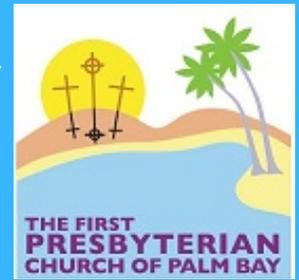


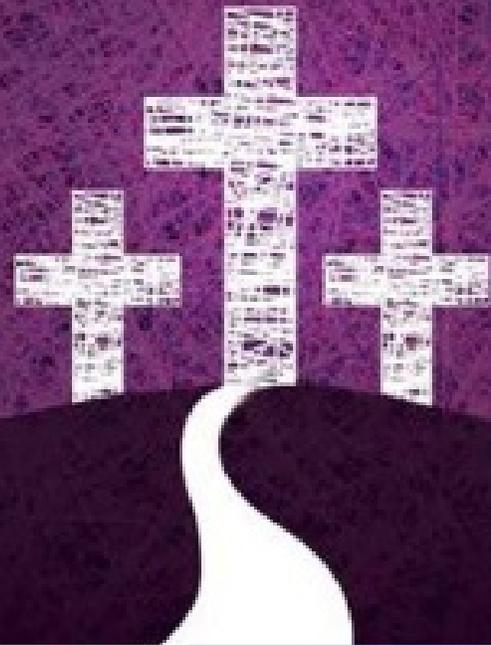
THE CHIMES / MESSENGER



FEBRUARY 15, 2021

Lent

40 Days of Renewal



A Note from the Pastor

Lent is here once again - a 40 day season of reflection, repentance, and preparation. An opportunity to take stock of our lives and our spirits and see where in our hearts we need the Holy Spirit to do some work.

For some, this will be done by participating in a special Bible Study or devotional practice. Others may give up something for lent in order to consider the benefits of sacrifice or self-discipline. Others may try a reverse-lent practice and add acts of kindness, grace, or forgiveness to their daily lives.

Whatever your practice may be, I pray that you have a season that has moments of reflection, joy, understanding, depth, mystery, and gratitude. I pray that you will learn more about the depth of God's love for you and the power which he has given you to bless others. I pray that you will be prepared in mind and heart to hear the good news of Christ's resurrection proclaimed, and to know that he loves you just as much now, alive with the Father, as he did when he died on the cross.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Update to Anniversary Plans

On February 28th, we will be celebrating the church's 40th anniversary, but in a smaller way at first. After some reconsideration, we will be postponing a larger celebration until the fall in the hopes that more people will be able to gather together for it. On the 28th, we will be having cake after worship and officially dedicating the Memorial Garden and giving thanks for all those who started and nurtured this congregation for the last 40 years.

WORSHIP SERVICE INFORMATION

On Sundays we are holding a single service that begins at **10 am with 45 people in the sanctuary.**

Please continue to call the church office to reserve a seat - they will be limited as noted!

Congregants are asked to please **wear masks** when singing, and whenever not able to maintain social distance.

For those who wish to continue worshiping with us online, services will be live streamed on Facebook and a copy will be placed on YouTube.

Prayer Requests

- Judy Rutter asks for prayers for her family for the death of her great-grandson. His parents, Joe and Christina, as well as his grandfather, Scott (Judy's son) and Judy are all grieving his loss.
- Continued prayers for: Frank (Karola Deluca's brother, heart attack), Cubby (Robin Watson's son, nerve damage), Scotty (Terry Twardzik's son-in-law, cancer), Bill (Wilma Heriot's nephew, TB), Pam (Barbara Horn's sister, cancer), Vanessa (Robin Watson's friend, cancer), Rosa Doig's niece (COVID), Richard and Frieda (friends of the Burdens, Alzheimer's), Diane and John (friends of Fredricka Hopkins, cancer), Bernard (Etiennes' brother, depression), Fran Phillips (back), Robin Watson (move, decisions), Steven Musgrave (work).
- Nancy Hudack is recovering well but waiting for appointments for crowns and knee surgery.
- Judy Irvine asks for prayer for her friend Scott, who has lung cancer and tumors in his brain, as well as an infection in his foot that is making him unable to walk.
- MaryLynn Yust asks for prayers for her friend, Kathryn, who is struggling with confusion issues.
- Jack Dayton asks for prayers for his Aunt Millie, who is in Hospice care.
- Cheryl Evans asks for prayers for her mother, for recovery from COVID and plans for her living arrangements.
- Celia Keen had shoulder surgery to repair a tear last week and is doing well.
- Mike Doran is still recovering from shoulder replacement surgery.
- A friend of several members of the church, Bobbie W, needs prayers for recovery from a broken arm and shoulder. She is currently in rehab in the area.
- A friend of the Musgraves, Janette, is recovering from a heart attack.
- Vince & Sue D'Imperio's friend Vivian had major surgery on her foot. Prayers for healing and pain reduction.

