

Grace Presbyterian News

January 2021

In Person Worship Suspended; Online Only Through February 7

After considering the worsening COVID-19 situation, the session is suspending in person worship for at least six Sundays. Worship will again be recorded on Saturday with only the pastor, musicians, and tech crew present. The service will be posted to the website: www.grace-pres.org by no later than Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. We are recording on Saturday so that we have more time to work out any technical problems that might occur. I am grateful for the 15 Sundays we have been able to worship in person. This took us through such important annual observances as World Communion, stewardship, Reformation Sunday, All Saints, Advent, and Christmas. I am also grateful to all whose musical gifts, technical talents, and dedication to worship have made this a meaningful and memorable time together. I hope that we will be able to return soon to Sunday in person worship.

Pastor Mike Krech

Presbyterian Women Meetings in January (Lesson 5)

The PW Night Circle meets on Zoom, Monday, January 11, at 7:00 p.m.

Day circle meets on Zoom, Tuesday, January 12, at 10:00 a.m.

New Study Group Starting Thursday, January 14, on Zoom:

Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others by Barbara Brown Taylor

A new study on the book Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others begins Thursday evening, January 14, at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. Becky Stirling will be the facilitator for this discussion-based class. "This book is a small window on a large subject." Taylor is teaching Religions of the World 101 in a small, rural college in Georgia. She takes her students, herself, and us on field trips to monasteries, temples, and mosques to discover and think about the myriad ways other people and traditions encounter the transcendent. She takes heart in how often God chooses outsiders to teach insiders. She finds things to envy in all the traditions and that her faith could be improved by the faith of others. The one constant in her odyssey is the sense that God is the one calling her to discover God and to enrich her faith in other human beings and in God. A study guide with just a few good questions concerning each chapter will help us discover something new in our faith and the faith of others. There should be some lively and meaningful discussions! Email Becky (rebecca_stirling@comcast.net) if you are interested in participating in this class.

Sign-up to be a Prayer Partner!

Each of our children and youth will be paired with an adult to be their prayer partner. This is a great opportunity for the different generations of our congregation to get to know one another as they share their prayer concerns with one another. It's also a great way for us to connect while we can't be together in person. As you pray for one another, you can also send cards or even set up Zoom opportunities to see and talk with one another. After signing up, both prayer partners will receive information on their prayer partner as well as any immediate prayer concerns. Please email Cristaldawn at revmiss2002@yahoo.com by January 24th to sign up.

Thanks for Your Response to the Christmas Families Project

Thanks to your giving throughout the year to the Ringing Offering, as well as gifts of non-perishable food and presents for the children, we were able to help make Christmas special for two Bartlett area families, each with three children. Thanks to all who gave, who wrapped the presents, and in any other way assisted with this outreach.

Sunday School Meets on Zoom

The adult Sunday School class meets on Zoom Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. John Price is leading the class, studying Matthew. Send Mike an email at jmkrech@yahoo.com to be added to the list receiving the Zoom link. Children are also meeting online most Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Check in with Cristaldawn Smith for more details at revmiss2002@yahoo.com. Both classes end at 10:00 a.m. If these times are changed, due to the suspension of in person worship, we will send around an email notice.

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

We meet for 30 minutes each Wednesday to sing, read Scripture, and pray for all those on the prayer list by name. Email Pastor Mike Krech at jmkrech@yahoo.com to be given the link to join us.

Game/Trivia Nights on Zoom – Fridays, January 15 and 29 at 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Names <i>in italics</i> indicate that day is that person's birthday				1 New Year's Day	2
3 9:00 Adult Sunday School on Zoom 9:30 Children's Sun Sch. on Zoom 11:00 Worship Live Stream Only Christmas 2/ Epiphany	4	5 <i>Rick McAdams</i> <i>Karen Schlichte</i> <i>Martina Tafah</i>	6 Epiphany 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom	7	8 <i>Eric Washburn</i>	9 Recording of Worship
10 9:00 Adult Sunday School on Zoom 9:30 Children's Sun Sch. on Zoom Online Worship Baptism of the Lord <i>Sue Cloughen</i>	11 7:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women Night Circle on Zoom	12 10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women Day Circle on Zoom	13 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom	14 7:00 p.m. Holy Envy Study on Zoom	15 7:00 p.m. Game Night on Zoom	16 Recording of Worship
17 9:00 Adult Sunday School on Zoom 9:30 Children's Sun Sch. on Zoom Online Worship <i>Lydia Anne Smith</i>	18 Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday 5:30 p.m. Session Mtg on Zoom	19 <i>Becky Stirling</i> <i>Elizabeth Velazquez</i>	20 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom	21 7:00 p.m. Holy Envy Study on Zoom <i>Oki Tafah</i>	22	23 Recording of Worship
24/31 9:00 Adult Sunday School on Zoom 9:30 Children's Sun Sch. on Zoom Online Worship <i>Daniel Hicks (24th)</i>	25 <i>Lee Guenther</i>	26 <i>Caitlyn Walker</i>	27 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom	28 7:00 p.m. Holy Envy Study on Zoom	29 7:00 p.m. Game Night on Zoom	30 Recording of Worship

Readings to prepare for Worship:

Jan. 3: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72;
Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

Jan. 10: Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29
Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

Jan. 17: 1 Samuel 3:1-20; Psalm 139;
1 Cor. 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

Jan. 24: Jonah 3:1-5,10; Psalm 62;
1 Cor. 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

Jan. 31: Deut. 18:15-20; Psalm 111;
1 Cor. 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

A Prayer for Epiphany

Everlasting God, the radiance of faithful souls,
who brought the nations to your light and kings
to the brightness of your rising: Fill the world
with your glory and show yourself to all nations
through him who is the true light and the bright
morning star, Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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