

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FEBRUARY 3, 2019
COMMUNION SUNDAY

As you arrive for worship, greet each other with a smile and soft words, but please remember there are those who cherish a time of quiet to prepare for worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE/MOMENT OF QUIET REFLECTION Cheryl Mayhew, organist
"Holy, Holy" Arr. by Fred Bock

† CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) Lay Leader: Judy Sauers
L: Here in this place, there are no foreigners, for all are welcome in God's house.
P: Here in this worship, there is only acceptance, for love is the language of faith.
L: Here in our lives, there are no divisions, for God dwells in each of us.
All: Come, let us worship in unity and love.

† OPENING HYMN "Be Thou My Vision" #562

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
O Lord, listen to our prayer of confession, for we would speak honestly before You. We confess that we haven't always done what is right; that some of our attitudes and actions have hurt others and ourselves and have grieved You. Forgive us. In Your mercy, look deeply into our hearts. Examine our thoughts and our actions. Test our motivations. Bring to light all the things in our lives that dishonor You. We want to follow You with integrity, to obey the commandments You have given us, and to walk in ways that bring honor to Your name. Amen!

† WORDS OF ASSURANCE (responsive)
L: Brothers and sisters, our God never fails to hear us when we call to him. Trust in his forgiveness and unfailing love, and be at peace, for he rescues all who take refuge in Him.
P: We trust God's forgiveness, His unfailing love, and His peace which is beyond our understanding.
All: Thanks be to God!

† GLORIA PATRI
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM "Our Lord's Prayer" Chancel Choir
By Lloyd Larson
(Children are dismissed to Sunday School following the Choral Anthem)

OFFERING
Offertory "Trusting Jesus" Ira D. Sankey
Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.
† Prayer of Dedication

HYMN OF PREPARATION "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" #393

MESSAGE "A Cynic's Search for Meaning—Pt. 1" Pastor Eric Gale
Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
-Apostle's Creed (hymnal-inside cover)
-Prayer of Thanksgiving
-Serving of the Elements
-The Lord's Prayer
-Servers: Brad Hedrick, Fred Powell, Brenda Fickle, Jim Story, Bill Jourdan, Claudia MacRae

† CLOSING HYMN "Who Is on the Lord's Side?" #674

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Short Fantasy in A Minor" Walker Baylor

† Please stand if you are able.

Join us in Fellowship Hall following the service for coffee and refreshments.

* (Please sign and date the red pad and pass it to your neighbor. Be sure to silence your cell phones.)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ann and Martha Stevenson, upon the death of Frank Stevenson.
Paul and Jennie Auble, upon the death of Paul's father, Damon.
Mary Castor, with health concerns.



SCRIPTURE & MESSAGE NOTES

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 (NLT)

These are the words of the Teacher, King David's son, who ruled in Jerusalem.

²"Everything is meaningless," says the Teacher, "completely meaningless!"

³What do people get for all their hard work under the sun? ⁴Generations come and generations go, but the earth never changes. ⁵The sun rises and the sun sets, then hurries around to rise again. ⁶The wind blows south, and then turns north. Around and around it goes, blowing in circles. ⁷Rivers run into the sea, but the sea is never full. Then the water returns again to the rivers and flows out again to the sea. ⁸Everything is wearisome beyond description. No matter how much we see, we are never satisfied. No matter how much we hear, we are not content.

⁹History merely repeats itself. It has all been done before. Nothing under the sun is truly new. ¹⁰Sometimes people say, "Here is something new!" But actually it is old; nothing is ever truly new. ¹¹We don't remember what happened in the past, and in future generations, no one will remember what we are doing now.

- I. Ecclesiastes speaks to a world trying to find its way without _____!
- II. Ecclesiastes speaks to people looking for meaning in all the _____.
- III. Words of _____, or words similar appear dozens of times throughout the book.
- IV. Not everything in Ecclesiastes is intended to be a _____ to live by.
 - a. However, the book is God's _____ of human thought and expression.
 - b. At times the Bible includes instruction of how _____ to live or think!
- V. Summary: Avoid the search for satisfaction that draws you _____ from the only One who brings meaning and purpose to life!

| FPC DECEMBER INCOME/EXPENSE REPORT | |
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| Income: | \$293,737.53 |
| Expense: | \$285,788.10 |
| Diff: | \$ 7,949.43 |

SACRED MARRIAGE VIDEO DISCUSSION SERIES

Facilitators: Pastor Eric Gale and Ed Adams

When: Wednesday evenings, January 23-February 27, 2018, 7pm

Where: Church Fellowship Hall

Accompanying Book purchase price: \$10.00 (optional)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Capital Campaign Update: As of January 27th we've raised **\$155,555.76!** We now have \$31,135.40 in the reserve account to pay for the additional repairs needed to the for the tower. **The estimated cost of tuck pointing the tower is \$50,000 so we have \$18,864.60 to raise.** We can do this with God's grace and our faithful giving. Thank you!