- Fredricka Hopkins is now home after a brief stay in the hospital related to her blood pressure.
- Bob Ritter was able to meet with a pain management doctor - please pray that the new medications and plans prove effective.
- Please pray for Kay, Ronnie Dayton's stepmother, who fell and broke her ribs.
- Wilma Heriot asks for prayer for painful diverticulitis and a hiatal hernia.
- Molly Stone asked for Prayer for her son Glen and his family, who have Covid-19.
- Danny Paul's sister, Dorothy, is recovering from surgery related to breast cancer. Please pray for her recovery. Danny also shared that his wife, Pamela, is almost to 100% after her stroke last year.
- Mavis Mattadeen is in Advent Health hospital in Orlando for gall stones and will have surgery on 2/15. She can be contacted at 407-303-5600.



Word from the Herd

Send in your updates to be included in this section of the newsletter by contacting the office or Pastor Debra!

- Come visit our puzzle and movie exchange, now located in the quiet room of the sanctuary!
- There are a few people who would appreciate cards from church friends: Lewie and AnnaBelle Schaaf, Marilyn McEachron, Kathleen Kemp, and Ken and Phyllis Knapp.
- AnnaBelle Schaaf is walking some more with a walker and grateful for more mobility.
- Fran Phillips and Bill are both at Hibiscus Court, but in different sections in order for Bill to receive the benefit of being in a memory unit. Their new addresses are printed in the directory.
- Marion Jones is staying with family and if you would like to send her a condolence card, you may do so by mailing it to 4400 feather St., Cocoa, FL 32927



Resources for You

We are providing several resources for you at this time.

- **Facebook:** "Ask a Pastor" videos come out occasionally, and we are always looking for new questions! We are also live-streaming Sunday worship services.
- **Youtube:** Our "Ask the Pastor" and a copy of our Sunday services are loaded onto Youtube in case you missed them on Facebook.
- **Dial My Calls:** This phone service provides voicemails to let everyone know what is going on or any need to know updates.
- Tablets are available for members who do not have computer access to watch our videos! Call to request one

Let all that you do be done in love.

1 CORINTHIANS 16:14

Check out a Tablet!

The church has 3 tablets that are available to be checked out in order to watch videos of worship and other events without needing a computer. Call today to ask for one!



*Need Prayer?
Let us Know!*

We would love you pray for you, your family, and loved ones! Please call the office at (321) 725-8484 or email us at office@palmbaypres.org to let us know!

Mission Notes

Thank you to everyone who donated to the 2021 offering for the Brevard and Indian River Mission Conference. These funds will be used to support the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in Puerto Rico with ongoing hurricane recovery efforts as well as support and recovery for recent earthquakes and COVID-19.

Upcoming special offerings include the 5 cents a meal offering collected the last Sunday of each month, Shoe Mission on March 21st, One Great Hour of Sharing on April 4th and collecting items for mothers to be given out by Operation Hope starting at the end of May. More information will be in upcoming newsletters and bulletins!



There will be a blood drive at the church on Sunday February 28th from 9 am to 2pm. If you like to make an appointment for sometime that day, visit <https://www.oneblood.org/donate-now/>, search the 32905 area code, select mobile drive as the location site, and enter February 28th as the date.

Help Wanted:

We are Hiring a Sexton!



We are hiring for a Sexton! If you are interested in the position, or know someone who would be, please visit the church office during regular office hours (Monday-Friday, 8:30-12:30) to fill out an application!

