

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 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

"There is a Redeemer"

Cheryl Mayhew, organist
Arr. By Douglas E. Wagner
Acolytes: Ray & Leo Kenley

† CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Lay Leader: Aiden Snyder

L: Sing joyfully to the LORD,

P: Praise the LORD with music.

L: Sing to him a new song,

P: Sing with skill and joy!

L: Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,

P: Blessed is the people God chose for an inheritance.

L: From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all humanity;

P: From the Lord's dwelling place God watches all who live on earth.

L: No nation is saved by the size of an army;

P: Despite all its great strength it cannot save.

L: But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear God,

P: On those whose hope is in God's unfailing love.

L: In God our hearts rejoice, for we trust in the holy name of our Lord.

P: May God's unfailing love rest upon us, for we put our hope in you.

† OPENING HYMN

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

#139

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

As a community of believers, Holy One, we open ourselves to your restorative presence. We are surrounded by beauty, yet we often fail to wonder. We are symbols of hope, yet we often succumb to despair. We are blessed beyond measure, yet we often allow greed to shape our generosity. We are uncommonly free, yet we often bind ourselves to yesterday's failures. We are gifted and graced as a people of faith, yet we often fail to let our light shine. We are loved beyond measure, yet we often fail to share with others your unconditional love. Encourage us to lay down our burdens, release our fears, forgive our failures, reclaim our hopes, and align ourselves with your deep wisdom. Amen.

† ASSURANCE OF GRACE (responsive)

L: We are the light of the world, by the power of God's grace.

P: Our freedom is a gift: receive it fully;

L: Our purpose is justice: do it rightly;

P: Our hope is peace: pursue it faithfully;

L: Our calling is life: live it well.

All: God is faithful in all things and so it is. 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

"Kumbaya"

Chancel Choir

(Children are dismissed to Sunday School following the Choral Anthem)

OFFERING

Offertory

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Bradbury

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

"Yes, Lord, Yes"

#601

MESSAGE

A CYNIC'S SEARCH FOR MEANING, Pt. 5

Pastor Eric Gale

"Am I Here to Make the World a Better Place?"

Ecclesiastes 3:16-17; 4:13-16; 5:8-9; 12:12-14

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, Claudia MacRae, Jim Story, Dick Zeiler, Mark Wisely

† CLOSING HYMN

"King of the Nations"

#801

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Fellowship Medley"

Arr. By Lyndell Leatherman

† 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.)

Our thanks our guest choir conductor, Cynthia Fremling!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Linda O'Dell, recuperating from hip replacement surgery.

Michael Davis & Family, on the passing of his father.

Mark Wisely & Family, on the passing of his father.

Doris Stewart, under Hospice care.

Tom & Ruth Anne Nunamaker, Ruth Anne has spinal stenosis, and Tom has issues following a stroke from a year ago.

Dave Stout (husband) & Jennifer (daughter), Connie Stout (friend of Laurie Szabo) recently passed away from brain cancer.



SCRIPTURE & MESSAGE NOTES

When looking to politics as a way to make the world a better place, consider what Solomon has to say:

Ecclesiastes 3:16-17 (NLT2)

¹⁶I also noticed that under the sun there is evil in the courtroom. Yes, even the courts of law are corrupt! ¹⁷I said to myself, "In due season God will judge everyone, both good and bad, for all their deeds."

I. Life is not _____, but every human being will _____ before God!

Ecclesiastes 4:13-16 (NLT2)

¹³It is better to be a poor but wise youth than an old and foolish king who refuses all advice. ¹⁴Such a youth could rise from poverty and succeed. He might even become king, though he has been in prison. ¹⁵But then everyone rushes to the side of yet another youth who replaces him. ¹⁶Endless crowds stand around him, but then another generation grows up and rejects him, too. So it is all meaningless—like chasing the wind.

II. Power is _____ and popularity _____!

Ecclesiastes 5:8-9 (NLT2)

⁸Don't be surprised if you see a poor person being oppressed by the powerful and if justice is being miscarried throughout the land. For every official is under orders from higher up, and matters of justice get lost in red tape and bureaucracy. ⁹Even the king milks the land for his own profit!

III. Corruption exists in politics and government. _____ it!

a) The _____ form of government does not exist!

b) _____ for those in authority!

