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"Be Transformed...By the renewing of your minds."- Romans 12:2 - NIV

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Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to all the readers of the *Parish Visitor*!

CPC celebrated it's 100th anniversary of ministry with a special worship service and banquet on May 21, 2023.

The following is the Centennial message I gave. I pray you are encouraged.

Centennial Message, given on May 21st at CPV.

I want to begin by reading from the gospel of Matthew, chapter 4. Jimi, let's

bring the verses up on the screen.

Right before these verses, Jesus has been baptized in order to completely identify with us. Then, Jesus went through his temptation in the wilderness with the devil. Where Adam and Eve failed in the Garden, Jesus triumphed over the devil in the wilderness.

Mat. 4:17 says, *"From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.""* (Matthew 4:17, ESV) And then verses 23-24. *"And he [Jesus] went through-*

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out all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them.” (Matthew 4:23–24, ESV)

Here, we see the focus of Jesus’ ministry. Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom of God. And then, Jesus demonstrated the power of the kingdom. Proclamation and demonstration. Both are important.

I love the last four words of verse 24. *“and he healed them.”* In referring to Jesus’ healing ministry, Mat. 12:15 and Luke 6:19, add the word “all.” And he healed them all. Jesus had huge crowds following him, and he healed them all.

Have you ever thought about that? Have you ever thought about how much time that would have taken? And how much energy that would require? Why did Jesus heal them all? Because he loved them.

Jesus had unending compassion for the lost, the hurting, the broken, people who lived with sickness and pain. Jesus had compassion for those living on the margins of society.

So, Jesus took time to heal each one that came to him. Jesus touched each one. Jesus wanted every person to lead full, abundant lives. And, Jesus wanted each one to come into right relationship with God. Proclamation and demonstration was his mission.

One of my favorite verses in the bible is Eph. 1:4, which says, *“. . . he [God the Father] chose us in him [Jesus Christ] before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and*

blameless before him.” (Ephesians 1:4, ESV)

This verse changed my understanding of God. This verse changed how I preach. This verse tells us that before God created the world, and before God created anyone of us, God chose us “in Christ.”

The key words here are “in Christ.” This is the part of God’s plan that was predetermined. We would be saved and redeemed “in Christ.” God knew when he created humans with free will that we would fall, that we would disobey him. And it didn’t take long for Adam and Eve to fall, did it?

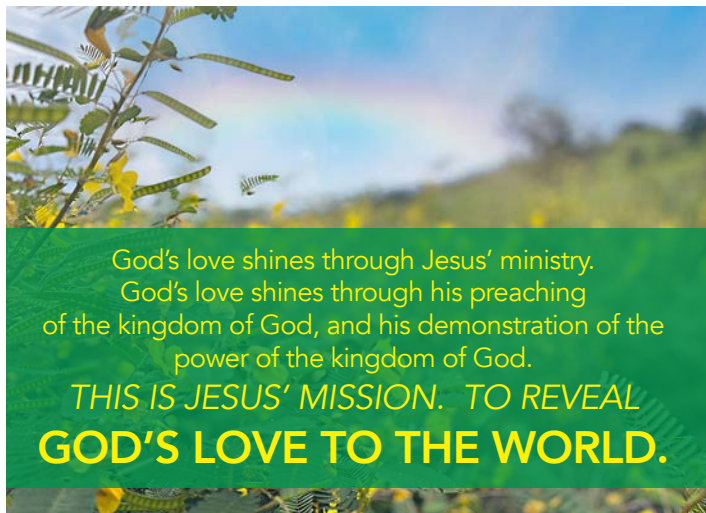
God knew, even before he created us, that we would need someone to die for our sins so we could be brought back into right relationship with him. The book of Hebrews tells us that without the shedding of blood there can be no forgiveness of sins. (Heb. 9:22)

And so, Jesus Christ agreed to come to earth and die for us, in our place, **before** any of us were created. This is how much God loves us. Don’t ever doubt God’s love for you. God loved us so much he sent his son to earth to die for us that we might have life and have it abundantly.

God’s love shines through Jesus’ ministry. God’s love shines through his preaching of the kingdom of God, and his demonstration of the power of the kingdom of God. This is Jesus’ mission. To reveal God’s love to the world.

Jesus has provided us this great gift of salvation. To receive it, we repent of our wrongdoings, and receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Now, later, in Matthew, chapter 10, Jesus sends out his disciples to do the same thing. In Mat 10:5-8, Jesus says this. *“These*



twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. [The mission to the Gentiles would come later.] And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay." (Matthew 10:5–8, ESV)

Jesus sent out his disciples to do the same ministry he did. He sent them out with his authority and his power. They also were to proclaim the gospel of the kingdom and then demonstrate the power of the kingdom.