Note of Thanks



Dear First Presbyterian family, I am so happy to share that Isabel's and my health are back to almost 100%! We would like to thank you all for your support, prayers, cards and calls during our illness and recovery. It is such a blessing to belong to such a wonderful and caring church family. May God bless you all!

In the love of Christ, Patti Loyd

Greetings



Hello FPCPB!

Just sending a note for my change of address. We moved in this past weekend, Cubby, Bruno and I. Great-granddaughters Nevaya and Ariella helped "organize"! Nevaya said the house is really "cozy". And yesterday, after school and a move, Ariella wanted to go to Great-Granmmas! It feels very strange - but God is good - and hopefully he'll put me to work in His service, soon. I hope all is well with you three. I miss you and love you!

Blessings to all, Robin Watson



2021

Flower Chart available Dates

There are quite a few dates still open for the 2021 flower chart. The dates are:

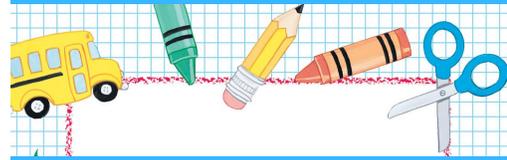
- March 14th
- March 21st
- May 16th
- May 30th

More dates are also available through the year. If you are interested in signing up for a date, please give us a call in the office at (321) 725-8484. The cost per arrangement is \$20.



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in order to { GRASP ONTO HIM!



Please continue to pray for our schools throughout the rest of the 2020-2021 school year. that the year ends smoothly and without and huge outbreaks of COVID-19.



Return TO THE LORD your GOD FOR HE IS graciously and MERCIFUL SLOW to anger & abounding IN STEADFAST love JOEL 2:13



Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. MATTHEW 5:6

Where Can I Get the COVID-19 Vaccine?



The Florida Department of Health in Brevard County (DOH-Brevard) will offer free, appointment-only COVID-19 vaccinations of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine starting **Monday, January 4, 2021**. Vaccines will be administered at a drive-thru distribution site located at **2555 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, FL 32940**.

Vaccine appointments may be reserved by:

- Calling **(321) 454-7141**
- Online via the Eventbrite platform at the following link: <https://brevardcovidvaccine.eventbrite.com>.

Appointments are currently only available to: Individuals 65 years and older and healthcare workers who provide direct patient care and are not associated with a hospital system.

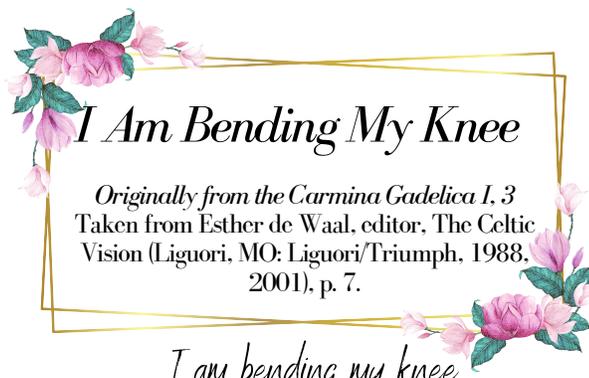
Please be patient when calling to reserve an appointment as call volumes are high. Appointments may only be made via phone and cannot be made in person.



Hosting Update

Our next Family Promise host weeks will be February 28th to March 7th and May 2nd to 9th. In-house hosting is still suspended, so these weeks will still be providing or delivering hot meals for dinners to families at a local hotel. The church is also providing groceries to the families for breakfast and lunch.

Family Promise will be holding their annual Emerald City 5K fundraiser Friday, February 26th at 6:00 p.m. It will be at the Church of Viera at 9005 N Wickham Rd, Viera, FL 32940. The theme is "There's No Place Like Home" and participants are invited to dress in Wizard of Oz costumes as they run, jog, walk or hang out.



I Am Bending My Knee

Originally from the *Carmina Gadelica I, 3*
Taken from Esther de Waal, editor, *The Celtic Vision* (Liguori, MO: Liguori/Triumph, 1988, 2001), p. 7.

