beerhorst ushers in each of the seven chapters.

And the Angels Were Silent 232.96 Luc
Max Lucado

Depicts events in the last week of Jesus’ earthly life as recorded in the Gospel of Matthew.

Six Hours One Friday: Anchoring to the Cross 232.96 Luc
Max Lucado

Nineteen essays blend stories from scripture with those of current personal and communal life.

The Passion of the Lord: African American Reflections 232.96 Noe
James A. Noel, et. al.

Essays by seven African-American authors are especially appropriate as we transition into Lent from Black History Month.

The Seven Last Words from the Cross 232.96 Rut
Fleming Rutledge

Each of Rutledge’s seven brief meditations includes scripture (KJV and RSV). She links recent biblical scholarship with contemporary concerns and events.

Thank God It’s Friday: Encountering the Seven Last Words from the Cross 232.96 Wil
William H. Willimon

“The Son’s suffering is a definition of who God the Father is and what the Holy Spirit does.”

For other books, contact me or go to our online public catalog (<https://15781.rmwebopac.com>).

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Fourth Monday Book Group - March 2023

Book Group continues on Zoom! We convene virtually at 10:00 on the fourth Monday morning of each month unless announced otherwise. Our discussions help us understand both the featured book and our fellow readers in new ways. If you have not yet been part of this experience, March would be a perfect time to start.

We strive for varied, well-written books, balancing fiction and nonfiction. All titles are selected by consensus of the group. One memoir and one historical novel have launched this year's program. We now turn to an acclaimed treatise on thought and thinking, belief and doubt, wise and unwise decision making.

March 27 *Think Again: The Power of Knowing What You Don't Know* Adam Grant
Leader TBA

Organizational psychologist Grant has compiled years of experience as professor, researcher, and consultant into a lively and readable text. The result seems especially apt for this time in the life of both our country and our church. Be prepared for some surprises, some chuckles, and some head scratching or even headshaking as you read. Yes, this is the same book Pastor Alan referenced during February's annual meeting.

April 24 *The Paris Library* Janet Skeslien Charles Leader TBA
"Based on the true World War II story of the heroic librarians at the American Library in Paris.... an unforgettable story of friendship, family, romance, and the power of literature to bring us together." Fictional librarians portray the real bravery of those who pushed back creatively against the occupiers of Paris during WWII. Author Janet Skeslien Charles divides her time between Montana and Paris, a dichotomy reflected in her historical novel.

Coming Attractions:

Date TBA *Boss: Richard J. Daley of Chicago* Mike Royko Leader TBA
"A bare-all account of Daley's cardinal sins as well as his milestone achievements..."

Date TBA *The House in the Cerulean Sea* TJ Klune Leader: Pastor Alan Dorway
"A magical island. A dangerous task. A burning secret..... An enchanting love story, masterfully told, about the profound experience of discovering an unlikely family in in an unexpected place—and realizing that family is yours."

To take part in book group discussions, log in via Zoom at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time on the date listed. If you are already on our email list, watch for the Zoom link. To be added to the list please contact me by phone or email.

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Save the Date

**FPCE
ALL-CHURCH
RETREAT**

Sept. 16, 2023 at Warm Beach

The FPCE All-Church Retreat Returns

The date and location are set for our 2023 all-church retreat. Save the date for Saturday, September 16 at Warm Beach.

More information coming soon!

Priscilla Circle

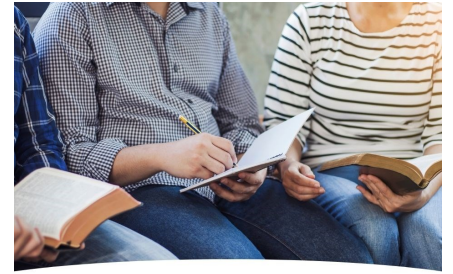
Priscilla Circle will be meeting on Monday, March 13, at 11:30 a.m. in Calvin Lounge.

We will be discussing chapter seven.

