FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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EXPLORING THE LIFE OF FAITH

2019-2020

WELCOMING ALL LIVING LOVE TRANSFORMING LIVES



WORSHIP

Each week we seek to transform our lives by coming into contact with the divine through worship. Every week brings something special, but here's description of what we do as well as a few highlights of the year ahead.

TAIZE

The 8:30 service is done in a contemplative style with an emphasis on prayer and meditation. The service features communion and a weekly ritual.

TRADITIONAL

The 10:30 service aligns with reformed tradition and liturgy. While much changes from week to week, the service includes scripture, a sermon, congregational hymns, prayer, and communion the first Sunday of the month.

SERMON SERIES

Both services include scripture and a message that revolve around a unified theme. Some of our upcoming sermon series are "What Disciples Do" and "New Year Same Promises"





PRES FEST

September 15 will be an extravaganza as we start the year with bagpipes, tartans, bounce houses, yard games, a delicious meal, and much more!

BLESSING OF THE PETS

The 8:30 service on September 29 will take time to recognize the gift of companionship in all its forms. You're welcome to bring your pet as we honor the created world and our connection to it.

MISSION CO-WORKERS

What's going on in the world? On October 27 we'll celebrate reformation as we are joined by our mission co-workers from La Frontera de Cristo in Augua Prieta, Mexico.



ADULT ENRICHMENT

Looking for ways to go more deeply in faith? Please sample any of these fine options.

BIBLE @ BREAKFAST

Led by Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh, this study meets Wednesday mornings at 7am. Fall session begins on September 11.

NOON BIBLE STUDY

Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett leads this study on Tuesdays at noon. The study focuses on the lectionary reading for the week. Sessions are up and running, so feel free to join.

FINANCIAL PEACE

Beginning Monday, September 9, this 8-week course offers insight on personal finance and money management. Classes held weekly at 6:30pm.







RETREAT IN THE REAL WORLD

Learn to incorporate the approaches and benefits of retreat (unique prayer practices and deepened intimacy with God) into your busy daily life! Thursdays 7-7:45 a.m., beginning Sept. 26, led by Kili Wenburg.

HEIRS APPARENT

A bible study and book discussion group, Heirs Apparent meets Sunday mornings at 9:15am. The group wrestles with topics from Simon Peter to Bad Girls of the Bible.

FORUM

Beginning on September 8, Forum meets at 9:15 on Sunday mornings. Forum features different speakers on a variety of topics, so keep watch for more information in the bulletin and homepage.



FELLOWSHIP

At First Presbyterian, we are committed to sharing the journey of faith with one another. These groups meet on a more informal basis, so please check the church calendar to confirm times and places.

MAHJONG

Learn and play MahJong Fridays from 10am-12pm.

QUILTERS

This multigenerational group meets Tuesdays at 1pm.

PICKLED PRESBYS

Play pickleball in the PEACE Center Mondays at 1pm.

MARINERS

Parents of school-aged children meet quarterly.

SPANISH CLASSES

Come and learn Spanish on Thursdays at 6pm.

WALKERS

A group meets for light exercise and coffee Monday-Thursday at 8am.



KNIT WITS

Multigenerational knit and crochet group meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7pm.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Women's fellowship meets in "Circle Groups" once a month and all together for lunch on the first Wednesday.



SOUP GROUP

Multigenerational women's group meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays at noon.



MUSIC MINISTRY

The rich tradition of inspiring music at First Presbyterian continues. We'd love to have you lend your talents to any of these ministries.

YOUTH CHOIRS

Children pre-kindergarten through high school can partake in choir. These groups meet as a regular part of youth programming on Wednesday nights.

YOUTH BELLS

There are handbells for all ages! Our children and youth bells rehearse on Wednesday nights are part of the regular youth programming.

NOVICE RINGERS

Never rung bells before but want to try? Novice and inexperienced ringers of all ages are invited to rehearse Wednesday evenings from 6:20-6:50







CHANCEL CHOIR

Our senior choir plays a strong and frequent role in leading worship. The group cares deeply for one another, sings a variety of music, and rehearses on Wednesdays at 6:45pm.

HANDBELL CHOIR

The handbell choir offers a sense of wonder and beauty when they share an offering during services. The group rehearses on Wednesdays at 7:30pm.

TAIZE MUSICIANS

Featuring guitar, voice, flute, piano, and a variety of other instruments, our contemplative service always benefits from talented folks willing to share their gifts with others.



MISSION

First Presbyterian is committed to living out the call to love our neighbors as ourselves. This is just a small sample of all the ways we seek to make manifest the love of God in the world. We're always finding new ways to do this, so stay up to date via the bulletin and homepage.

HEARTS AND HANDS AGAINST HUNGER

Meal-packing ministry operates out of the PEACE Center and is managed by Kiwanis.

HANDS AROUND THE WORLD

Located just off the sanctuary, this shop features hand-crafted items from around the world and coffee from Cafe Justo.

COAT DRIVE

It's exactly what you think. During the spring and fall, we gather up coats and then give them away.





UNITED HARVEST

A mobile distribution and joint project with First United Methodist Church, United Harvest serves 400-500 families a month. You're invited to help out on the third Saturday of the month.

OPEN TABLE

During the month of July, First Pres will pack nearly 6,000 meals to be distributed through the Open Table program of Catholic Social Services.

MISSION CO-WORKERS

We support the work of mission co-workers in Zambia, Niger, South Sudan, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, the Dominican Republic, and Auga Prieta, Mexico. We are blessed to hear their stories and receive periodic visits from them. And sometimes we get to go visit them!



CHILDREN AND YOUTH

First Presbyterian cares deeply for fostering and nurturing the faith formation of our youth.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Children are welcome and invited to be in the sanctuary during worship. Most 10:30 services feature a special moment for children.

NURSERY

If desired, a staffed nursery is available during Sunday School and the 10:30 worship service.

VBS

Vacation Bible School is offered annually during the month of June and is open to the community.







SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday mornings feature lessons based on the lectionary and are designed to pair with what is taking place in worship. Classes are held at 9:15.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

Programming for youth on Wednesday evenings includes bible study, music, crafts, recreation, and a family meal. There is also youth group for our middle school and high school aged youth.

GO AND SERVE

Our yearly service trip for high school students has taken place every summer for the 51 years.

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