

First Presbyterian Church

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Sunday, October 24, 2021 – 9:30 a.m. In-Person, Live Streaming, and Facebook Live
22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude:	<i>"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"</i>	Dale Wood
Hymns:	<i>"Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"</i> (vs. 1, 2, 4) <i>"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"</i> (vs. 1-3)	No. 477 No. 403
First Reading:		Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Second Reading:		Mark 10:46-52
Sermon:	<i>"Job and Blind Bartimaeus"</i> Dr. Rev. Brent O. Johnston	
Anthem:	<i>"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!"</i>	Benjamin Harrison
Offertory:	<i>"The Great Storm is Over"</i> Steve Bixler, Guitar	John McCutcheon
Postlude:	<i>"Majestic Postlude"</i>	Mark Williams

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Praying for the Church Family

As a congregation we weekly focus our personal and corporate prayers upon a selection of church members and friends. Let us remember in prayer this week the following: Helen Steindler, Darryl Ott, Dolores Granger, Heidi & Scott Iwig and family, and Robert Heaton.

Sympathy

The white roses on the baptismal font this Sunday are in honor of Bob Moore who passed away October 13 and Verla Hansen who passed away on October 19. Please keep their family and friends in your prayers as they grieve their loss. Visitation for Bob Moore will be from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 17, 2021, at Downing & Lahey East Mortuary. Masks are required. Services for Verla Hansen are pending at this time.

Barista Training on October 27th

We will be training those who have volunteered to become Baristas on October 27 at 6:30 p.m. in *The Well*. Please contact Cynthia Rekoske at 992-9595 if you are interested in learning and volunteering. We look forward to providing this service and time of fellowship to our members again. **Thank you!**

The FPC 150th Anniversary Cookbooks Are Still for Sale!

The 150th Anniversary Cookbooks are here. These make a perfect birthday or Christmas gift. Contact Geri Doll or come by the office on Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. to buy a cookbook. You may also purchase a cookbook on Sundays after worship. They are only \$15.



Join Us for Heritage Sunday, October 31, 2021

Don't forget to mark your calendar for this year's Heritage Sunday. This is an event you do not want to miss! On the last Sunday in October, we celebrate our Scottish and Presbyterian Heritage with a service that draws its inspiration from a service that the Rev. Dr. David Walker attended at St. Giles in Edinburgh, Scotland. Special Music by the Caledonian Pipe and Drums, Mark Sweeney on organ, and from the Choir under the direction of Steve Bixler. Our very own Rev. Dr. Brent O Johnston will be preaching. As always, the service will conclude out on the front lawn with more music from the Caledonian Pipe and Drums. ***Remember we have only one service at 9:30 a.m.***

Journey's Classes for October and November

***Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today* by Adam Hamilton**

What if the Ten Commandments were not just a set of ancient rules, but a guide to experiencing the good life today?

Nearly everyone has heard of the Ten Commandments, the list of "thou-shalt-nots" found in the Bible. Jesus saw these commandments not as onerous burdens, but as guideposts to help us experience a good and beautiful life. These ten ancient "words" were given to us by a loving God who longed to set safe boundaries, create order out of chaos, help communities live peacefully, and protect us--often from ourselves. In this book of Scripture and inspiration, bestselling author Adam Hamilton brings modern eyes to the most important set of ethics in history.

Please come join us in this intriguing book and video series!! There are two opportunities:

- Sunday mornings (Journeys Class) at 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. from October 17 through November 21 (no class on October 31). Dick Wieland will lead in the Hobbs Room and via Zoom.
- Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. from October 20 through November 24, led by Pastor Brent in the Hobbs Room and via Zoom.

Books are available in the church office for \$20 each. Nursery services are available, if needed.

Melchizedek

The last two weeks the reading from the book of Hebrews referenced the Order of Melchizedek. Who was Melchizedek? A combination priest and king, Melchizedek was the ideal ruler of Israel according to later Jewish thought. Melchizedek himself was king of Salem, the early name for Jerusalem, and "priest of the Most High God." After Abraham decisively defeated Chedorlaomer and the other kings of the east, Melchizedek gave Abraham bread and wine and his blessing. In turn, Abraham offered Melchizedek a tithe of the loot. The writer of Hebrews picked up the Old Testament idealization of Melchizedek as one who combined the kingly and priestly offices and spoke of Jesus as a priest on the order of Melchizedek. Melchizedek is referenced in Genesis 14:18; Psalm 110:4; and Hebrews 5-7. Barker, William P. *Everyone in the Bible*. Fleming H. Revell Company, 1966.

SESSION NEWS

Session Actions of 10/19/2021

Establish a Pastor Nominating Committee for the purpose of selecting a co-pastor*

- The PNC will consist of two session members, one deacon representative and four at-large members. (*Per the Book of Order, the term co-pastor is used so that Brent can serve as our interim pastor until the next called pastor is installed.)
- Approved Personnel's & Facilities' request to install "No Trespassing Signs" on the premises
- Approved Facilities' request to shorten (instead of complete removal) of the awning over the South Entrance
- Approved Worship & Music's request to make the Mc Comb Room available for quiet worship during all services

SAVE THE DATE!

ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH

Hillside Christian Church 8330 E. Douglas (at Rock Road) from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Shop online: alternativegifts.org or in person, masks are required.

Shhhhhh! Silent Auction—Epiphany 2022

First Church is looking for folks who would like to submit a themed basket or items for a Silent Auction this coming January 9th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds of the auction will go to spiritual growth programming for all age groups, like adult retreats, renown guest speakers, camp tuition, and facility needs for children.



Fill your “spiritual cup” and another's by donating a basket of goodies to be auctioned off!

Contact Michelle Murray-Cline for details or questions at 734-0243.

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 24

- 9:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 9:30 Worship (Sanctuary) In-Person, Live Stream, & Facebook Live
- 10:00 WRCC Worship (C204)
- 10:45 Kid's Club (*The Well*)
- 10:45 Journey's Class (Zoom/Hobbs)
- 10:45 Deacon's Mtg (C109)

Tuesday, October 26

- 1:00 Staff Mtg (MS Teams/*The Well*)

Wednesday, October 27

- 9:00 Dorcas (C105)
- 6:00 Youth Club (YL)
- 6:30 Barista Training (*The Well*)
- 6:30 Journey's Small Group Study (Hobbs/Zoom)
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)

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Heritage Sunday

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