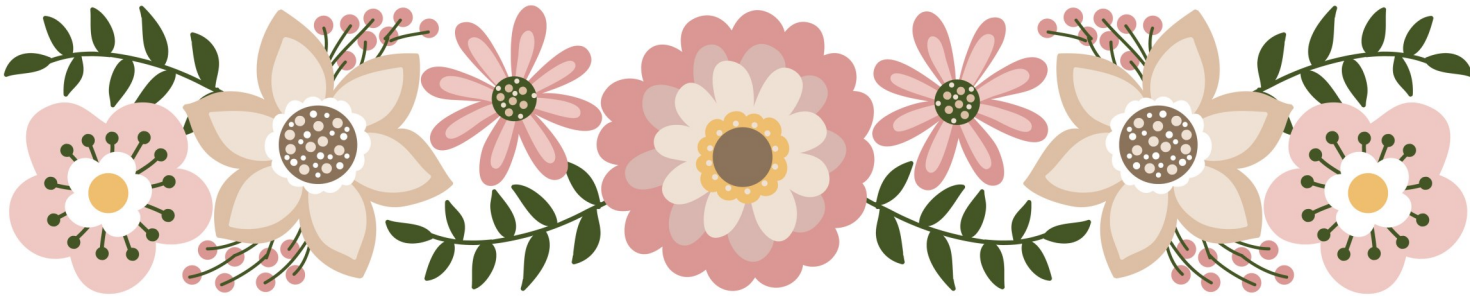
Don't forget your homework assignment!

Carol Gresham will serve as hostess. You may bring a lunch if you desire.

All women are welcome.



Priscilla Circle
WOMEN'S GROUP AT FPCE



We're looking forward to Thursday Bible study in March. Here is the updated schedule:

- March 2 – Amos 1 and 2
- March 9 – Amos 3 and 5
- March 16 – Amos 6 and 7
- March 23 – Amos 8 and 9
- March 30 – Obadiah
- April 6 – No study
- April 13 – No study
- April 20 – Jonah
- April 27 – Nahum

Thursday Bible study is held on Zoom. See the Sunday bulletin for Zoom meeting details.





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S.P.A.M.

SENIOR PRESBYTERIAN ADULT MINISTRY

S.P.A.M. is Back with the Former Galloping Gourmet

Get ready to gather around the punchbowl at our Senior Presbyterian Adult Ministry (S.P.A.M.) gatherings!

On Friday, April 21, our S.P.A.M. gatherings return to Westminster Hall with Graham Kerr, the former Galloping Gourmet.

Join us at 11:30 a.m. around the Fellowship Punch Bowl. Lunch begins at noon.

Reservations needed by April 17 — sign up at the welcome booth or call 425-259-4253.

March Work Party

Join the Facilities Committee for our March Work Party on Saturday, March 18 at 9 a.m.

We are hoping to work outside to prepare our grounds for the Easter season.

All skill levels can help, just bring good shoes, and gloves. You can bring your own garden tools or use ours.

We'll bring the coffee and donuts!



MARCH CELEBRATIONS!



The First Presbyterian Church of Everett sends greetings to all of our members and friends celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month.



Join us in wishing the following members a happy birthday and/or happy anniversary (if you are a **member or friend** whose name is not listed, please contact Doreen in the church office to update your record, so that we can include you in the future celebration listings):

Anniversaries:

- 3/8 Eric & Mary Ann Chavis
- 3/10 Cindy Rowlands
- 3/11 Travis & Veronica Bacon
- 3/17 Rick & Barbara Johnson
- 3/21 Tom & Pat Erickson
- 3/23 Michael & Carolyn Goza

Birthdays:

- 3/7 Gary Norris
- 3/8 Jaques May
- 3/9 Susan Lynn
- 3/10 Dottie Hawkins
- 3/14 Tyler Angell
- 3/17 Craig Bosman
- 3/17 Jack Striker
- 3/25 Susan Davis
- 3/26 Nancy Kniest



