

Joys and Concerns

Week of March 3, 2019

It is a joy to welcome those who are worshipping with us for the first time. May you experience God's presence and blessing in this gathering of believers.

From the Community, Church & World

The PC(USA) *Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study* encourages us to be in prayer for the Presbyterian Women's Celebrate the Gifts of Women.

Our Presbytery's Prayer Partner program encourages us to be in prayer for St. John Presbyterian Church in New Albany, Indiana and their Pastor, the Rev. Allen Colwell.

Please continue in prayer for all in our congregation and community who are experiencing home, health, family and financial concerns.

This Week's Calendar

Saturday, March 2

9:30AM Farmer's Market

5:00PM Worship in the Chapel—Lord's Supper

Sunday, March 3

9:30AM Sunday School for All Ages

10:45AM Worship in the Sanctuary—Lord's Supper

Home Communion

Monday, March 4

6:00PM Presbyterian Women in Agape Room

7:30PM Al-Anon in the Committee Room

Tuesday, March 5

9:00AM Quilters

Wednesday, March 6

6:00PM Ash Wednesday Service in the Chapel

6:15PM Bell Choir

7:00PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 7

10:30AM Al-Anon in the Committee Room

Saturday, March 9

9:30AM Farmer's Market

5:00PM Worship in the Chapel

Sunday, March 10

9:30AM Sunday School for All Ages

10:45AM Worship in the Sanctuary

4:00PM Prayer Practices at First Christian Church



First Presbyterian Church

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Office Hours: 1:00—4:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday

Transitional Pastor—Rev. Bill Owens

Choir Director—Steve Inman Organist—Judy Diekhoff

Bell Choir Director—Trish Read

Saturday Music Leaders—David Borman & Megan Campbell

Sunday Sound & Technology Engineer—Keith Noe

Saturday Projection Crew—Alecia Simonis & Keith Noe

Church Administrator—Becky Herald

Church Custodian—Mindy Inman

Clerk of Session—Beth Snyder

Liturgist & Children's Sermon—Marsha Emily

Hope Chest Gifts for March Support Haven House

Suggested donations are:

Bleach, HE laundry detergent, dish detergent, brooms,
industrial mops/mop heads

Large plastic totes with lids

Peanut butter, jelly, instant oatmeal, large cans of food

Tampons, pads, toilet paper, tissues

Tylenol, baby aspirin

Pens, pencils, paper

Please leave your in-kind

contributions in the Hope Chest, located in the Atrium.

Also, for those who forget or prefer not to shop, "Hope Chest" donation envelopes are available in the pew racks and from the table in the chapel.



Jeffersonville's Winter Farmers' Market

will be in the Taggart Hall gym on Saturday mornings through Memorial Day.

Presbyterian Women

will have their monthly meeting on Monday, March 4, at 6:00 in the Agape Room. All women of the church are invited. Speak with Beth Snyder if you have any questions.



Ash Wednesday

We will have an Ash Wednesday service on March 6 at 6:00pm in our upstairs Chapel.

The First Prez Yard Sale

will be held on Saturday, March 16. Donations may be brought to the church any time and taken to the basement.

Please mark them "Yard Sale." If possible, please save large items until the week of the sale. (A reminder, we will not be accepting clothing.) Questions? Contact

Carolyn MacGregor at (502) 939-4558.



The Men's Group will have their next gathering at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 16, at Adrienne's Café. Contact Doyle Criswell for more information.

Plan to "Spring Forward"

by moving your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 9.



Lenten Prayer Practices



This Lent, join our friends from the Downtown Churches as we explore family-friendly prayer practices. It begins at 4:00pm on Sunday afternoons March 10—April 7 at First Christian Church (3209 Middle Rd).

U.S. Congregational Vitality Survey

The results of the U.S. Congregational Vitality Survey are back. They were emailed in the Presbygram on March 1 and will go out again on March 8. If you would like to have a printed copy, let someone in the church office know.