BINGO NIGHT & CHILI COOK-OFF—FEBRUARY 9 at 6 PM

Cabin fever setting in? Break free from the winter chains that bind you and join us for some good old fashioned family fun! It's a Bingo Night and Chili Cook-off!! **Join us February 9 at 6:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall. \$5 at the door includes chili, sides, fixins, and a drink. Desserts will be offered for \$2. Think your chili has what it takes to win the coveted Golden Spoon? Bring it on! Bring your best chili and let the gang decide—each vote is \$1. After warming your tums with chili, stick around for Bingo and prizes!! Bingo cards are \$1 each. All proceeds go toward the 2019 mission trip.

MEET YOUR DEACON

As a part of our fellowship hour after church on **February 10**, the Deacons will be hosting our "Meet Your Deacon" event. Each Deacon will be stationed at various tables around fellowship hall ready to meet and greet our flocks.

FPC PRAYER GROUP

In 2018, our Board of Deacons tested a prayer session held separately from our monthly business meeting. In 2019, the Deacons would like to open up the prayer group our fellow congregants. **If you are interested in spending time in prayer for our community and congregation**, please text Brian Wuerch at 317-946-3491 or email bawuerch@gmail.com. We are looking at praying after our church service either on the 3rd or 4th Sunday of the month.

GIVING ENVELOPES

The 2019 giving envelopes are now available on the table in Fellowship Hall. No numbers have been assigned so just grab one.

SUPER BOWL BAKE SALE—TODAY!

Proceeds benefit the 2019 Summer Mission Trip.

FEBRUARY 3 THROUGH FEBRUARY 10, 2019

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| Today | 9:00 am | Adult Sunday School |
| | 10:00 am | Worship |
| | 11:15 am | Super Bowl Bake Sale |
| | 11:15 am | Fellowship Hour |
| | 6:30 pm | Bill Jourdan Bible Study |
| Monday | | |
| Tuesday | 7:00 pm | Aerobics |
| Wednesday | 8:30 am | Men's GBR |
| | 8:45 am | Women's GBR |
| | 7:00 pm | Sacred Marriage Video Discussion Series |
| Thursday | 8:00 am | Rotary |
| | 6:00 pm | Choir Small Group |
| | 7:00 pm | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 7:00 pm | Wuerch Small Group |
| Friday | | |
| Saturday | 8:15 am | Aerobics |
| | 6:00 pm | Chili Cook-Off & Bingo |
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| HEAD USHER: FEBRUARY | Jeanine Loomis |
| SOUND SYSTEM: | Rick Mayhew |
| | 2/10 Nathan Roe |
| NURSERY: | Marlee |
| | 2/10 Karen |
| RAINBOWS: | Trish/Mark |
| | 2/10 Lauren/Journey |
| SHOOTING STARS: | Anne/Tanner |
| | 2/10 Casey/Journey |
| JR HIGH: | |
| | 2/10 No Sunday School |
| SR HIGH: | Stephen/John |
| | 2/10 No Sunday School |
| LAY LEADER: | Judy Sauers |
| | 2/10 |
| ACOLYTES: | |
| | 2/10 |
| FELLOWSHIP HOUR: | Youth Mission Team & Jeanine Loomis |
| | 2/10 Deacons |

PER CAPITA REMINDER

As a member of First Presbyterian Church, we are required by the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley to pay annual per capita dues each year per member. **For 2019, that amount is \$40.72 per member.** The per capita is our shared gift providing primary support of the operating ministry of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. These are dues that we are required to pay and it is an **expense that equates to approximately \$10,500 each year** from our operating budget receiving only about 25% from members. We pay these dues in March whether the money has been received by our members or not. **If you could faithfully pay your portion of the per capita by February 28th, that would be greatly appreciated.** If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Eric or Robin.



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Eric R. Gale, Pastor

FEBRUARY 3, 2019 COMMUNION SUNDAY

| ELDERS | | DEACONS |
|------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Greg Borcharding | Finance | Brian Wuerch, Moderator |
| Nathan Roe | Properties | Susan Clark |
| Trish Moore | Christian Education | Brooke Lederman (Youth) |
| Lee Ann Stein | Evangelism | Jeanine Loomis |
| Larry Grabb | Worship | Claudia MacRae |
| Sue Jourdan | Mission | Jan McConnell |
| Karen McCord | Clerk | Dave McCord |
| Stephen Craig | Planning | Bill Jourdan |
| Peggy Deakayne | Personnel /Nom. | Steve Runyon |
| Eric R. Gale | Moderator | Deb Wilson |
| | | Jana Zeiler |