

First Presbyterian Church 2017 Lenten Devotional  
**“Building the Church, Building the Faith”**

**Week 2**

**Day Five: Monday, March 6--I Chronicles 28:11-12**

*“Then David gave his son Solomon the plan of the vestibule of the temple, and of its houses, its treasuries, its upper rooms, and its inner chambers, and of the room for the mercy-seat; and the plan of all that he had in mind: for the courts of the house of the LORD, all the surrounding chambers, the treasuries of the house of God, and the treasuries for dedicated gifts;”*

A building cannot be built without blueprints and planning. What plans do you have for your life right now, and how has God directed these plans?

**Day Six: Tuesday, March 7--II Chronicles 2:3-4, 11, 16**

*“Solomon sent word to King Hiram of Tyre: ‘Once you dealt with my father David and sent him cedar to build himself a house to live in. I am now about to build a house for the name of the LORD my God. Then King Hiram of Tyre answered in a letter that he sent to Solomon, ‘We will cut whatever timber you need from Lebanon, and bring it to you as rafts by sea to Joppa; you will take it up to Jerusalem.’”*

The Church’s building addition will take a great deal of materials and supplies, all delivered in a timely manner. Give thanks this day for those who will acquire those materials and bring them to our worksite.

**Day Seven: Wednesday, March 8--Psalm 122:7**

*“Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.”*

Construction brings change, and change brings both excitement and anxiety. Think about what is changing in your life, and how you can find peace and security within those changes.

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**Day Eight: Thursday, March 9--Jeremiah 1:10**

*“See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”*

As with any remodeling project, some things have to be removed, even destroyed, before the new can be built. Find ways to encourage those who are preparing our church for the remodeling that is soon to come.

**Day Nine: Friday, March 10--Isaiah 57:14**

*“It shall be said, ‘Build up, build up, prepare the way, remove every obstruction from my people’s way.’ For thus says the high and lofty one who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: ‘I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with those who are contrite and humble in spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite.’”*

Reflect upon what obstructions need to be removed from your spiritual life so that you can build a better relationship with Christ.

**Day Ten: Saturday, March 11--Hebrews 11:7**

*“By faith Noah, warned by God about events as yet unseen, respected the warning and built an ark to save his household;”*

Noah’s faith built the Ark as much as his hands and arms did. How can your faith help the church build this new addition?

**Second Sunday in Lent: March 12—Psalm 97:2**

*“The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.”*

Ours is a God of righteousness and justice. Consider how God might use you to help bring justice into our world and make us all right with God.

