

Grace Presbyterian News

February 2024

Worship Each Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

Worship each Lord's Day is the central act of the church, and I welcome your regular attendance in person as your health and other circumstances permit. We live-stream the service as well, and the link to join the live stream for worship services is at our website www.grace-pres.org. Pastor Mike Krech

Sunday School for All Ages at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday School meets in person Sundays at 9:45 a.m. for children, youth, and adults. The adult class is studying First Samuel. Children and youth study lessons related to the day's lectionary readings.

Morning Prayer Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom

Morning prayer on Zoom continues each Wednesday in February 2023. Email Mike at jmkrech@yahoo.com to receive the link to join us. You will get an email by Tuesday noon with the link to join the Zoom chat. We try to open the room by 9:20 a.m. so we can visit, start at 9:30, and end by 10:00.

PW Gives/Souper Bowl of Caring – Potluck after Worship - Sunday, February 11

The PW Gives focus for February is to participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring, which began at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church, Columbia, SC on Super Bowl Sunday 1990, with a prayer at a youth group, "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat." One way to do this is to bring soup or chili for the lunch. Other dishes are welcome as well. Between now and February 11, you can bring canned goods and place them in the bins in the narthex. You can also give money for Souper Bowl of Caring. These donations will go to First Presbyterian Church Soup Kitchen

Hug Bugs – Sundays, February 11 and 18

Order a Hug Bug and put a smile on someone's face. Children and youth will deliver the hug bug (a little pom pom critter) before and after worship on February 11 and 18. Suggested donation is \$2 per. Proceeds go toward children and youth activities

Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings on Zoom (Lesson 6)

Night Circle meets Monday, February 12, at 7:00 p.m. in person and on Zoom.

Day Circle meets Tuesday, February 13, at 10:00 a.m. in person and on Zoom.

Ash Wednesday – February 14 – Services at 12:00 noon and 6:30 p.m.

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, this year on February 14. These forty days invite us to introspection, confession, repentance, and amendment of life. It begins with that solemn word, "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." Between disease, war, and other tragedies, there is no shortage of reminders that life is uncertain and brief. What do we make of this fact? Getting right with God and with neighbor would be a good response. The Scriptures and prayers and the imposition of ashes and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper help mark a fitting and meaningful start to our Lenten journey. We hope to live stream the evening service. Pastor Mike Krech

Thursday Night Study Group at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

The Thursday night study group on Zoom book for February is *How to Know a Person* by David Brooks, columnist for the New York Times.

For more information or to be added to the list receiving the links by email, send an email to: jmkrech@yahoo.com

Game Night – Friday, February 23

Game Night in person will be Friday, February 24, at 7:00 p.m. Bring snacks as early as 6:30 p.m.

Presbyterian Youth Connection (PYC) Retreat at Pinecrest, Feb. 23-25

Pinecrest Camp and Retreat Center in Moscow, TN is hosting a Youth retreat for Middle and High Schoolers. If youth are interested in attending, please let Cristaldawn Smith know by February 18.

PYC 2023 is about Jesus Christ as revolutionary. We'll play, study, eat, talk, experience, and worship together as the family of God.

For more information, visit Pinecrest's website: <http://camppinecrest.org/>

Session Chairs and Officers for 2024

The elders who serve on the session each chair a committee, and here is the lineup for 2024. If you have interest in certain areas of the church's life, speak to the appropriate elder about how to help:

Care – Akwi Aseh	Mission Outreach – Matthew Smith
Child Care – Akwi Aseh/Matthew Smith	Property – Jere Lawson
Christian Education – John Price	Worship – Susie Hayes
Commitment – AZ Ndingwan	Clerk of Session – Becky Stirling
Congregational Life – Sandy Kehrli	Treasurer – Jere Lawson
	Assistant Treasurer – John Price

A Word from the Pastor about Church Membership

If you attend Grace Presbyterian Church regularly for worship and perhaps other events, if you support Grace Presbyterian Church financially, if you had a pastoral emergency and I would be the minister you called, then perhaps you want to consider formally joining as a member of our congregation. We don't push people to do this. Some of us are here partly because we do not like "pushy" churches and preachers who are too often "in your face." But we can err the other way too, and maybe I am guilty of that. Joining Grace Presbyterian Church as a member means several things, I believe. It is a public statement about which congregation you feel is your home church. It clarifies my pastoral relationship with you. It makes you eligible to vote in congregational meetings and eligible to be elected as an elder. I hope these are welcome "advantages" to church membership. The Jesus who invites us to faith in him as Lord and Savior also invites us into a continuing relationship with others who also so believe. No small part of the duty and privilege of the Christian walk is that we walk with others, sharing joys and burdens, and finding the joys are doubled and the burdens halved. I stand ready to talk with you about church membership, more about what it means, and exactly how we would go about doing this in your case, depending on your previous church affiliation.

Blessings, Pastor Mike Krech

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Names <i>in italics</i> on a certain day indicate that day is that person's birthday				1 7:00 p.m. Study Group on Zoom <i>Patti Smith</i>	2 <i>Charlotte Hicks</i>	3 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
4 9:45 Sunday School for all ages 11:00 Worship/ In Person & Live Stream Epiphany 5	5 <i>LindaTolley</i>	6	7 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom <i>Marilyn Wilson</i>	8 7:00 p.m. Study Group on Zoom <i>Kathy Cooke</i>	9	10 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
11 9:45 Sunday School for all ages 11:00 Worship In Person & Live Stream The Transfiguration 12:00 Potluck Lunch	12 7:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women Night Circle in person and on Zoom	13 10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women Day Circle in person and on Zoom <i>Hugh Bishop</i>	14 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom 12:00 noon & 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship	15 7:00 p.m. Study Group on Zoom	16 <i>Vickie Washburn</i>	17 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
18 9:45 Sunday School for all ages 11:00 Worship In Person & Live Stream First Sunday in Lent <i>Janet Vawter</i>	19 6:00 p.m. Session Mtg on Zoom <i>Mary Korowin Akong Ndingwan</i>	20 9:30 a.m. Presbytery Meeting at Balmoral Church	21 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom	22 7:00 p.m. Study Group on Zoom	23 Presby. Youth Connection Retreat at Pinecrest (23 rd -25 th) 7:00 p.m. Game Night	24 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
25 9:45 Sunday School for all ages 11:00 Worship In Person & Live Stream Second Sunday in Lent 12:00 Out to Lunch Bunch <i>Don McKim</i>	26	27	28 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom <i>Suzanne Getman</i>	29 7:00 p.m. Study Group on Zoom		

Readings to prepare for Worship:

Feb. 4: Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147;
1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

Feb. 11: 2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50;
2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

Feb. 14 (Ash Wednesday):

Joel 2:1-2,12-17; Psalm 51

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

Feb. 18: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25;

1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

Feb. 25: Genesis 17:1-7;15-16; Psalm 22;

Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

A Prayer for Transfiguration

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

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