



the Chimes

February 2022

F I R S T P R E S B Y T E R I A N C H U R C H

Message from the Pastor

Beloved of Christ,

We continue to examine our calling to be a Matthew 25 congregation. Read portions of this once more.

“Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom

prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’” (Matthew 25:34-40)

I’ve always found it interesting in this parable that the actions undertaken by those welcomed into the kingdom seem so



ordinary and simple. None of these take particular skills. We hear tremendous stories of people who created non-profits or those like Martin Luther King, Jr. and other leaders in the Civil Rights Movement and I

often wonder, “Could I ever do something like that?”

This parable though brings faith real and close. Those larger and more public displays are important and necessary, but when you boil everything down, they are just living into this mission of Jesus in this passage. We see someone hungry, and find a way to get them food. We see someone thirsty and pour them a cup of water. We see someone sick and ensure they are taken care of. We see someone lonely, and we sit with them. In other words, we see a need and we meet the said need.

It is not just the professionals. Anyone can do this. Many people worry about doing or saying something wrong and end up not doing anything. One of the main reasons we don’t visit or call someone suffering is
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Worship Schedule

- 8:30 a.m. Child Care
- 9 a.m. Children's Sunday School
- 9 a.m. Adult Sunday School: Social Room
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

Worship Service is in-person and online at fpcfairmont.com & Facebook



Musical Notes from John Morrison, Director of Music & Organist



Due to the current Covid rates in our state and county, Session has determined that there will be no choirs or congregational singing currently and we will continue with limited numbers for the music in February.

"Have Thine Own Way". It is refreshing to hear beloved hymns in a new light this way. I hope those in the congregation both in person and virtually enjoyed these arrangements sung by our talented singers.

Thanks to John O'Connor, Linda O'Connor, Pastor Evan Walker, Charlene Sullivan, Betty Pat Lee, and John Lee who sang during the month of January. Two of the vocal duets you heard were arrangements that combined two different hymns: "Wade in the Water" with "Wayfaring Stranger" and "Here I Am Lord" with

Thanks also to Alyssa Schwartz who played flute and Amy Koon who is ringing a handbell solo the last Sunday of the month.

On an unrelated note, I want to give a shout out to the History committee for the amazing work they are doing around the church. They have displayed so many fascinating church historical photos, artifacts, etc. in various places throughout the church. Be sure to check out all that they do. And also thanks to the Tech team who takes care of all the behind the scenes camera and audio to make the virtual service happen each week.

May the peace of Christ be with you,

John Morrison
Director of Music and Organist



CONGRATULATIONS to Janel and Ryan Nye and family on the baptism of Prairie Rose Nye in January.

Mark Your Calendars

- March Chimes deadline is **Friday, February 18** at noon.
- Session Meeting: Tuesday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m.
- Men's Breakfast: Tuesdays at McAteers at 8 a.m.
- Adult Sunday School at 9 a.m.
- Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.
- Session Retreat: February 12
- Souper Bowl Sunday: February 13 11:30-12:15
- Parents Night Out: February 4 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- Boy Scouts: February 6 & 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Scouts continue with busy schedule

Since November, the scout units have been very busy. The Cub Scouts had their annual Christmas party where rank advancements were awarded. Also during the party, the top popcorn seller, T Ranson, was given the opportunity to pie Cub Master Adam Ranson with a whip cream pie in the face. At the end of January, they will have their annual pinewood derby. Each Cub Scout, with their family, makes a car to race. Awards will be given for the top three times and best in show.

Troop 120B and 120G participated in the annual Klondike Derby, which has been a tradition since 1949. This year's event was held at Doddridge County Park over the weekend of January 21-23 and pitted our two units against 60 other scouts in seven other units. Troop 120B had nine boys and three leaders and 120G had eight girls and three leaders in attendance. The two troops camped out in tents next to each other in sub zero weather on Friday night. On Saturday, they cooked their own breakfast and then had to drag a dog sled to 15 different stations for the competition. Each station was different with events from knot tying, and fly fishing casting, to ax throwing, first aid, and reverence. Each team was awarded points based on time and how well they completed the station. The girls finished sixth out of nine teams and the boys finished eighth. They had a nice warm meal and got to sleep indoors on Saturday night after watching a movie. Sunday morning consisted of chapel time and results of the event. There was also a sled pulling race, where the two troops combined to pull the sled the fastest through the course.

Adam Ranson

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we don't know what to say and we don't want to say something wrong. That suffering person is then left all alone. We don't have to have the perfect words. In fact, sometimes we don't need to speak at all, just be present.