And, this is the same ministry our Lord Jesus calls the church to today. No matter what else the church is doing, our focus is to proclaim the gospel of the kingdom and then demonstrate the power of the kingdom. Jesus and the Father poured out the Holy Spirit on the church so we could do this.

And this is our ministry at CPC. To proclaim the gospel of the kingdom and then to demonstrate the power of the kingdom in our sphere of influence.

Our current mission statement reads, "Christ Presbyterian Church of Hollywood is an intentional healing community, proclaiming and demonstrating the wholeness of life offered in Jesus Christ."

David Takahashi is the grandson of the Rev. Horikoshi, the founding pastor of CPC. David could not be here this morning because of serious health issues. David has been a great supporter of the church. And when he wrote us explaining why he could not come, he expressed concerns about the future of the church.

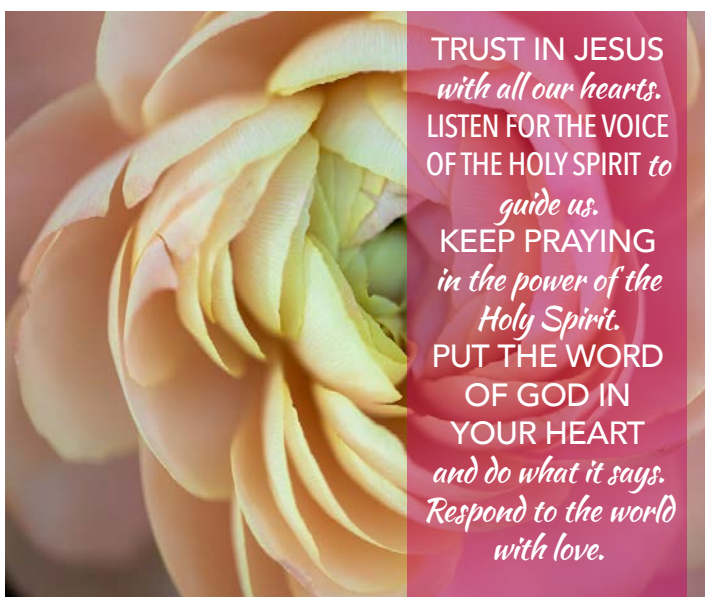
My wife Simone responded to him. And I would like to read part of her response. Simone wrote, "We at Christ Presbyterian Church are doing well. One of our strengths is our small size. Our contribution to the body of Christ is hospitality and healing prayer.

From time to time the Lord sends us a person who deeply needs emotional and spiritual healing. We hold them and minister God's grace and the gospel of life and hope in Jesus Christ. When renewed and strengthened, the Lord moves them into the world to minister to others in their home, work and community.

It is by God's grace and continued filling of the Holy Spirit that CPC survives and thrives another year. Year by year, generation by generation, Jesus Christ has ministered his redemption through the people who gather at CPC in his name.

Today we are very aware of his provision and sustenance to continue another year. We endeavor to be faithful to what Jesus Christ sets before us. We have a strong sense that the work and ministry of Jesus Christ through the specific saints that gather at CPC is not done yet. Troubled times are ahead and we are here to proclaim life abundant in Christ Jesus, our hope and strength.

We are grateful for those who have gone before. Those who have built a strong foundation, being rooted in Jesus Christ. We stand on their shoulders, in this little space we call Dayton Heights. We are grateful for those who are far in miles. [They] cannot worship with us in person but generously support this church. This is just one example of our being one body, and one family in Christ Jesus. We are so very grateful."



What a wonderful summary of who we are here at CPC. The life of this church rests in the faithful hands of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

My encouragement to CPC, and the church body at large is this. Stay faithful to who you are in Jesus Christ. There will be more and more pressure on the body of Christ to compromise with our culture. There may indeed be dark times ahead. Yet, Jesus calls us to stay faithful to him and to his word.

Remember the basics. Trust in Jesus with all our hearts. Listen for the voice of the Holy Spirit to guide us. Keep praying in the power of the Holy Spirit. Put the word of God in your heart and do what it says. Respond to the world with love. Amen!

See you next month,
Pastor Steve

CHRIST *Presbyterian Church* OF HOLLYWOOD

CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL YEAR



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Celebrating CPC's 100th Year

Centennial Greeting

Dear Sisters and Brothers of Christ Presbyterian Church,

Stephen and Simone invited me to send something encouraging for your 100th anniversary. While there are many others who reached out to me in love (such as Ralph and Tom taking me deep sea fishing!), I'll limit this to two significant experiences.

