

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

**Week 3**

**Day 11: Monday, March 13--I Kings 6:37**

*“In the fourth year the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid, in the month of Ziv.”*

In 2013 we commissioned a Master Plan Study that would help us plan for the future of our church and our facilities. Now, four years later, we will soon lay the foundation for the new addition that came from that Master Plan. Give thanks to God for this wonderful blessing.

**Day 12: Tuesday, March 14—Matthew 7:24-27**

*“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!”*

Anyone who has had to repair cracked walls or shore up basement walls knows all too well how important foundations are for buildings. Jesus tells us that we need a solid foundation for our lives as well. What is the foundation of your life, and how solid is it?

**Day 13: Wednesday, March 15--Isaiah 28:16**

*“Therefore thus says the Lord GOD, See, I am laying in Zion a foundation stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation: ‘One who trusts will not panic.’”*

Ever feel panicky? Ponder how Jesus can be that sure foundation in your life and calm those panicky nerves.

**Day 14: Thursday, March 16--Colossians 3:11**

*“For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.”*

Our tendency is to build our lives on worldly things—money, success, popularity, security. Use this Lenten season to focus on the one thing that truly matters in life—Jesus Christ.

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**Day 15: Friday, March 17--Ephesians 2:19-22**

*“So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.”*

We often forget that together we are the holy temple of the Lord. Give thanks for all those who are part of this household of God.

**Day 16: Saturday, March 18--Matthew 16:18**

*“And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church”*

Remember and appreciate those who were the “Rocks” of this church over the nearly 200 years of its existence.

**Third Sunday in Lent: March 19--Acts 9:31**

*“Meanwhile the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was built up. Living in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.”*

Building projects are hard on church members, but they are even harder on visitors, who don't know their way around our building. Make an extra effort this week to be welcoming and helpful to those who are visiting our church.