Newsletter Deadline

E-Newsletter If you have information you would like included in the mid-month e-newsletter, please send that information to: sondra@firstpreschurch.com by the following deadline:

March 9, 2023

Carillon: If you have information you would like included in the upcoming edition of The Carillon, please e-mail your submission to sondra@firstpreschurch.com by the deadline noted below. The Carillon is distributed on the last Sunday of the month. Upcoming deadline:

March 12, 2023

**ALL SUBMISSIONS DUE BY 5 P.M.
ON DUE DATE.**



We donated 233 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America Food Bank in February. Awesome job!

Your donations support those in need here in Everett. Our next Monday drop-off will be March 6 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Pastor Alan and Ken Newman will be accepting non-perishable food in the alley.



MARCH, 12, 2023

Session News and Notes: January and February 2023

Prepared by Leslie Sutin, Clerk of Session

The regular monthly Session meetings were held Tuesday, January 10 and February 14, 2023, at 6 p.m. via Zoom.

A Special Called Session Meeting was held January 24 to set a proposed budget for 2023.

Elders for 2023 are: Jamie Hunter, Roy Yates, Elizabeth Nelson, Steve Hammond, John Gebert, Debbie Roberts, Marne Larson, Jan Weakley, and Steve Ulvestad.

News through Motions:

At the January meetings these motions were presented and approved with no dissenting votes:

- Motion to approve Communion service monthly during worship as well as Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Easter Sunrise Service, and the All-Church Retreat
- Motion to have all four devotional offerings through 2023
- Motion to approve the church corporate officers for 2023: President-Steve Hammond, Vice President-Jamie Hunter, Treasurer- Open Position, Clerk-Leslie Sutin
- Motion to approve Presbytery commissioners: Steve Hammond and Debbie Roberts
- Motion to approve the Slate of Officers for Class of 2025: Elders- Marne Larson, John Gebert, and Steve Ulvestad. Deacons – Bob Barren, Lisa Comstock, and Joan Lyderson
- At the January 24 meeting, a motion to present the proposed 2023 budget at the annual meeting

At the February meeting these motions were presented and approved with no dissenting votes:

- Motion to approve vacation for Pastor Alan: May 4 – 14, 2023
- Motion to approve continuing education at the Festival of Homiletics: May 15 – 19, 2023
- Motion from CFD to re-approve the Seder meal: Wednesday, April 5, 2023 with special dispensation for the no- alcohol rule

Other Notes:







Ted Schuldt with the Commission on Ministry was a guest at the February Session meeting. He is Pastor Alan's liaison. He presented a set of 3 questions to the Session. The questions revolved around our re-imagining process, positive and negative impact of the pandemic, and the ways that Presbytery might come along side us.




A seasonal reminder

Signs of spring remind us of God's promises.

Directions: Use the picture code and clues to complete Isaiah 61:11, NIV.

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|  plants grow here |  seeds are planted in this |
|  to coil and jump
(also a season of the year) |  when watered, these make plants |
|  to expand and get bigger |  another word for seedling |

For as the _____ makes the _____
 _____ come up and a _____ causes
 _____ to _____, so the
 Sovereign LORD will make righteousness
 and praise _____ up before all nations.


 ISAIAH 61:11, NIV

Answer: soil, sprout, garden, seeds, grow, spring

Special Dates:

World Day of Prayer, March 3, 2023
Daylight saving time begins, March 12, 2023
First day of spring, March 20, 2023

Church Leadership

Moderator – Alan Dorway

Ruling Elders

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Elizabeth Nelson	Steve Hammond	Marne Larson
Debbie Roberts	Jamie Hunter	Steve Ulvestad
Roy Yates	Jan Weakley	John Gebert

Deacons

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Sonya Beardsley	Susan Davis	Lisa Comstock
Amy Farnham	Ed Pearson	Bob Barren
Mike Davis	Doris Pearson	Joan Lyderson