As a little kid growing up in post-war Japan, I watched out the window as my brother Alex would rush outside to play with the neighbor kids. "How can he do that?" I wondered. Today, I know him as an introvert, but back then I was even more introverted than he. And I was introverted throughout high school, and college, too. Anyway, two women helped me get out of my skin.

As a high schooler, I remember watching how my mother related to people, lovingly conversing with them, and asking them questions about themselves. "I want to be like my mother," I decided. But I never figured out how to do that. Finally arriving at Christ Presbyterian Church, I realized it was time for me to find a way to be more extraverted. Looking around for a role model, I realized Noreen was it! She loved people the way my extraverted mother did. So I thought through about the way she conversed with people. "ANdeee, so good to SEEEE you!" she'd warmly (and loudly) exclaim. So I practiced that. When I finally felt ready, I went early to CPC and waited in the Fellowship Hall for the first person to arrive. Whoever it was, I'd practice on that unsuspecting soul, trying to be as genuine as Noreen. I waited and waited. And

then I heard a car. And someone came to the door. The door opened. To my surprise, it was Noreen, herself. But I decided to pounce, anyway. "NorEEEEEN! Sooo good to SEEE you today!" Instantly she responded. "AAAAAANNNNNdeeee! How are you DOOOOOing?" My jaw dropped. As extraverted as I tried to be, she had topped me! But it was not a contest. She just simply affirmed me so deeply. I had practiced that, and she had affirmed it! And I was hooked. And ever after that I was able to finally be more extraverted with people. THANK YOU, NOREEN!

In seminary, a well-meaning professor had told us ministry students that our first job was to "rightly divide the word of truth," and that it was more effective if the congregation got around to see the people in the neighborhood than just the pastor. So when Masae asked me to go visiting with her and the elders, I demurred. But she pressed on. "Andy, we elders have been talking, and feel it is important for people in the community to see you, and for you to talk with them. So we feel it important for you to come with us." They were not telling me to visit, by myself, but inviting me to join them in the visits. I finally got out of my ivory tower—and discovered the deep joy of meeting with people in the community.

After leaving CPC, we moved to Colorado, and six months later, I candidated for local Presbyterian church. Interestingly, one thing they wanted was for the pastor to be "involved in the community." I knew exactly what to do, for the



Andy & Judy Carrick

Elders of CPC had disciplined me into that. I got to know many people throughout the entire community, across all denominational lines, as well as many who did not relate to churches at all. After I had been there a year, I found out that what that church had meant by those words was that they wanted the pastor be involved in the local Grange, whose building was right next door to our church. So I added that involvement. But my deep involvement throughout the whole tri-ethnic community (white, hispanic, Southern Ute) was only possible because of Masae and the kind elders of CPC! Ever since then, the strongest hallmark of all my subsequent ministries has been getting around and visiting people often. THANK YOU, MASAE AND THE REST OF YOU ELDERS!

So congratulations, fellowship of Christ Presbyterian Church of Hollywood, on your 100th anniversary! I wish I could be there.

With love in Christ,

Andy Carrick

Ministry Update

VIKTOR & TERESA KOSTOV MINISTRIES



THE VILLAGE: Viktor inviting the children to ask Jesus into their hearts; and a young boy pictured three years ago, in 2020, and now, in 2023. They grow so fast!

An Afternoon of Ministry in the Roma Ghetto

On a chilly April afternoon, Viktor, Noah and I exited our car and walked downhill with a group of Christians into the middle of the building complex known as “The Village” in the Roma Ghetto of Vidin. Unfinished apartment buildings surrounded us – some with missing windows, the worst without running water and electricity. As we waited with our team in a central area for the children to gather, we found ourselves in the midst of broken concrete, rubbish and street dogs.

The children were just returning home from school and, hearing that we were there waiting, excitedly ran out to greet us. At the first sign of children, Noah pulled out his guitar to join Pastor Yavor in leading worship, and I began counting the children – there were 10 gathered around us. By the time worship was in full swing with clapping and a joyous melody filling the neighborhood, I count twenty kids present. Then Pastors Krum and Pepi, from our network of Vidin city churches, moved forward to share personal testimonies with the kids – and I counted thirty pairs of listening ears!



As our time came to a close, Viktor spoke with the kids and their parents, who were by now standing around the circle of children, the simple steps to following Jesus. The first step, “...is to invite Jesus into your hearts. For those of you who want to make a change for the good, to know the difference between good and evil, to live by the power of the Holy Spirit and know your Heavenly Father, I want you to pray the prayer of repentance and ask Jesus into your hearts today. How many of you are ready to pray with me now?” Forty hands went up, both young and old, and they all prayed the sinners’ prayer and asked Jesus into their hearts. What a powerful moment it was... a truly sacred moment in a ghetto in Vidin!



