

# *Grace Presbyterian News*

## **October 2020**

### **Sunday Worship Continues, In Person and Livestream**

We returned to Sunday in person worship at 11:00 a.m. on September 20. At this writing about half the members of the congregation have indicated they plan to attend regularly, and this works out well in maintaining social distancing without requiring those who wish to attend to alternate Sundays. If you wish to change your status from non-attending to attending, or vice versa, please send me an email at [jmkrech@yahoo.com](mailto:jmkrech@yahoo.com) The 11:00 service is livestreamed, so you can watch it as it happens. The link to the livestream is at the church website: [www.grace-pres.org](http://www.grace-pres.org). By early Sunday afternoon that morning's service is also available at the website and should be so indefinitely for on demand viewing. A large thanks to our tech team of Kevin Bopp, Emily Mayne, and Bob Vawter for their work since March in making the worship services and other resources available online, as well as to organist Susan Steppe, the frequent brass accompaniment from Bob Vawter and Rickie Cooke, and worship committee chair Rosemary Gordon, who takes care of so many details so ably.

Pastor Mike Krech

### **Welcome New Members**

In recent weeks it has been our joy to welcome new members. Don Bane united with the church by profession of faith at the session meeting in August and on September 21 was baptized by Pastor Mike Krech in a special service, made necessary by the COVID-19 crisis, with several session members and other church members attending. In September we welcomed Colins Eno and his wife Awaing Itambi by transfer of membership from the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon. We also add their children Kaylee and Liam to our roll of children under the pastoral care of the church.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:revmiss2002@yahoo.com). Both classes end at 10:00 a.m. to give time to get to church.

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

Morning prayer on Zoom continues each Wednesday. Email Mike to be given the link to join us. You will get an email by Tuesday evening with the link to join the Zoom chat and a list of the Scripture readings and hymn for the meeting. We open the room by 9:10 a.m. so we can chat and visit, start the service at 9:30, and conclude by 10:00.

### **Game Nights on Zoom – Fridays, October 9 and 23, at 7:00 p.m.**

We meet on Zoom for fellowship, word games, some trivia, and many laughs. If you would like to be added to the list receiving the Zoom link, email Mike at [jmkrech@yahoo.com](mailto:jmkrech@yahoo.com). Future game nights on Zoom are set for November 6 and 20, and December 4 and 18, to steer clear of the holidays.

### **Pastoral Patio Visits**

Pastor Mike Krech is happy to visit on your patio, deck, or yard if you are comfortable with it. These outdoor visits of 30-60 minutes can be planned with an eye to the weather. Invite Mike via an email to [jmkrech@yahoo.com](mailto:jmkrech@yahoo.com)

**World Communion Sunday – October 4**

The first Sunday in October has been observed as World Communion Sunday, especially by American Protestants of the Reformed/Presbyterian family. The first observance of World Communion Sunday is often dated to 1933 at Shadyside Presbyterian in Pittsburgh PA. The idea spread among Presbyterians and soon among other Protestant church bodies. Communion will be available at this service as we come to the Communion table, or a Communion station at the back of the church, maintaining social distance. As a reminder, church doctrine has long held that taking only the bread or only the cup is still a full and valid Communion. For those at the service who prefer not to take Communion and for those watching on livestream, Pastor Krech will offer a prayer for spiritual Communion.

### **Presbyterian Women Bible Study on Zoom October 12 and 13**

Monthly Bible study for Presbyterian Women continues in October on Zoom. The night circle, taught by Patsy Krech, meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of the month, which is October 12. The day circle, taught by Becky Stirling, meets at 10:00 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month, which is October 13. The 2020-2021 study book is *Into the Light – Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament* by P. Lynn Miller. If you received emails with the Zoom links in September, you will receive emails for the Zoom links to these meetings. If you have not participated, but wish to do so, email [patsykrech@gmail.com](mailto:patsykrech@gmail.com)

### **Pumpkin Painting Party – Saturday, October 24 at 4:00 p.m.**

Children, Youth, and their Families are invited to a SOCIALLY DISTANT outdoor gathering on Saturday, October 24 at 4 pm. Bring your own lawn chairs and your own pumpkins and we'll have some time to chat and maybe get a little messy. We'll provide some paint and paintbrushes, or if painting isn't your thing, you can bring your own pumpkin carving materials or other Fall project to work on. We want to have as much fun as possible while still being as safe as possible, so please abide by physical distancing rules (6 feet between you and someone not in your household). Since we are outdoors, masks are not required if the 6 feet space is respected.

### **Message from the Commitment Committee**

It's amazing how time flies while you are social distancing. October is here and that means it is Stewardship time. We are mailing you a Stewardship Letter, a proposed budget for 2021, and a pledge card. A church member will share stewardship thoughts during worship on October 11 and 18. Then October 25 will be Pledge Sunday. The Commitment Committee understands that this is a difficult time, not only for our church and our community but for the world. We also know that with patience and prayer, we will get through this crisis and hopefully be stronger in our faith. Rickie Cooke, chair

### **Commitment/Pledge Sunday and Reformation Sunday – October 25**

On October 25, there will be an opportunity in worship to place commitment cards on the Communion table. You may also return your commitment cards prior to that date by placing them in the or mailing them to the church. Also that day we celebrate Reformation Sunday, taking note of some of the doctrines and singing some of the hymns that have been central to our identity as Christians in the Protestant tradition, and the Reformed family, influenced by John Calvin on the Sunday nearest October 31, the date in the year 1517 usually identified as the beginning of the Protestant Reformation with Martin Luther's 95 theses.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <i>Names in italics are birthdays</i>	2 <i>Sara Lawson</i> <i>Sharon Raghianti</i>	3
4 9:00 Adult Sunday School on Zoom 9:30 Children's Sunday School on Zoom 11:00 Worship In person if you have signed up or Livestreamed/World Communion Sunday	5	6	7 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom  <i>Garrett Guenther</i> <i>Gerald Raghianti</i>	8	9 7:00 pm Game Night on Zoom	10 <i>Colins Eno</i>
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25 9:00 Adult Sunday School on Zoom 9:30 Children's Sunday School on Zoom 11:00 Worship In person if you have signed up or Livestreamed Reformation Sun. Pledge Sunday	26	27	28 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom  <i>Susan Lawson</i> <i>Kathe Walker</i>	29	30 <i>Kelly Bopp Bialk</i>	31 <i>Sue White</i>

## Lay Readers

October 04: Bob Gammon

October 11: Suzanne Getman

October 18: Becky Stirling

October 25: Janet Vawter

## A Prayer for World Communion Sunday

Holy God, we thank you for setting a table before us and for calling disciples from every place to feast together. We praise you for the faith that makes us sisters and brothers in Christ and for the blessed tie of love that binds us as one. We glorify you for your Spirit at work, building one holy church in the world to serve Jesus Christ, the true vine and bread of life, our Lord and living Savior. Amen.

## Lectionary Readings for Worship:

### October 4: (World Communion Sunday)

Exodus 20:1-20; Psalm 19

Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

### October 11:

Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6,19-23

Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

### October 18:

Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

### October 25:

#### (Pledge & Reformation Sunday)

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

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