

The Good News from Trinity Presbyterian Church

January 6, 2020

Wednesday—Finance Committee 3:00 PM

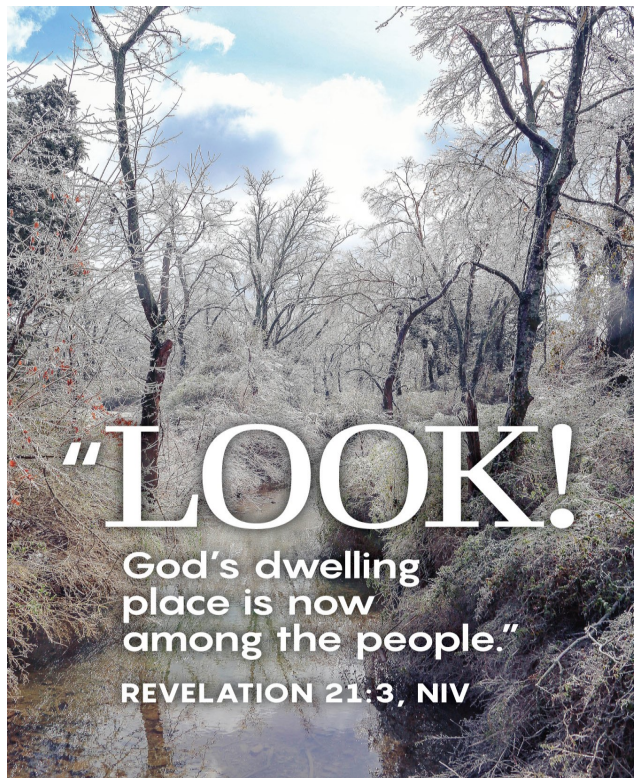
Sunday—Worship Service 10:15 AM

Always Doing a New Thing

In 2015, scientists discovered more than 18,000 new species – some ancient and extinct, others contemporary. They include a cartwheeling spider; fossils of a “feathered dinosaur”; a beautiful sea slug that photographs in brilliant blues, reds and golds; a Christmas-colored plant that grows in near isolation in Mexico; and a pufferfish whose males make intricate sea-floor “crop circles” as spawning nests.

Such discoveries – regardless of how old or new the species are – demonstrate the ongoing creativity of God, who both does new things and gives people new abilities to discover them.

Recently, we began a new church year with Advent. At Christmas, God did a new thing by becoming human. Now we launch into a new calendar year, in which scientists will surely discover *more* new creatures. The newness all around us reminds us that God is always doing a new thing in *our* lives, too!



Upcoming Dates for Your Calendar

Jan. 15	6:30 PM	Women's Group
Jan. 20	7:00 PM	Book Group
Jan. 21	7:00 PM	Session
Jan. 30	before 11:30 AM	Desserts for Community Meal Center

We thank, Worship Leaders for:

Jan. 12 Liturgist:	Ed Dyer
Ushers:	Ginny Kramer, Marty Reese, Edna Campbell, Linda North
Sound:	Barb Pratt
Child Care:	Gina Anaple, Jennifer Reese
Tellers:	Diane Rayer, Kathy Kessler



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Prepare for Worship Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-9

