

# THE BRIDGE



## March 2022

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9:00  
AM

### SUNDAY SERVICE

Service is streamed live on Facebook. A recording of the stream will be made available on YouTube following the service.

10:00  
AM

### COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour and Fellowship will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following service. Join us for coffee, snacks, and conversation.



# March



## SESSION

Bette Hoytink - Clerk of Session  
Jessica Harrison - Treasurer  
Kristina Mosley - Personnel  
Dave Struensee - BIG  
Dave Schafer - Mission and Outreach  
Marilyn Paulson- Faith Formation  
John Harmon- Worship  
Rev. Katie Estes- Moderator

## WORSHIP TEAM

John Harmon - Session Elder  
Linda Harmon  
Kristina Mosley

## MEMBER CARE TEAM

Kristina Mosley- Session Elder  
Anna Malek  
Annie Leonard  
Lonna Norton  
Dawn Schafer  
Deb Bartelt  
Karen Angell

## FAITH FORMATION TEAM

Marilyn Paulson - Session Elder  
Gina Struensee

## MISSION & OUTREACH TEAM

Dave Schafer - Session Elder  
Bette Hoytink  
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## BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE AND GROUNDS (BIG)

Dave Struensee - Session Elder  
Jack Wirsch  
Roger Hoytink  
Dennis Biggar

## PRESBYTERY COM LIAISON

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

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### Celebrations:

- The in-person Christmas Eve service with the choir
- Members who stepped forward in leadership rolls—Marilyn Paulson as Worship Coordinator, Dave Schafer and Dave Struensee as Ruling Elders Class of 2024, and Bette Hoytink as Clerk

Bette Hoytink was elected as Clerk of Session for the one-year term of 2022. An assistant clerk will be identified, elected and trained to assume the role in 2023.

Session approved the purchase of a new banner bearing the name of the church. It will be hung by the village at or near the corner of 3rd Avenue and Main Street as part of the village project to install all new banners along Main Street.

The 2022 operating budget was approved. Total income is projected at \$108,500. Total expenses projected to be \$80,470. When a new pastor is hired, the expenses will be increased.

### Elder Ministry Team Assignments for 2022 are as follows:

Worship, John Harmon  
Education/Faith Formation, Marilyn Paulson  
Member Care and Personnel, Kristina Mosley  
Mission and Outreach, Dave Schafer  
Building, Infrastructure and Grounds, Dave Struensee

The December/year end financial report was not available for session review.

Due to the unavailability of the Moderator, Session did not meet in February. An electronic vote was taken to approve the Annual Statistical Report (sent to the denominational office) and also approve the date of February 27th for the ordination and installation of new Ruling Elders and Deacons.

Next Session meeting will be March 8th.



# MEMBER CARE



Reflecting on Jessica's sermon last Sunday, the first Sunday in Lent, it seems a good idea to reinforce the importance and meaning of:

WELCOME, CONNECT, UNDERSTAND, ACT

These are words of action, and your Deacons are charged with responsibilities that demand action of various kinds. These 4 actions may help us to focus.

One way to WELCOME as many as possible into our fellowship and worship is to share ways to observe our church events with each other even while separated. Here are some websites you can use during the Lenten Season to enable you to keep up with daily devotions, prayers, stories, art, poetry, whatever your source and style of inspiration might be.

CONNECT with some websites if you need ideas during this season:

1. [presbyterianmission.org](http://presbyterianmission.org)

Click on "Lenten Devotional for 2022". You can click on a week-by-week presentation and may download Devotional if you wish.

2. [pres-outlook.org](http://pres-outlook.org)

Click on "Making the Road". Walking Through Lent is a 6 week set of Lenten Devotions that includes daily reflections and prayers. At this website you can sign up with your email address to receive Presbyterian news and free lectionary studies in your inbox. Selecting WORSHIP RESOURCES offers a weekly Christian Ed. lesson - excellent for families and sharing with children and grandchildren.

3. [saltproject.org](http://saltproject.org)

This Christian site comes out of Indianapolis and has inspiring art, poetry, stories, music, interactive choices. They offer a devotional you can download titled VINCENT VAN GOGH AND THE BEAUTY OF LENT, as one example. It's not specifically Presbyterian, but is a faith-filled place and safe.

To UNDERSTAND what each of us needs spiritually and to seek ways to accomplish filling those needs is in large part what your Member Care Team is dedicated to doing. Please let us know how we can help you, and if you're not someone who uses the internet, tell your Deacon if you need a book, guide, devotional, or something to take you through your Lenten journey.

We will ACT on behalf of our church family in whatever ways we can and however often we can to be there for everyone. God bless our church and everyone in it as we explore Lent this season.



