January Mission Memos & Upcoming Activities

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.

Refugee Families Need Our Help

Winter illnesses such as colds, coughs and especially the flu has hit the 18 families in our refugee congregation hard. With their limited resources it is difficult for them to purchase some of the items they need to stay healthy. The Mission Commission is asking your help to provide the following items: Kleenex (and/or handkerchiefs), toilet issue, cough syrup, cough drops, aspirin, mentholatum or Vicks VapoRub, Chapstick and bar soap. There is a collection basket outside the church office.

Thanks for your support!

REMINDER!

The Annual Reports are on the information table by the front office for your review. All members are invited to attend the Congregational Meeting after the service today in the Sanctuary.

2019 Christian Fellowship Groups

Building Christian Community

See Hosts and Beginning dates! Meet 1-2 more times as the group decides! (You may sign up for more than one!)

Sign up in The Well or Contact the Host ASAP!
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**COMING IN FEBRUARY**

*2019 Christian Fellowship Groups*  
*Sign Up Sheets will be located in *The Well.*
The Peace
Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

First Readings
Genesis 3:1-19

Anthem
Cantique de Jean Racine
Gabriel Faure

O Redeemer divine, our sole hope of salvation,
Eternal Light of the earth and the sky, We kneel in adoration,
O Savior, turn on us Thy loving eye!

Send down on us the fire of Thy grace all consuming,
Whose wondrous might dispersed the powers of hell,
And rouse our slumbering souls with Thy radiance,
That they may waken Thy mercy to tell.

O Christ bestow Thy blessing on us, we implore Thee
Who here are gathered on penitent knee,
Accept the hymns we sing to Thine eternal glory
And these Thy gifts we return unto Thee.

Second Readings
Luke 15:11-32

Sermon Series on “The Questions of Existence and Meaning”
Week 2: “Why do I feel estranged from myself and others”
The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

Affirmation of Faith
Excerpt from Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 1. What is your only comfort, in life and in death?
A. 1. That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protect s me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. [Amen.]

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer
Call to Stewardship
*Offertory  
*Be Unto Your Name  
by DeShazo and Sadler  
Asael Gonzalez (Tenor)

We are a moment, You are forever  
Lord of the Ages, God before time  
We are a vapor, You are eternal  
Love everlasting, reigning on high  

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty  
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain  
Highest praises, honor and glory  
Be unto Your name, be unto Your name

We are the broken, You are the healer  
Jesus, Redeemer, Mighty to save  
You are the love song we'll sing forever  
Bowing before...

We are the broken, You are the healer  
Jesus, Redeemer, Mighty to save  
You are the love song we'll sing forever  
Bowing before You, blessing Your name

*Doxology  
PH 592

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn  
*Live Into Hope  
No. 332

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.

**Recessional

*Postlude  
*Interlude  
Herman Schroeder

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor  
Brent O. Johnston

Parish Associate  
Judy Conners

Director of Music  
Steve Bixler

Organist  
Mark Sweeney
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.
Prelude  
*Entrata Festiva*  
David Lasky

**Processional**  
Aidan Schulte

*Call to Worship*

**Leader:** God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.  
**People:** God calls us to be builders as well.

**Leader:** God calls us to build our lives:  
**People:** to restore broken places and continue to grow.

**Leader:** God calls us to build our faith:  
**People:** to study the Word and ponder its interpretation.

**Leader:** God calls us to build our community:  
**People:** to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.

**Leader:** God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:  
**People:** to preach the good news of God’s love and liberation for all people.

**Leader:** Let the building begin in and through the worship of Almighty God.

*Prayer of the Day*

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn*  
*O Word of God Incarnate*  
No. 327

Call to Confession

Prayer of the Day

**God of our restoration, whenever we come home to you, we realize how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten of your law and your love. We have not loved you with our whole hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, heal us, and restore us to our relationship with you; through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. Amen.**

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving*  
*Gloria Patri*  
No. 579

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 Judge Bob Bell by Robert Bell.

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: Barbara & Gilbert Addison, Joann McCandless, Melody & Kyle Stanberry, Dwight Corrin, Pat Welker and Carolyn & Ed Plavcan.

*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.