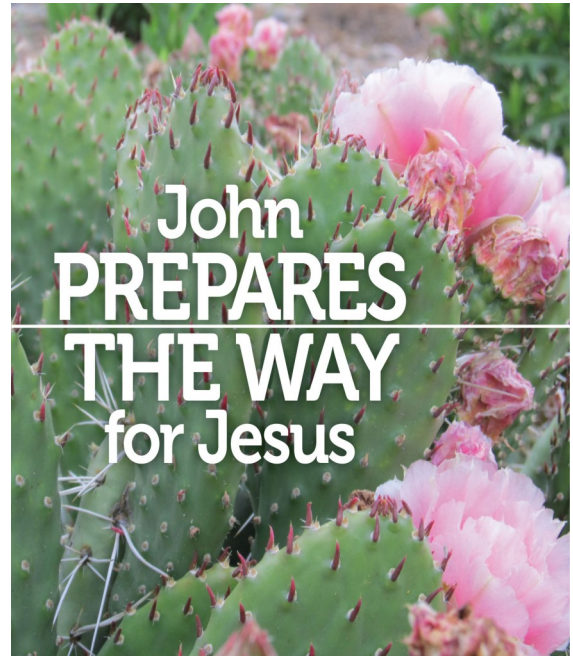
Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
 my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
 I have put my spirit upon him;
 he will bring forth justice to the nations.
 He will not cry or lift up his voice,
 or make it heard in the street;
 a bruised reed he will not break,
 and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
 he will faithfully bring forth justice.
 He will not grow faint or be crushed
 until he has established justice in the earth;
 and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
 Thus says God, the LORD,
 who created the heavens and stretched them out,
 who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
 who gives breath to the people upon it
 and spirit to those who walk in it:
 I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
 I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
 I have given you as a covenant to the people,^[a]
 a light to the nations,
 to open the eyes that are blind,
 to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.
 I am the LORD, that is my name;
 my glory I give to no other,
 nor my praise to idols.
 See, the former things have come to pass,
 and new things I now declare;
 before they spring forth,
 I tell you of them.

Reflection

In Romans 8:29 Paul wrote that God meant for Jesus to be “the firstborn within a large family.” What does that mean to you? What does your baptism have to do with it?

Morning Prayer

God, you make old things pass away and declare new things to be. As I am renewed in my baptism this morning, help me to confirm my baptismal vows in my life today. Amen.



A Sacred Partnership

Bible scholar William Barclay notes that John the Baptist was “startled and unwilling” when Jesus asked to be baptized. The evangelist thought *he* needed what *Jesus* could give, not the reverse!

We are pros at taking our needs to God — indeed he invites this: “Call on me in the day of trouble.” (Psalm 50:15). But God also comes to *us* with needs: “Mortal, I am sending you” (Ezekiel 2:3, NRSV); “Go ... make disciples” (Matthew 28:19); “Carry each other’s burdens” (Galatians 6:2, NIV).

Apparently, God prefers partnership to acting solo. From the beginning, God has invited people to name the animals, tend the garden, welcome strangers, build the tabernacle, proclaim his word, ensure justice and mercy, share his love.

What does God need from you, as Jesus needed baptism from John? Salvation is God’s alone to accomplish, but then he calls us to share work with him, for the world’s sake. So we echo Jesus: “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this” (Matthew 3:15, NIV).—Heidi Mann

Missions at Work

Fairfield Food Pantry needs: Canned soup for “Souper Bowl”.

Non-Food Pantry needs: tissues, paper towels, soap.

No Red Hats this year. The Heart Association is no longer collecting infant red hats.

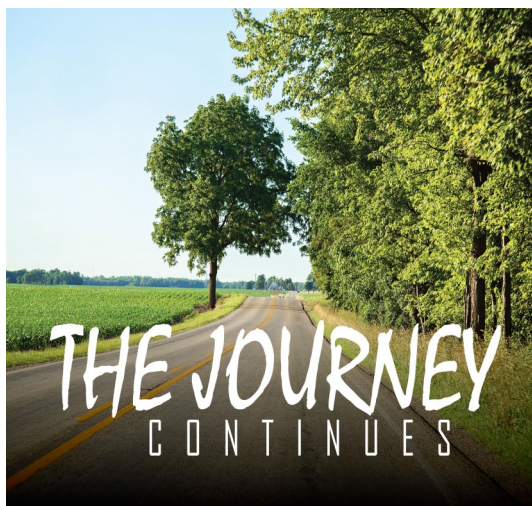
The Mission Committee will meet the last Sunday in January after the worship service.

Women’s Group

The Women’s Group will meet on Wednesday, January 15 at 6:30 PM. All women are encouraged to attend this planning meeting. Your ideas will help us review and plan for 2020 activities.

