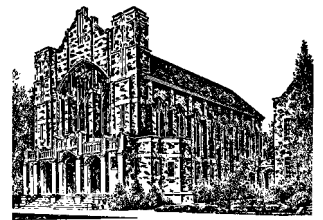


First Presbyterian Church

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"The Creator of the universe – no aloof God this – does not leave the humans alone or walk elsewhere. God seeks a response from the fearful and ashamed human beings, but they move to the "blame game" rather than confession. The sin has led to dissonance in every relationship, between humans, humans and God, humans and animals, humans and the earth, and within the self (shame)."

– Terence Fretheim, *God and Word in the Old Testament*

Sunday, June 7

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Class of 2015 graduates will be acknowledged during worship.

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:55 a.m. Announcements

11:00 a.m.

Worship & Holy Communion

Sermon: "Blame it on the Snake"
Marilyn T. Hedgpeth, preaching

Worship Texts

Old Testament	Genesis 8:8-15
Epistle Lesson	2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1

Croasdaile Driver: **Miriam Morey**

Narthex Greeter: **Delia Kwon**

After Worship Greeters:

Mary Gitata (rear/narthex)

Laura Hanson (side/font)

Ushers: **Abi Bissette** (head), **Sherry**

Everett (flowers), **Nate Pienkowski,**

Mary-Jo Keenan, Talitha Kwon, Leslie McDow

Communion elders:

Head / Replenisher – **Alice Raney**

Bread 1/Process – **Tom Bacon**

Bread 2- **Bob Breitweiser**

Bread 3- **Kate Busa**

Bread 4- **Harold Dunlap**

Cup 1 - **Mary Gitata**

Cup 2- **Jean Wilson**

Cup 3/Process – **Marie Sappenfield**

Cup 4- **Phyllis Supple**

Shepherd Center- **Lea Bingham**

Shepherd Font- **Wes Carson**

Shepherd Pulpit- **Beth Eisenson**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith and Community Class

It's summer, and we're changing gears for our time together. Our theme for this summer is: TED Talks/Back. Each week, we will view a short TED Talk with our theological eyes, and then interact and discuss what we have experienced and how it informs our faith. This week we will watch Brene Brown: *The Power of Vulnerability*. Brown studies human connection – our ability to empathize, belong and love. In a poignant, funny talk, she shares a deep insight from her research, one that sent her on a personal quest to know herself as well as to understand humanity. The class meets at 9:45 in Watts-Hill Hall.

Lectionary Class

Election season is starting to heat up, and in an ancient version of a negative campaign ad, the prophet Samuel tells the people all of the bad things that a king will do to them. Why doesn't it convince them? Have kings and rulers changed in the past 3000 years? Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor.

Check with your Sunday School class leader to see if your class will be meeting this summer.

THE GREAT MONEY CHALLENGE

FPC JUNE MATCHING

FUND CHALLENGE

Although we are in Ordinary Time in the liturgical year, some things happening at FPC should not be "ordinary". The phone and doorbell ring constantly with the cries of our neighbors who are struggling to make ends meet or who are homeless. Our mailbox is full of requests for assistance. The PC USA National / World Missions and Disaster Programs are stretched hard to reach those struggling outside our community. But, a very generous anonymous FPC member has offered to match funds (**up to \$20,000!**) donated during the month of June by congregation members for **Service and Mission!** The additional funding will help our committee support our own Walk In Ministry, Presbyterian Urban Ministries, summer programs for youth in poverty at Emanuel Iglesia and efforts through our Presbytery and National and World PC USA Programs. Please give generously so we can receive these matching funds! Make checks payable to FPC and in the memo line put **June Matching Fund Challenge** and mail it in or put in the offering plate during the month of June. Whether it is serving others at our doorstep or in far off places like Africa or Nepal...

"Inasmuch as ye have done it to one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it to me" - Matthew 25:40

Beth Eisenson and **Will McDow**
FPC Service and Mission co-chairs

SENIOR RECITAL

Wednesday, June 10

Benjamin Conner (trumpeter) will be giving his senior recital at First Presbyterian on June 10 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. The music will feature selections from Haydn and Strauss, and several collaborations with other young musicians. All are welcome!

BOYCHOIR IN CONCERT

Monday, June 22

7:00 p.m. FPC Sanctuary

The **Minnesota Boychoir** features 74 boys from their two premiere ensembles. In their 53-year history, the Boychoir has performed during Mass at the Vatican in the Sydney Opera House and on National Public Radio. A freewill donation will be collected during the concert. Learn more about the Minnesota Boychoir online at www.boychoir.org.

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear friends,

Do teachers deserve a break? Yes, I think our 50+ church school teachers and support staff need a little breather over the summer. On Sunday, we expressed our appreciation to those who allow deep relational bonds to develop within our community under the nurturing umbrella of God's Word. It is so important for our life together to be deeply rooted in the stories about God, about Jesus, and about relationships founded upon faith. And each little class is a well of deep support for the people who engage in study and sharing. I am so grateful to each one of you who steps up to lead a class on Sunday, or during the week, to provide opportunities for the spiritual growth and nurture of our members.

Will we continue to have church school over the summer? Absolutely! The Lectionary Class plans to continue for adults and youth. The Faith and Community Class will be interacting with TED Talks each week, that tie in, in some way, with the lectionary texts for the day. And our youth and children will be watching movies through their 3D theological lenses and sharing what they see. It's a change of pace. It's a time of rest for the weary. But it will continue to be a time of spiritual growth and nurture. So come!

Do we still need you in worship? Again, yes! Your presence is very much needed in worship, as we round the corner and head into the final stretch (we hope) of our interim time together. Exciting times lie ahead for First Presbyterian Church, and your presence and prayers are very much needed by the PNC, by the staff, and by the outreach ministries of our congregation. It is important that we "run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith" (Hebrews 12: 1-2).

Peace,

Marilyn

NEW OFFICERS' TRAINING

FPC's newly-elected ruling elders and deacons will meet this **Sunday, June 7, from 12 noon -2:00 p.m. in the East Parlor** for officer training and lunch. The *Book of Order* and *Book of Confession* have been ordered, but if you have an older copy, please bring it with you. Please think about which committee you might like to serve on during the upcoming year. Contact the church office if you are unable to attend. Our next Officer Training will take place on June 28th from 12 noon - 2:00 pm.

