

Grace Presbyterian News

February 2023

In Person Worship with Masks Encouraged

We continue Sunday worship in person in February 2023 and encourage wearing masks. At least as the month begins we are not passing friendship pads or offering plates. The link to join the live stream for worship services is at our website www.grace-pres.org.
Pastor Mike Krech

Nursery Available During Worship for Children 5 Years Old and Younger

Childcare in the nursery is available during worship for children 5 years old and younger in Room 103.

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, led by John Price, is studying the Apostle Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. 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.

Souper Bowl of Caring – Sunday, February 5

So the Super Bowl football game is a week later than it used to be, but we believe in the great traditions, like observing Souper Bowl of Caring on the first Sunday in February. On February 5, your canned goods and monetary offerings will be gathered in support of feeding the hungry in our city.

Hug Bugs – Sundays, February 12 and 19

Hug Bugs are coming – these are little googly-eyed pom balls with an I Love You note. Church goes fill out a form to send a hug bug to another church member and they will be delivered by our children and youth on Sundays, February 12 and 19.

Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings on Zoom (Lesson 6)

Night Circle meets Monday, February 13, at 7:00 p.m. in person and on Zoom.

Day Circle meets Tuesday, February 14, at 10:00 a.m. in person and on Zoom.

Ash Wednesday – February 22 – Services at 12:00 noon and 6:30 p.m.

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, this year on February 22. 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 plague, 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 both services if you cannot attend in person. Pastor Mike Krech

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

The Thursday night study group on Zoom book for the first three Thursdays in February is *They Were Christians* by Cristobal Krusen, examining the faith of a dozen people prominent in politics, business, science, and the arts.

On February 23, the Thursday night study group begins its session for the season of Lent, which will be Christ and the Church Year, led by LindaJo and Don McKim. That schedule is:

February 23 – Advent; March 2 – Christmas, Epiphany, Baptism of the Lord;

March 9 – Transfiguration, Ash Wednesday, Lent; March 16: Holy Week, Easter Vigil, Resurrection;

March 23: Ascension, Pentecost; March 30: Trinity Sunday, All Saints Day, Christ the King

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 24

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. 24-26

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 17.

PYC 2023 is about Jesus Christ as God with us. so that we can branch out, inviting all people into the goodness of God's intention for us. We'll gather some tools for pruning out the noise and focusing on kindness, love, and welcome. We'll play, study, eat, talk, experience, and worship together...as safely as possible...as the family of God.

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

Session Chairs and Officers for 2023

The elders who serve on the session each chair a committee, and here is the lineup for 2023. If you have interest in certain areas of the church's life, speak to the appropriate elder about how to help:

Care – Akwi Lillian Aseh

Mission Outreach – Matthew Smith

Child Care – Sharon Ragghianti

Property – Jere Lawson

Christian Education – John Price

Worship – Rosemary Gordon

Commitment – Susie Hayes

Clerk of Session – Becky Stirling

Congregational Life – Janet Vawter

Treasurer – Jere Lawson

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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 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom <i>Patti Smith</i>	2 7:00 p.m. Study Group on Zoom <i>Charlotte Hicks</i>	3	4 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
5 9:45 Sunday School for all ages 11:00 Worship/ Communion In Person & Live Stream Epiphany 5 Souper Bowl of Caring <i>LindaTolley</i>	6	7 <i>Marilyn Wilson</i>	8 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom <i>Kathy Cooke</i>	9 7:00 p.m. Study Group on Zoom	10	11 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. DAR, fellowship hall
12 9:45 Sunday School for all ages 11:00 Worship In Person & Live Stream Epiphany 6 Hug Bugs <i>LindaTolley</i>	13 7:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women Night Circle in person and on Zoom <i>Hugh Bishop</i>	14 10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women Day Circle in person and on Zoom	15 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom	16 7:00 p.m. Study Group on Zoom <i>Vickie Washburn</i>	17	18 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal <i>Janet Vanter</i>
19 9:45 Sunday School for all ages 11:00 Worship In Person & Live Stream Transfiguration <i>Mary Korowin Akong Ndingwan</i>	20 5:30 p.m. Session Mtg on Zoom	21	22 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom 12:00 noon & 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship	23 7:00 p.m. Study Group on Zoom – Christ and the Church Year	24 Presby. Youth Connection Retreat at Pinecrest (24 th -26 th) 7:00 p.m. Game Night	25 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:00 a.m. Presbytery Meeting at Rosemark <i>Don McKim</i>
26 9:45 Sunday School for all ages 11:00 Worship In Person & Live Stream First Sunday in Lent	27	28 <i>Suzanne Getman</i>				

Readings to prepare for Worship:

Feb. 5: Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 112;
1 Corinthians 2:1-16; Matthew 5:13-20

Feb. 12: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8;
1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

Feb. 19: Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 99;
2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

Feb. 22 (Ash Wednesday):

Joel 2:1-2,12-17; Psalm 51;
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

Feb. 26: Genesis 2:15-17;3:1-7; Psalm 32;
Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

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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