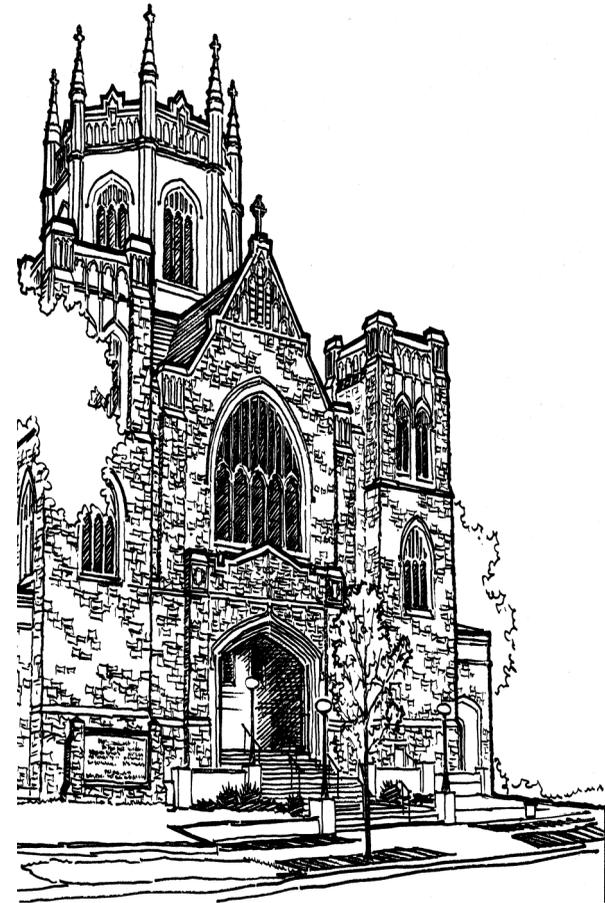


First Presbyterian Church



**January 20, 2019
8:30 & 10:45 a.m.**

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Welcome, Visitors!

We extend a special welcome to those who are visiting First Presbyterian Church this morning. We are glad you are here!

Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from an usher. Transistor hearing aids are also available for your use. Please ask any usher for one and feel free to sit wherever you wish in the Sanctuary while using one.

All persons are encouraged to sign the Ritual of Friendship Pads as they are passed to you in the pews. Please include your address, email address, and telephone number. **Please remember to turn off your cell phone before worship this morning.**

Children's Information-Children are welcome in worship. We do not mind a little fidgeting and fussing in the pew. We offer children's worship bags with various quiet activities in cloth bags located just outside the Sanctuary doors. But if you feel that your child is having a difficult time sitting through church, you are welcome to worship in *The Well*. Remember, quiet play in *The Well* is appropriate so as not to disturb others who are trying to worship. Also, the McComb room is available as a Cry room. And, finally, we encourage you to consider the Nursery, which is located in the South end of the Case Building, where we have trained Staff to look after and engage your child from Birth to Kindergarten. If we need to contact you during worship, just give us your cell number and we will text you. You and your child's (spiritual, emotional, and social) needs are important to us. (Liz Norris—Director of Children's Ministry)

A quick reminder: Under the Child Protection Policy **children are not allowed to leave the Sanctuary or *The Well* without an adult escort.** Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Flowers-The flowers for our services this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Don Granger by his wife, Dolores Granger.

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: Susan Bentson, Addison Wegerle, Patricia & Henry Schulte, Molly & Roger Lyon, Jennifer Lewis and Marilyn Lewis. Also, please pray for the Hutchison family.

If you need a Stephen Minister, or would like more information about the Stephen Ministry, please contact Dr. Brent Johnston at 263-0248 or Louise Farmer at lfarmer4164@gmail.com.

Activities & Announcements

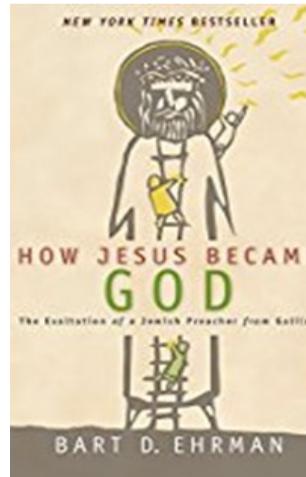
Journeys Class for January

“THE END OF THE AGE: Apocalypse, Tribulation, Revelation, and Hope”

How should we as Christians view the end of time? Is it a time for fear or hope? What does Jesus have to say? What about Biblical scholars and TV evangelists? We will look at the Book of Revelation, the Gospels, the Old Testament, and other sources as we consider the Last Days. So, if you want to know more about the Apocalypse, the Millennium, the Rapture, and other topics, join us beginning January 6 at 9:30 a.m. in the West Dining Room. Jeff Van Sickle will lead the group in a provocative journey through the end times. No reading required; come join us!