Book Club

The Book Club will not meet in December, but will resume meeting in January. The January book selection is *The Giver of Stars* by JoJo Moyes. This novel is set in Depression-era America. It is a breathtaking story of five extraordinary women and their remarkable journey through the mountains of Kentucky and beyond. Please join our discussion of this book on Monday, January 20 at 7:00 PM.



A Prayer for the Journey

The following prayer, almost 1,000 years old, was written for pilgrims walking the Camino de Santiago (the Way of St. James) – 500 miles across northern Spain. Use this adaptation as you journey into the new year:

God, you called your servant Abraham from Ur in Chaldea, watching over him in all his wanderings, and guided the Hebrew people as they crossed the desert. Guard your children, who seek to grow in you this year. Be their companion on the way, their guide at the crossroads, their strength in weariness, their defense in dangers, their shelter on the path, their shade in the heat, their light in the darkness, their comfort in discouragement, and the firmness of their intentions. Through your guidance, may they be enriched with grace and virtue, and be filled with salutary and lasting joy.
—from the 12th-century *Codex Calixtinus*

The Faith Journey

Faith is better understood as a verb than a noun, as a process than as a possession. It is on-again-off-again rather than once-and-for-all. Faith is not being sure where you’re going, but going anyway. A journey without maps. —Frederick Buechner

Our hope is not in the new year, but in the One who makes all things new.
—Unknown

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Keep in your Prayers

Doug Erbeck, J. Luebbe request	Healing/severe back pain
Jana, L. North request	Bereavement/loss of her mother
Arlene Dulley, D. Schuler request	Healing/cancer
Pam Harring	Healing/hospitalized/guidance
Family and Friends of Palma Miller	Bereavement/loss of Palma
Michelle Amuson, R. Campbell's daughter	Healing/possible stroke
Kurtis Larson, Donna Schuler request	Healing/health concerns
Larson Family, D. Schuler request	Healing/health concerns
The Miracle Family, D. Schuler request	Healing/health concerns
George Liles	Continued healing/home recovering
Dee Burkhardt	Healing/sciatic nerve pain
Jean Parsley	Continued healing
Diane Niehaus, B. Luebbe request	Continued healing/several health concerns
Natasha, B. Pratt request	Continued healing/multiple injuries
Natasha's son (2 yrs. old) , B. Pratt request	Continued healing/broken neck/car accident
Gerald Reese, M. Reese's father	Continued healing/swallowing problems
Margie, Fran Thomas' sister	God's peace and comfort
All peoples in the Middle East	Peace and reconciliation
All Elected Government leaders	Wisdom/support/enlightenment
Support for all our military	Strength/discernment/God's protection
For all missionaries (Especially for S. and B.)	Protection/blessings/fruitful mission work

Names that have been on the Prayer List for more than 4 weeks are marked with an asterisk ().
If you would like them to remain on the list, please contact the office by Tuesday.*

Financial Information

Donations 12/24 & 12/29	\$3,131
Mission Knife Sale	\$615
Joy Offering	\$253
Per Capita on 12/29	\$35
Property Fund Giving 2020	
 Per Capita for 2020 is	 \$33

Preaching Schedule

Jan. 12	Rev. Tom Dunlap
Jan. 19	Rev. Tom Dunlap
Jan. 26	Elder Kurt Schuler
Feb. 2	Rev. Tom Dunlap



January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2 Choir 7:00 PM	3 El Buen 6:00-9:00 PM every Friday	4 El Buen 9:00-9:00 Every Saturday
5 Communion Sunday	6 No Deacons meeting	7	8 Finance Comte. 3:00 PM	9 Choir 7:30 PM	10	11
12 Memorial Comte. after worship	13	14	15 Women's Group Meeting 6:30 PM Planning Meeting	16 Choir 7:30 PM	17	18 Non Food Pantry 9:30-noon
19 Birthdays Honored	20 Book Club 7:00 PM	21 Session 7:00 PM	22	23 Choir 7:30 PM	24	25
26 Mission Comte. after worship	27	28	29	30 Com. Meal Center Dessert Drop off by 11:30 AM Choir 7:30 PM	31	