That's what I love about this parable – it is the simple acts of human kindness and decency that can change the world. It's the simple fact of caring for each other like we are all made in the image of God (which we are), that can move mountains.

That speaks to the other part of the parable I love. Those welcomed are surprised. "When did we see you?" They were simply caught up in the Spirit of God and became just as surprised as what God said to them and those on the other side. My prayer is that if we offer ourselves into this mission, we too will be surprised what God is able to accomplish in us and through us.

This is offered from the Presbyterian Mission Agency: "How will we know this vision is being fulfilled in the PC(USA)? We will know it by its fruit: an increase in spiritual energy, evidenced by joy worship, faithful discipleship and loving service; the impact of the church in the local community and around the globe; an influx of new believers, church growth and stronger participation in ministry; and an igniting of the PC(USA)'s work and witness. We believe God is calling this denomination to be more outwardly focused, missionally oriented, and actively engaged in proclaiming our faith in Jesus Christ through our words and deeds. We pray that people will come to think of this denomination as a sign of what God is doing in the world." That is my prayer for our church as well.

Rev. Evan Walker



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Session Committee News

Property Committee Major Projects Update



- The two large panels in the main stained glass window (Jackson Street side) were repaired and replaced as well as the other windows that had some rock damage last year.
- In late fall, a company repaired plaster and repainted some areas of the main sanctuary. This is the same company that had last painted the sanctuary.
- Keystone will return in mid April to clean, point, and seal the outside of the church on the parking lot side. This will be the third side of the building they have done. The \$45,000 was approved in November by Session.
- Family Carpet will be carpeting the Chancel Choir loft with the same type of carpeting that is in the main sanctuary. The carpet has been

ordered and has to be made just for us. Session approved the work in January which will be under \$5,000.

- Still in discussion with E-solutions about the additional lighting for the Chancel Choir loft.
- Continue looking at proposals to repair, clean, and reseal the stain glass on the parking lot side of the church.



- Getting recommendations on what to do about the elevator.

Hospitality Committee: Souper Bowl February 13

Souper Bowl Sunday will be on February 13 from 11:30 - 12:15 for carryout only.

A variety of soups will be available. Also donations in the form of cleaning supplies will be collected for The Friendship Room in downtown Fairmont.

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February Nurturing Faith Ideas

SCRIPTURE

February 6 - Fifth Sunday after Epiphany: Read Isaiah 6:1-8 and Luke 5:1-11

Isaiah and the fishermen whom Jesus met by the Sea of Galilee were called by God to do God's work. Isaiah's call was to go and speak God's word to God's people; the fishers were called to be disciples, learners, who fished for people with the proclamation of the good news of Jesus. God continues to call each of us; what has God called you to speak to God's people?

February 13 - Sixth Sunday after Epiphany: Read Psalm 1.

Trees planted by water receive the nourishment they need to give fruit and prosper. Unlike trees, people make choices as to where they spend their time, energy, and focus - where they "plant" themselves. The Psalmist calls for us to plant ourselves in God's law and love. How might you do so?

February 20 - Seventh Sunday after Epiphany: Read Luke 6:27-38

In this passage, Jesus sets before those who would listen, including us, a way of living with others, all others but especially those whom we might consider enemies. Imagine what your school, community, our nation, and the world might be like if we would love, not judge, our enemies, forgive, and give. Reach out to an "enemy" with love this week.

February 27 - Transfiguration Sunday: Read Luke 9:28-36

Peter, James, and John had a "mountaintop" experience as they witnessed Jesus' transfiguration, or transformation, and heard a voice from a cloud say, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" How do we listen to Jesus today? As we prepare to enter again into Lent, preparing to walk with Jesus to Jerusalem, what might Jesus be saying to you?

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 2	Mike Stalnaker
February 3	Ken Miller
February 7	Cayden Cooper
February 8	John Schooley
February 10	Margot Willis
February 12	Judy Cooper
February 18	Jim Nolan
February 27	David Roberts

DECEMBER/JANUARY PLEDGES & GIFTS

December 29 \$7,770
2021 Total: \$152,437.38

January 2, 9 \$7,395
January 16, 23 \$2,320
Total to Date: \$9,715

February Prayer List

The Trisel Family

John O'Connor

Ted Garner, brother of Betty Pat Lee

Ryan Nye

Steven Satterfield, Pam Stalnaker & Penny Roberts' nephew

Marilyn McDougal

Linda Stoops

February Ministry Volunteers

USHERS

Ed Snider (captain), Kathy Snider, Joe & Benita Jernigan



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