*I am bending my knee
In the eye of the Father who created me,
In the eye of the Son who purchased me,
In the eye of the Spirit who cleansed me.
In friendship and affection
Through Thine own Anointed One, O God,
Bestow upon us fullness in our need,
Love towards God,
The affection of God,
The smile of God,
The wisdom of God,
The grace of God,
The fear of God,
And the will of God
To do on the world of the Three,
As angels and saints
Do in heaven:
Each shade and light,
Each day and night,
Each time in kindness,
Give Thou us Thy Spirit.*



Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

1 PETER 5:6

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 02/04 Emmy Wohlenberg
- 02/08 Stephen Dixon
- 02/09 Earl Hill
- 02/10 Kaylee Clark
- 02/10 Phyllis Stone
- 02/13 Duane Chin-Quee
- 02/14 Ronnie Dayton
- 02/15 Judy Irvine
- 02/18 Fedmin Davis
- 02/22 Carmen Wallace
- 02/24 Rosa Doig
- 02/24 Cali Karnetsky
- 02/26 Susan Allison
- 02/26 Mark Cather
- 02/26 Fran Phillips
- 03/04 James Corton
- 03/07 Bill Phillips
- 03/10 Brian Young
- 03/11 Vicki Cather
- 03/12 Sheri Phillips
- 03/12 Ernie Wohlenberg

Anniversaries

- 02/06 Grady & Cheryl Evans
- 03/06 Mike & Susan Allison





Lenten Study

Lenten Study Info

This year we will have a Lenten Study series, but not our traditional meal-and-study format. There overall topic will be a study of "Seeking to be Faithful Together: Guidelines for Presbyterians in Times of Disagreement" as well as other resources from the Peacemaking Program of PCUSA's mission arm.

There has been conversation and sermons on engaging in peaceful and purposeful ways with others who do not hold the same ideas and ideals.

This study is designed to be a "next step" in that process, with study of scripture verses that talk about conflict and disagreement, values we as Christians should ascribe to when engaging in such moments, and honest discussion about our faults, frustrations, hopes, and attempts to engage in disagreements with others in a way that represents Christ to others.

There will be videos posted each week with reflections on that week's topic, and a noon and 6 p.m. study group that will hopefully allow participants to practice and learn together how to 'disagree without becoming disagreeable'.

To ask questions about the study or to sign up for the noon or 6 p.m. group, please contact Pastor Debra at 321-507-0257, or email at debra@palmbaypres.org.



"Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning." Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and He relents from sending calamity.

JOEL 2:12-14

Lent 2021

Scripture Writing Plan

Ash Wednesday, February 17th-

Easter Sunday April 4th



- Day 1: Amos 5:6-15; Luke 18:9-14
- Day 2: Habakkuk 3:1-18; John 17:1-8
- Day 3: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; John 17:9-19
- Day 4: Ezekiel 39:21-29; John 17:20-26
- Day 5: Daniel 9:3-10; John 12:44-50
- Day 6: Genesis 37:1-11; Mark 1:1-13
- Day 7: Genesis 37:12-24; Mark 1:14-28
- Day 8: Genesis 37:25-36; Mark 1:29-45
- Day 9: Genesis 39:1-23; Mark 2:1-12
- Day 10: Genesis 40:1-23; Mark 2:13-22
- Day 11: Genesis 41:1-13; Mark 2:23-3:6
- Day 12: Genesis 41:14-45; John 5:19-24
- Day 13: Genesis 41:46-57; Mark 3:7-19a
- Day 14: Genesis 42:1-17; Mark 3:19b-35
- Day 15: Genesis 42:18-28; Mark 4:1-20
- Day 16: Genesis 42:29-38; Mark 4:21-34
- Day 17: Genesis 43:1-15; Mark 4:35-41
- Day 18: Genesis 43:16-34; Mark 5:1-20
- Day 19: Genesis 44:1-17; John 5:25-29
- Day 20: Genesis 44:18-34; Mark 5:21-43
- Day 21: Genesis 45:1-15; Mark 6:1-13
- Day 22: Genesis 45:16-28; Mark 6:13-29
- Day 23: Genesis 46:1-7, 28-34; Mark 6:30-46