Brent's Bible Study & Books of Interest Adult Education Class

For 8 weeks beginning January 9, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor, we will look at Bart Ehrman's New York Times Best Selling Book, *How Jesus Became God: The Exaltation of a Jewish Preacher from Galilee*. Bart Ehrman is the James A. Gray Distinguished Professor of Religious Studies at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Quoting Ehrman as to why he wrote this book, “As a historian I am no longer obsessed of how God became man, but with the historical question of how a man became God.” Come to the class beginning January 9th to find out. Pastor Brent



Books can be purchased in the office or online for approximately \$15.00 dollars.

Wednesday Night Clubs

Wednesday night clubs will resume on January 9 at 5:30 p.m. We will once again have a sign up available in *The Well* on Sundays to help contribute to our weekly meal. Thank you to all who have been a part of our Wednesday nights. We are excited to see what 2019 will bring for our children and their growing faith.

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

This Truth I Know. . . .

by Gerry Winters

Call to Stewardship

*Offertory

O Rest in the Lord (from Elijah) by Felix Mendelssohn
Emily Chancellor (Alto)

*O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for him,
And He shall give thee they heart's desires;
Commit thy way unto Him, and trust in Him,
And fret not thyself because of evil doers.*

*Doxology

PH 592

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

We All are One in Mission

No. 435

**Recessional

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*Postlude

Toccata in g minor

Johann Pachelbel

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

**signifies 10:45 service only

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor
Parish Associate
Director of Music
Organist

Brent O. Johnston
Judy Connors
Steve Bixler
Mark Sweeney

January Mission Memos

Next Week Is Yellow Bag Sunday!

Imagine a hot day and no bar soap to bathe with and no clean clothes to put on because your family did not have money to purchase laundry detergent. That's what is facing many of our refugee families. It's hard to purchase all the household and hygiene items one needs when the bread-winner of the family makes only \$9.75/hour. This is when our yellow bags become blessing bags when we bring laundry detergent, soap, tooth paste, bathroom and facial tissue (and other hygiene items) to give to our new neighbors. Although the yellow bags will be collected this Sunday, you can bring items any time during the week and place them in the blue basket outside the church office.

Mission Projects Need Plastic Bags

Do you have more plastic bags from Dillon's, Wal-Mart, Walgreen's or other merchants than you can use? The Mission Commission needs them for the distribution of household and hygiene items for the refugees. And they are needed at the Community Breakfast for the take-away peanut butter & jelly sandwiches and personal items for the guests. Please leave them in the basket outside the church office where supplies for the refugees are collected. Thanks for the 2019 calendars; we collected 87 which were gratefully received.

Thank you to everyone who brought soup, spent time baking, helped prepare and attended the Epiphany Lunch. As always, your support is appreciated.



Thanks
for Your
Help!

Calendar

<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, January 20 <i>Prayers of the People</i></p> <p>8:30 Worship (Chapel) 9:15 Coffee Fellowship (<i>The Well</i>) 9:30 Blood Pressure Check (<i>The Well</i>) 9:30 Camp Whispers (<i>The Well</i>) 9:30 Youth Sunday School (YL) 9:30 Journeys Class (WDR) 10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary) 10:45 Refugee Worship (C201 & C204) 12:00 Melodrama Rehearsal (EDR)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, January 22</p> <p>10:00 Pastoral Staff Mtg (Hobbs) 11:00 Staff Meeting (<i>The Well</i>)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, January 23</p> <p>9:00 Dorcas (C105) 5:30 Wednesday Clubs 5:30 Wednesday Worship (Sanctuary) 6:15 James Ringers (Sanctuary) 6:30 Brent's Bible Study (The Parlor) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday, January 25</p> <p>12:00 Lectionary Bible Study (WDR)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, January 27 <i>Yellow Bag Sunday</i></p> <p>9:15 Coffee Fellowship (<i>The Well</i>) 9:30 Youth Sunday School (YL) 9:30 Journeys Class (WDR) 10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary) 10:45 Refugee Worship (C201 & C204) 12:00 Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary) 12:00 Melodrama Rehearsal (EDR)</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 20px 0;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">COMING IN FEBRUARY 2019 Christian Fellowship Groups Sign Up Sheets will be located in <i>The Well.</i></p>
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****Time with the Children**

Scripture Readings

Ecclesiastes 1:1-9; Psalm 8

Anthem

Set Me As a Seal
 (from a new Creation)
 Text from Song of Solomon, 8:6-7

by Rene Clausen

*Set me as a seal upon your heart,
 as a seal upon your arm,
 For love is strong as death.
 Many waters cannot quench love;
 Neither can the floods drown it.*

Scripture Readings

Genesis 1:26-28; Ephesians 2:8-10

Sermon Series on "The Questions of Existence and Meaning"

Week 1: "Why Am I Here? What Is the Purpose of My Life?"
 The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

***Affirmation of Faith**

Excerpt from Scots Confession

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.

Excerpt from THE SHORTER CATECHISM

Q. 1. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

Q. 2. What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

A. The Word of God which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.