# WORSHIP TEAM



We are excited to announce the choir will be performing on Easter Sunday. Rehearsals start March 30 at 6:45pm. Spread the news!

If you have any questions regarding choir, please contact John Harmon.

# FAITH FORMATION



The Education Team has been renamed the Faith Formation Team. The team has been assisting the Worship Team with some worship coordinating and leadership.

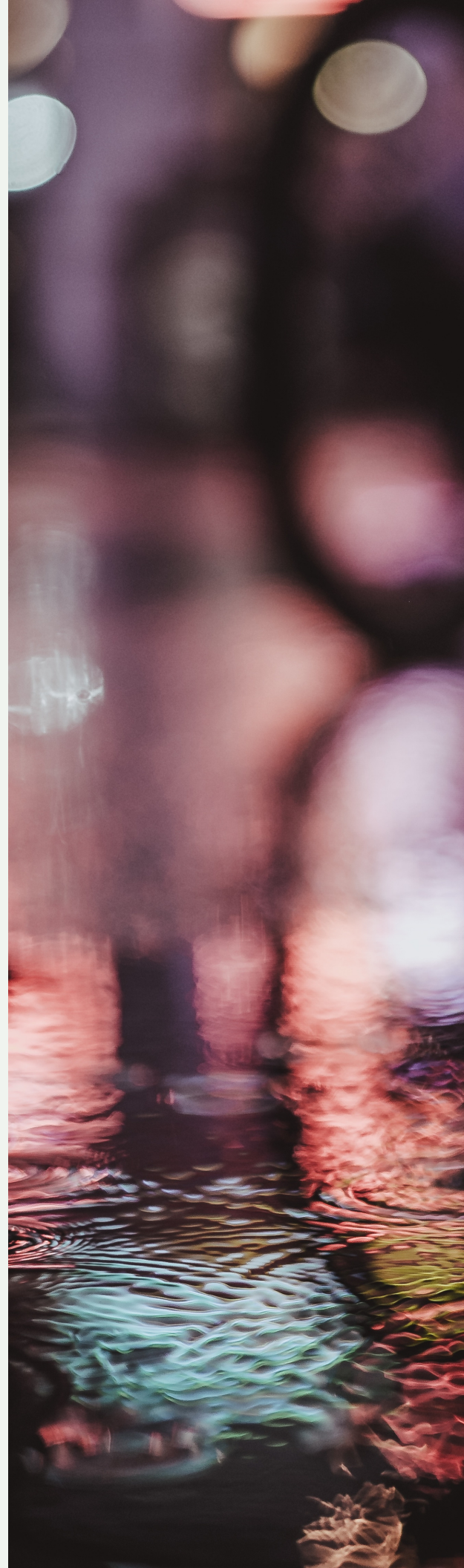
On March 13, following worship, they are offering an opportunity to participate in a creative, meditative project making finger labyrinths, and will also offer some ideas for using it for meditation.

The Team has provided two Lenten devotional resources for your use during this season. One will be included in the weekly email updates on Wednesdays, and the other can be accessed here: [Lent Devotional](#)

The PCUSA Office of Christian Formation and the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program has highlighted March 20 as Mr. Rogers Day to honor his birth and his work as an ordained minister of Word and Sacrament for the PCUSA. We will also be honoring his legacy as part of worship on March 20.

## MARCH WORSHIP LEADERS

Date	Pulpit Supply	Liturgist
March 6	Jessica Harrison	Karen Angell
March 13	Gina Struensee	Marilyn Paulson
March 20	Gina Struensee	Annie Leonard
March 27	Rev. Michael Dismer	Dave Norton



# ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING AND UKRAINE

In this Lenten season, our mission focus turns to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. This is the single largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps improve the lives of the suffering and vulnerable through three life-saving programs:

- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)
- Presbyterian Hunger Program
- Self-Development of People

OGHS was originally started in response to refugees coming out of Europe following WWII. In 2022, we have an opportunity to provide aid and support to the thousands of Ukrainian citizens who are fleeing to other European countries, as well as those who are being displaced within Ukraine.

In the midst of the chaos in Ukraine, PC(USA) has ecumenical partners who are already providing assistance with basic items for survival. Initial assistance being provided includes shelter, food, clothing, blankets, baby food and diapers, other hygiene supplies, flashlights and candles, generators, and fuel. The response of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to the situation in Ukraine will include both financial and technical assistance as the network of faith communities providing humanitarian assistance grows in the months ahead.

Gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be used to help the relief efforts in Ukraine. Offering envelopes will be available in the pews during Lent. If you wish to make a more immediate gift to the needs for Ukraine, you may do the following:

Gifts can be made online, by calling (800) 872-3283, by texting PDAUKR to 41444, or by check made payable to Presbyterian Church U.S.A. with "DR000156-Ukraine" on the memo line. Mail to:

**Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**

**P.O. Box 643700**

**Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700**

Please keep the people of Ukraine in your prayers.

# ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING AND UKRAINE

God of mercy, justice and peace  
Our spirits are heavy with sorrow, our souls shocked  
At the sudden and breathtaking violence,  
the invasion of Ukraine by their neighbor, Russia.  
We pray for lives caught in the grip of war,  
who hear the bombs in the night,  
the ominous movement of troops on the road into town  
the whistle of incoming shells,  
for a cry from a desperate neighbor or a shout of warning.  
For those who huddle in subways and basements  
or flee for the borders, clutching their children's hands  
We pray for families separated from fathers, brothers and sons  
who must remain to fight and protect their homeland.

We pray for neighbors in Eastern and Central Europe  
As their hearts and doors open to these refugees  
That strained resources will become an abundance of hope  
That fears and struggles with racism will yield to a generosity of profound welcome  
That communities of faith within Ukraine will be protected from harm  
and sustained in their efforts to feed and shelter their neighbors.  
That peacemakers and protesters in Russia will be heard and their lives preserved.

May we undergird our prayers with tangible resources to help.  
May we reach deeply, give generously, and welcome extravagantly.  
May we lift our voices in a strong and unified advocacy.  
May we all, even as we breathe in lament, breathe out mercy, hope and peace.  
And in this Lenten season, when we walk the way toward death and resurrection,  
repent our complicity in cultures of violence and renew our efforts toward justice and peace.

--Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus, Director, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

HOW TO GIVE ONLINE

**WINNCHURCH.ORG**

CLICK THE LINK ABOVE  
THEN CLICK "GIVE NOW"

# SHARED MINISTRY FUND

We are still accepting your weekly offering envelopes. You may mail your offering to church or donate online, or use the offering plate in worship. If you need help getting started online, you may contact the any Session member and we can walk you through it. Our counters meet every two weeks to make deposits so it may take a bit for your checks to get cashed.

\*Please note, information for the Shared Ministry Fund was not readily available for March's Bridge. We apologize for any inconvenience. The information below is the latest information available. If you have any questions, please contact the Treasurer, Jessica Harrison.

<b>Total Income for November (w/o pass thru)</b>	<b>\$8,601.41</b>
<b>Total Expenses for November (w/o pass thru)</b>	<b><u>\$4,770.40</u></b>
<b>Gain for the month</b>	<b>\$3,831.01</b>
<b>Total Income YTD (w/o pass thru)</b>	<b>\$135,601.14</b>
<b>Total Expense YTD (w/o pass thru)</b>	<b><u>\$111,400.70</u></b>
<b>Gain for YTD</b>	<b>\$24,200.44</b>
<b>Thrift and Gift income for October</b>	<b>\$654.69</b>



**FPC WEBSITE**

Visit our website often to get access to past sermons, musical selections from the Harmons, and stay up to date with our church calendar. Click the button below to be taken to our website. Click the "Online Giving" button to be automatically directed to the Online Giving page.

**[OUR WEBSITE](#)**

**[ONLINE GIVING](#)**



If you don't want to worship in person, please join us in live worship every Sunday, streamed from our Facebook page at 9:00am. FPC of Winneconne regularly posts pictures, videos, church information, and events on our page. Please "like" our Facebook page for updates.

**[FPC FACEBOOK](#)**



YouTube gives you access to all of the videos we have produced. Here you can find past worship services and musical selections from the Harmons. Missed our live Sunday Service? Recordings are posted for viewing following the service on our YouTube Channel.

**[FPC YOUTUBE](#)**



Various church-related meetings, special gatherings, and Bible Study will be held via Zoom. Links will be provided in our weekly email as scheduled.

The "Coffee with the King" Bible Study Group is on a short hiatus. Updates will be provided when the group has a plan for how they will proceed.



# MARCH 2022

THE OFFICIAL CALENDAR OF FPC

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Communion Service 9:00am Fellowship 10:00am Start of Lent	7	8  Session Meeting 6:30pm	9	10	11	12
13 Service 9:00am Fellowship 10:00am Member Care Meeting	14	15	16	17  St. Patrick's Day	18	19
20  Service 9:00am Fellowship 10:00am	21	22	23	24	25	26  Thrift & Gift 10am-2pm
27  Service 9:00am Fellowship 10:00am	28	29	30  Choir Practice 6:45pm	31		

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