- Day 24: Genesis 47:1-26; Mark 6:47-56
- Day 25: Genesis 47:27-48:7; Mark 7:1-23
- Day 26: Genesis 48:8-22; John 6:27-40
- Day 27: Genesis 49:1-28; Mark 7:24-37
- Day 28: Genesis 49:29-50:14; Mark 8:1-10
- Day 29: Genesis 50:15-26; Mark 8:11-26
- Day 30: Exodus 1:6-22; Mark 8:27-9:1
- Day 31: Exodus 2:1-22; Mark 9:2-13
- Day 32: Exodus 2:23-3:15; Mark 9:14-29
- Day 33: Exodus 4:10-31; Mark 9:30-41
- Day 34: Exodus 5:1-6:1; Mark 9:42-50
- Day 35: Exodus 7:8-24; Mark 10:1-16
- Day 36: Exodus 7:25-8:19; Mark 10:17-31
- Day 37: Exodus 9:13-35; Mark 10:32-45
- Day 38: Exodus 10:21-11:8; Mark 10:46-52

HOLY WEEK

- Day 39: Zechariah 9:9-12; Luke 19:41-48
- Day 40: Lamentations 1:1-12; Mark 11:12-25
- Day 41: Lamentations 1:17-22; Mark 11:27-33
- Day 42: Lamentations 2:1-9; Mark 12:1-11
- Day 43: Lamentations 2:10-18; Mark 14:12-25
- Day 44: AM: John 13:36-38 PM: John 19:38-42
- Day 45: Day of Reflection
- Day 46: Matthew 28:1-10; Romans 6:3-11



Lent 2021 Scripture Writing Plan Journal Questions

1. What does the passage say?
2. What does the passage mean?
3. How does this passage apply to your life?

As you observe this season of repentance and reflection, use this Scripture writing plan and the questions in the side bar as a part of your personal Lenten devotions.



February 2021

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IN THE WORD



John 13:34-35

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

1 John 4:7-12

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

February 17

Read John 13:34-35

Of all the final instructions Jesus could have given his disciples, he chose this to be his final word and the only commandment he uttered. Why is the command to love? It is because when we set love as the standard we must meet and the goal to which we direct our actions, we will find ourselves able to fulfill all the other commandments and expectations of God. Loving one another is not just to be done to please God, it is also the means by which we are identified as belonging to God by others - it is by our love for each other that we are known and that God's work is seen.

February 19

Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3, 8-13

In the midst of the love chapter, there is something of a love sandwich. Paul speaks about the importance of having love in addition to gifts like prophecy and faith, then pauses to talk about the characteristics of love before returning to his argument. He uses the same gifts and abilities to try to make this point: love endures where other things perish, just as love makes an impact where even powerful gifts can leave people unchanged. God's love that is in us is to be valued above all abilities and actions, because it is love that carries the day and stays with someone forever.

February 21

Read Luke 23:33-38

The first of the last words from Christ are of forgiveness, and they create something of a theological dilemma. We believe that ignorance of sin does not excuse a person from the consequences of it in God's eyes. Yet here, Jesus is praying that the ignorance of the people responsible for his death be taken into consideration. How do you think God considers knowledge or ignorance in holding us accountable for the sins we commit? What does that mean for us and our living?

February 18

Read 1 John 4:7-12

This passage is further explanation by John of why it is important for us to love one another as Jesus commanded. John says that God is love, and if we are in God, we should be demonstrating this essential characteristic as well. If we say that we belong to God but do not demonstrate love, there is a discrepancy that must be addressed in us. John also gives us the reason love should be abundant in us - we have been loved so much, we ought to love one another in response and out of the abundant overflow of what God has placed in us. We should always remember what Christ has done and feel loved because of it.

February 20

Read 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7

It is easy to tell someone to "love another" but harder to actually live it out, especially if you don't know how to do it in the right ways. Our ways of loving one another can be flawed, but God's love is perfect. That is why the list of attributes is so potent in this chapter - it gives us the practical steps of what it looks like to love one another in the way that God loves us. So as we consider what it means to be patient, to keep no record of wrongs, to rejoice in the truth, we are learning how God loves us and how we are to love one another. It will help us know what to do when we aren't sure how to love.

