



January 5, 2020

Today's Worship

Our worship pattern is to celebrate the Lord's Supper the first Sunday of every month and on significant days in the Christian Year. On the first Sunday of the new year we make the entire worship service an expanded celebration of the sacrament integrating hymns, songs, Scripture, silence, and prayer around this community observance. If you are new to our church, please know all who profess faith in Jesus are welcome to the table as we celebrate our common life in him.

New Sermon Series begins Sunday, January 12

The Gospel of John presents the person of Jesus in a dynamic and intimate way. It offers us an invitation to see for ourselves who Jesus is with the possibility of discovering a new beginning and new life by believing in him. *Jesus—Up Close and Personal* is the title of our new sermon series. We'll next week, January 12 and conclude 15 weeks later, one week after Easter, on April 19.

Opportunities to Grow Our Faith

With the start of a new year come opportunities to consider how to grow our faith through a spiritual practice. If the idea of developing a routine practice or spiritual discipline is new to you or if you would characterize your spiritual life as on-again/off-again or erratic, then I encourage you to sign up for the *Rhythm of Life Workshop*, being offered on Saturday, January 11—9:30 to Noon, Room 113. Spiritual Director, Ann Hall and Adult Discipleship Director, Allie Shoulders team up to introduce how we incorporate Christian practices into our daily life.

One of the outcomes of the Protestant Reformation was that everyone (not clergy exclusively) could read and interpret the Bible for themselves. Yet, with this change came the question, is our interpretation accurate? The Bible as a book is not easy to read or understand. There are important things to consider when reading it; such as: what type of literature is this writing; what is the historical setting of the writing; and what was the author's intent and how do we apply it to our lives today? These are the types of questions addressed in the 9-week class, *How to Read the Bible with Understanding* taught by Kent Webber, starting Sunday, January 12—10:30 AM and Tuesday, January 14—4:45 PM, both in Room 113.

Alongside you for Christ,

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TODAY @ THE CONNECT CENTER

Sign up to:

- ◆ Attend Rhythm of Life workshop (1/11/20)

Pick up:

- ◆ Youth and FirstKids calendars
- ◆ Your Lifetouch Picture
- ◆ Save the date postcards for upcoming Adult Ed classes

Drop off:

- ◆ Recycled moss from Advent wreath

Click QR code to read:

- ◆ Newsletter & 10:30AM Worship Bulletin

WE CARE

Our love and prayers are extended to the family of Clara Hudson who passed on December 28. Clara's family was preparing to honor her 104th Birthday in February. Her funeral will be Tuesday, January 7th at 1:00 PM at Eggen & Lance Mortuary Chapel.

Prayer Needs

~ *for health concerns:* Ron Hays, Theresa James, Mary Kemnec, Jacque Peacock, Carolyn Prud'homme, Anna Smith, and Lorraine Watson.

~ *for those serving in the military:* Benjamin & Jerra Brown, Josh Berto, Tom Cuneo, Blake Deal, Destinie Gacusana, Ian Gilliom, Edward Guerrant, Michelle Hauprich, John Hays, Rob Hills, Angel Hobbs, Matthew Kirby, Roger Klein, Josh Landreth, Rich Lawson, Treven Lipsey, Zackary Lipsey, Ryan MacLeod, Cooper Maloney, Luke McDonald, Vickie McDonald, Connor Aydan Momsen, Kevin Niles, and Travis Tre've.

WE GROW

Recycle and Reuse!

The Advent Wreath bases we purchased this year were intended to be reused. The moss on the wreath does not need to be discarded but can be used again. You can store the moss with your base for use next year or bring it to the church and put in our recycle container at the Connect Center.

Adult Ed. Classes

Room 113

Today at 10:30 our featured guest speaker is former FPC member Caroline Keller.

A 9-week course taught by Rev. Kent Webber begins next Sunday, Jan. 12 at 10:30 AM and repeats on Tuesdays at 4:45 PM.

Kids Art Exploration

Sat. January 11th, 3-5 PM Room 113

Children are invited to a guided art lesson; projects will vary by age. Pizza will be served following the lesson. Contact Shawna by Jan. 6 to sign up and to specify your kids' ages.

WE CELEBRATE

Poinsettia Recognition

We appreciate all who donated the beautiful flowers for our sanctuary for Christmas. In the printed insert last week, we omitted three donations from Laura and Mike Babbini and the Britton Children in memory of Wanda & John Britton, Kristy Babbini, and Beverly, Mark, and Stacy Babbini.