When it came time to pass out the gifts to the children of a new warm blanket and a bag of candies, I counted 40 children in line! I honestly don’t know where the last several kids came from... but I am thankful that we had the exact number of gift bags (donated by Door of Hope International) to pass out and no child was left without a treat.

God is so good – no matter if we are from America, Bulgaria or one of the poorest ghettos in Southern Europe... He hears our voice, meets us and reminds us that we are His children and have a Heavenly Father who loves us. We are so thankful for this reminder!



“GOD is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.... The Lord of hosts is with us; the GOD of Jacob is our fortress.”

(PSALM 46:1-3 &11)

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING:

- The Centennial anniversary celebration, May 21, 2023 of Christ Presbyterian Church (CPC) as a people of God was a wonderful event. We remembered that we are **“A people called out to worship our Lord Jesus Christ and to witness to HIS Love for the world.”** We are witnesses to the past generations who were faithful to this statement. There has been 100 years of continuous prayer for the saints near and far from CPC. And a crying out for GOD’s grace and mercy for those who are not yet saints. This is a community that stayed in fellowship through many trials and tribulations, held together by grace of GOD and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

- We are thankful! that “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sin, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence...” (Ephesian 1:7-8)

- We are so thankful for those who could attend the celebration in person and on zoom. We are also thankful for all the prayers of those who could not attend.

- We thank GOD with deep appreciation for all those who made the Centennial Celebration possible. Everyone contributed as they could and were gifted. Each contribution added to the beauty of gathering, worshiping, and fellowshiping.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING:

- For those families who have lost a loved one:

“¹³ But I do not want you to be ignorant,

brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.” (1 Thessalonians 4:13-14)

- For those who mourn their own sin and for the sins of others:

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.” (Matthew 5:4)

FOR SPECIFIC REQUESTS FOR HEALING:

- Carol Eng who had a stroke mid of May.
- Brian Albriton who undergoing treatment for cancer.
- Irene Mayeda who has a swollen ankle.
- Alice Pourrat who has ulcerative colitis and is still in flair mode
- Phillip Nozaki who undergoing medical treatment.
- Michiko recovering from a hospital stay.
- Alison Puzio who has extreme fatigue.
- Susan Rosal who has had a sciatica flare up.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE HOME BOUND OR IN A CARE FACILITY:

Teresa Peterek (in extended care. Asked for pastoral care.) Leland Hayashi, Joan Janecek, Barbara Kashiwagi, Kimi Fujitani, Karen Koranye, Frank Morimoto, Janet Nozaki, Jean Sakai, Irene Mayeda caring for her mother Harumi. May each one daily know the comfort and care of our Lord Jesus Christ. And may they each be filled with hope and strength needed for each day.

GENERAL:

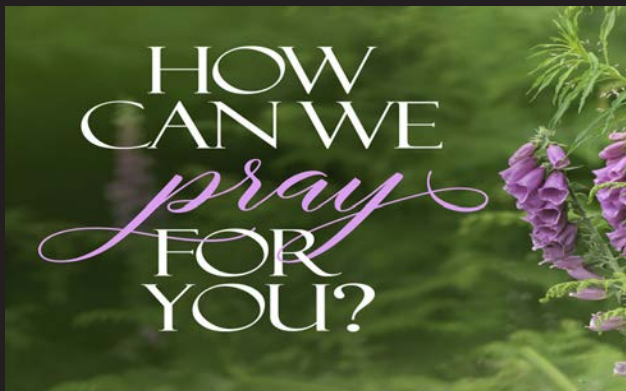
- Please pray that four Muslim boys, Zion, Ryan, Ammar, Kareem would go to Young Life camp this summer.
- Miggy is a middle school student that is in danger because he refuses to join a local gang.
- Family and friends - hunger for righteousness: David, Frank, Caylee...
- Patti has been through a very difficult year. Please pray for healing, restoration and hope.
- That we all would be politically discerning.

MISSION PARTNERSHIP:

Kostovs: Noah is finishing up his senior year of high school. He will be going to St. Olaf University in the Fall. His two brothers, Daniel and Mattias live less than an hour away. Please pray for Noah's transition into college life and for Teresa and Viktor's transitioning into "empty nesters" life.

²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, ²¹ to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20 & 21)

(May 2023)



If you have prayer requests, you can send them via email or text PRIOR to our service each Sunday.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

APRIL 2023



	<u>APRIL 2023</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Receipts	\$ 16,940	\$ 43,891
Disbursements	\$ 14,264	\$ 57,482
Increase (Deficit)	\$ 2,695	(\$ 13,591)

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