We would also ask that you provide some feedback about the results. Were they what you would expect, and why? What changes would you like to see? A feedback form is included with both the email and printed version.

Presbyterian Women will discuss the results at their meeting on March 4 and the Wednesday evening worship crowd will discuss it on March 13 at 5:30. Other groups are encouraged to discuss it and come up with ideas as well.

Congratulations!



Join us next Sunday after worship as we celebrate with new U.S. Citizen, Javid Salehi. Javid passed his citizenship test and was sworn in as a citizen on Tuesday, February 26. If you have any questions, speak with Shirley Rice.

This Sunday @ First Prez...

Ushers and Greeters this Sunday are Shirley Rice, Deb Pavlina, Doyle & Sharon Criswell, and Phil & Jennie Bartelt.

Next Sunday's Ushers and Greeters are Jackie & Rodney Smithey, Sheri Isgrigg, and Sally Welsh.

Kidz Church this Sunday is off because it's Communion week. Becky Herald is in the nursery. Next Sunday Carol Sharp is leading Kidz Church and Shirley Rice is in the nursery.

Serving Communion this Sunday are Phil Hartzell, Virgil Hertling, Steve Inman, Yvonne Knight, and Pat Ohlmann.

Attendance at the Sunday service was 90. On Saturday there were 12 at worship. There were 15 at the Wednesday evening service.



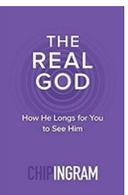
Winter Coat Collection...



We will continue to collect coats, jackets, sweat-shirts and other warm winter clothing items for adults and children. These items will be delivered to Exit 0 and Center for Lay Ministries. Please help out by leaving your donations in the box in the Atrium. If you have any questions, speak with Virgil Hertling.

Adult Sunday School

On February 3, the Adult Sunday School class started an eight-week study of *The Real God* by Chip Ingram. They meet in the Agape Room at 9:30am.



The first Sunday in Lent is “Wear your Blue PDA T-Shirt to Church Sunday”

as a testament to one of the ways the One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference. King David sang, “You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy...” (Psalm 30:11).

Thousands of volunteers each year put on a blue t-shirt that says “Out of Chaos, Hope”. They bear not only



ladders and drywall for rebuilding from disasters, but also the love of God. Many disaster survivors who see the love of God evident in the lives of these servants are able to take off their cloak of mourning and begin to find joy.

Join in by wearing blue on Sunday, March 10.

Gently used luggage needed!

We are looking for gently used luggage including duffle bags, large totes, and backpacks to benefit Indiana’s Department of Child Services foster care program.



These children are frequently moved between homes and many carry their possessions in trash bags. Our luggage will send

children entering foster care a message that they are important and cared for by our community.

Please leave your donations next to the Hope Chest in the Atrium. We ask that all luggage be donated by March 31.

Welcome to First Prez...

Visitors — We welcome you! If there is any assistance we can provide, or if there are any questions we can answer for you, please speak to a greeter or usher, a neighbor next to you or the pastor. We’ll be happy to do what we can to help you feel at home.

Ministry of friendship sheets are in the folders at the end of the pews on Sunday and on the table with the bulletins on Saturday night. Please leave a record of your attendance by signing in.

About our celebration of the Lord’s Supper...

In the Presbyterian Church, all people are welcome to participate in the Sacrament, regardless of denominational affiliation.

As the congregation comes forward for the Lord’s Supper on Sunday morning, an elder will be available to bring the Sacrament to those who need to remain in their pews due to limited or difficult mobility.

On Saturday night, if you need to be served at your seat, simply raise your hand as the last person passes through the line for Communion.

Gluten-free Communion wafers are available on the Communion trays at both services for those who need them.

A member of the prayer chain will be in the back of the sanctuary and chapel, available to pray with and for anyone having personal concerns or special prayer requests. Feel free to go see them as Communion is being served or anytime through the remainder of the service.