Ecclesiastes 12:12-14 (NLT2)

¹²But, my child, let me give you some further advice: Be careful, for writing books is endless, and much study wears you out.

¹³That's the whole story. Here now is my final conclusion: Fear God and obey his commands, for this is everyone's duty. ¹⁴God will judge us for everything we do, including every secret thing, whether good or bad.

IV. If you truly want to make a difference, seek to change _____ more than laws!

FPC JANUARY INCOME/EXPENSE REPORT

Income: \$ 20,226.70
Expense: \$ 27,215.29
Diff: \$ (6,988.59)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

As of February 10th we've raised **\$156,400.76!** . We now have **\$31,980.40** in the reserve account to start saving for the additional repairs needed to the for the tower. **The estimated cost of tuck pointing the tower is \$50,000 so we have \$18,019.60 to raise.** Thank you every dollar you donate to this project!

DORCAS BASKET MINISTRY

The Mission team will be collecting vacation bible school supplies for the Whitewater Presbyteries Trip to the Dominican Republic. A Basket with a supply list will be in fellowship hall. **Supplies need to be turned in by Sunday March 17th.** Please see Sue Jourdan ,Mission elder if you have questions.

HOLY LAND TOUR IN 2020!

Are you interested in a trip to view the places you read about in the Bible? If so, Pastor Eric would like to organize a church-sponsored trip to Israel in the Spring of 2020. The trip would be open to our FPC family and possibly their friends and relatives as space is available. If you are interested, please email or call church secretary Janie Emerson, secretary@fpc-noblesville.org. Expressing interest does not obligate you to anything at this point. When we see what interest there is, we can contact the tour company and look at specific dates. Normally it is a 10 day trip from departure until arrival back home.

SCARLETT MINTON MEMORIAL BAKED POTATO BAR & SERVICE AUCTION

Please join us **March 17th** for our Scarlett Minton Memorial Baked Potato Bar Luncheon AND Service Auction! Lunch begins **immediately following worship** and the auction happens during lunch. Come bid on some great service activities all performed by all members of our 26 person mission team! Lots of great food, fun and great services to benefit you! Lunch: \$7. **All proceeds support our summer mission trip.**

FINAL CHANCE TO BUY CHAIRS!

We still have some metal chairs for sale, just **\$5 each.** After March 10th, we will offer them to the general public! If you want chairs, but aren't in town, let us know and we will set them aside for you. **All proceeds from the sale benefit the summer mission trip.** See Anne Kenley, Gregg Swanson, or email secretary@fpc-noblesville.org.

FPC ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE—THIS WEDNESDAY AT 7 PM

Lent begins this Wednesday, March 6. Please join us for our Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 pm. We will have the Imposition of Ashes and serve Communion. Message from Pastor David Layman.

MARCH 3 THROUGH MARCH 10, 2019

Today 9:00 am Adult Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
11:15 am Fellowship Hour
11:15 am Worship Committee Meeting
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 **Ash Wednesday Service**

Thursday 8:00 am Rotary
6:00 pm Choir Small Group
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday

Saturday 8:15 am Aerobics

Sunday 9:00 am Adult Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
11:15 am Fellowship Hour
11:15 am Deacon's Meeting
6:30 pm Bill Jourdan Bible Study

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HEAD USHER: MARCH Jana Zeiler
SOUND SYSTEM: Brian Wuerch
3/10 Nathan Roe
Karen
3/10 Andrea
RAINBOWS: Lauren/Journey
3/10 Deb/Sharon
SHOOTING STARS: Casey/Journey
3/10 Anita/Charlie
JR HIGH: No Sunday School
3/10 Stephen/John
SR HIGH: No Sunday School
3/10 Stephen/John
LAY LEADER: Aiden Snyder
3/10 Mark Boxberger
ACOLYTES: Ray & Leo Kenley
3/10 Isabella Gaddis
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: LeeAnn Stein & Fran Hartman
3/10 Barb Runyon & Marlee Light



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Nathan Roe Properties
Trish Moore Christian Education
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Larry Grabb Worship
Sue Jourdan Mission
Karen McCord Clerk
Stephen Craig Planning
Peggy Deakayne Personnel /Nom.
Eric R. Gale Moderator

DEACONS

Brian Wuerch, Moderator
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Brooke Lederman (Youth)
Jeanine Loomis
Claudia MacRae
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