February 22

Read Ephesians 4:32

Among the many instructions Paul gives to the church at Ephesus, one of them is that the people be "tenderhearted" to one another and forgive one another. He knew that even among believers, we have a hard time forgiving one another our sins. Perhaps we are hard on one another because we have experienced pain or worked hard to overcome vice. Perhaps we want to spare someone a guilty conscience. But we need to remember even as we are called to urge one another on to righteousness, we are also to be tender with each other for our errors.

IN THE WORD

February 23

Read Mark 11:25

There are a few places where Jesus connects our forgiveness of one another to God forgiving us for our sins. There is not a quid-pro-quo formula of exchange happening here. It is more a sign (or test) of whether and how deeply we have allowed the Holy Spirit to be at work in us.

If we have been forgiven and understand the richness and depth of that gift, we should be able and even eager to extend it to others.

However, if we withhold forgiveness from others, it could be a sign that we are not living into the new life we have received in Christ and need to do some more work on our own spirits. How do you try to forgive others?

February 26

Read Luke 6:37

There is a very annoying expression that people will use these days. It is "judge not!" and used to stop someone from offering correction to another person. It is a shortened version of Luke 6:37 and it is annoying because it is never used in context. We are called to judge - to recognize what is true and false, good and evil, and to work for good and offer gentle admonition to help others do the same. At the same time, we must be willing to be on the receiving end of the same. So judge, and be judged with equal measure and respect.

March 1

Read Titus 3:1-8

Paul writes to Titus and offers a proper understanding of the relationship between faith and works. Works are wonderful and should be practiced and lauded. We should do the right things, and when we do, they are pleasing to God. But we should always remember, these works don't earn us our salvation - that is an act of God's mercy alone. Therefore our good works are to be understood as our response to God for the grace he has given us, "excellent and profitable" for others around us, and also good for us as well, as we live into the new life we have in Christ.

February 24

Read 1 John 1:8-10

If you stand in a group of Christians, you will hear a multitude of stories of each person's experience, where they came to know Christ, how they live for him, and what they understand about him. But there is one thing everyone in that group will have in common - they are all redeemed sinners. It is one of the basic, foundational traits of every person on the planet - we have all fallen short. When we try to pretend differently, everyone can see through us, and we offer a false testimony about God himself. Being honest about our need for grace is not cause for embarrassment, it is actually the connecting point between us and every other person on the planet.

February 27

Read James 5:16

James offers a new layer of instruction from the other devotions this week - he encourages believers to confess their sins to one another. Many prefer to confess to God and cover up their sins with one another for fear of judgment or loss of relationship. But disguising our weaknesses with each other leads to shallow relationships, whereas honesty with one another leads to strength through community support. The encouragement and accountability given by friends is powerful!

March 2

Read Romans 10:5-17

Paul is sometimes hard to understand, and in this passage, he is somewhat confusing. But some clear things to take away - there is a need to place value both in our proclamation of faith in Jesus (speaking it) and also our personal belief of the same. You cannot just say the words without meaning them, and if you believe in Jesus in your heart, you must also acknowledge that belief to others. One of the good reasons he gives for sharing our faith is so that others know who to seek if they are also interested in becoming believers - if they don't know Jesus' name, how will they seek him?

February 25

Read Matthew 18:21-22

There is a sad but true fact that people will wrong us in this life. Sometimes, they will do it more than once. Occasionally, we may even lose count of how many times it happens. It is a difficult decision whether to continue in relationship with someone who sins against you. The reality is that sometimes we must end relationships with people who refuse to change or address the ways they hurt others. In order to give this instruction of Jesus the weight it deserves, keep in mind that there is a difference between forgiveness and trust. You are called to forgive someone their sins against you, but not to continue to offer them your trust, or the opportunity to hurt you again.

February 28

Read Luke 23:39-43

The interaction with Jesus and the criminals on the cross is both a story of the different choices that we can make about accepting Jesus and a source of hope for all believers that our choice to believe will be rewarded, regardless of our ability to 'earn' such a reward. The criminal who recognizes and stands up for Christ has no time to make up for his sins or even to live into his newfound faith. It underscores a foundational truth about our salvation - it is a gift given to us in faith, and not by works, so that none may boast.

