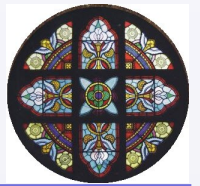


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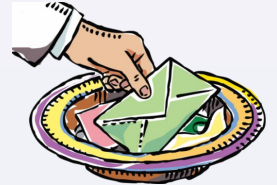
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Greetings! Today is Sunday, February 21, 2021, the First Sunday of Lent.

Weather permitting (tongue in cheek as the forecast is cold but otherwise fine) we are resuming live worship in the sanctuary this week. The Annual Meeting Part 2, which was scheduled for last Sunday has been rescheduled to Sunday, March 7 immediately following that service. We look forward to seeing you here or you can tune in to watch on YouTube or Facebook.

PS - If you have not picked up your envelopes from the back of the sanctuary, please come in and do so. If you are unable to come in, please send a note or call the office and we will make arrangements to get them to you.



I'd Love To Dad If I Could Find The Time

Randy York - Florence, NJ - February 21, 2021

Back when the earth was still cooling, before we had 862 channels to choose from, my mom and I would watch the Ed Sullivan show on Sunday nights. Every now and then, there would be a man who would



come on stage and spin plates. He would set up a table with a row of long skinny poles, put a plate on top of a pole, and start it

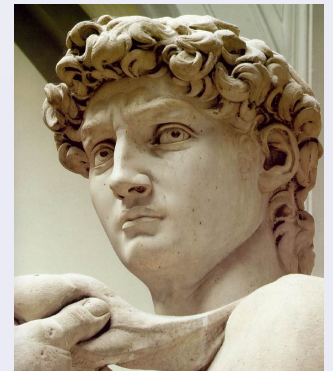
spinning. He would move from pole to pole adding a spinning plate to each one. As long as the plates were spinning, they would stay on top of the poles. But as the man added plates, he would also have to go back to poles to add more spin to plates already in the air. The tension would build as he ran back and forth trying to add plates while keeping others in motion. Eventually, he would have too many plates in the air and they began to fall and crash on the floor.

Good morning fellow plate spinners. If you're not one, I would refer you to the ninth commandment. Last week I considered doing "nothing" for Lent, taking more time to simply rest before God. I'd like to stay on that train for a wee bit longer. I don't believe most folks are held back in their relationship with God by massive sin or failure. Distraction is the real culprit. Our spiritual walk seems to get weighed down as we begin to carry more things, even as we claim how much we value quality time with God.

Sooner or later, we find ourselves overloaded with time constraints, relationships, and possessions that we have said "yes" to. As a result, we find that we don't have the energy or focus that an Abba Father God deserves.

The things we add are not necessarily ungodly, they may even be religious things. Unfortunately, we can be guilty of doing all kinds of things in God's name that God just hasn't asked us to do. There will always be time and energy enough to do what God asks of us. There will not be enough time and energy to do what God asks us to do, and everything other folks ask us to do, and everything we want to do. There is the unsettling truth that we are not living profoundly because we are living much too broadly.

Legend has it that after Michelangelo completed his statue of King David, he was asked. "How in the world did you ever create this masterpiece?" The great artist replied, "I ran across this huge stone in a quarry. I had it brought back to my studio, and month after month I very carefully chipped away everything that wasn't David."



Perhaps it's time to let the Master sculptor work in our lives.

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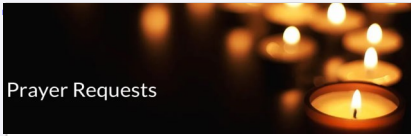
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I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord



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Prayer Requests

Prayer Requests will be added each week by your requests, and will run for two weeks unless a request to continue is received.

From all of us – For the Solymosi family. Prayers for God’s comfort as they grieve the loss of a dear family member.

From Becky Jensen – For continued prayers for the PNC as they carry on their mission.

From Betsy Reeder – For Joel who is in need of a bone marrow transplant.

God’s blessing to all who sacrifice their time and talent to keep our church active in the community and open for worship.

For success for our drive to provide boxed cereal to children in need led by Wendy Varga.

To remember that prayer is a conversation with a God of amazing grace. That after we reach out to Him, we will make time to be still and listen.



Jerrie Glass would like to reactivate the Flower Book. Anyone who wishes to put flower in church for any Sunday Service, please Jerrie at (856) 906-2284, and she will help you to make that happen.



Please mark you calendars for the following Lenten/Easter Season services:

Maundy Thursday — April 1, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Good Friday — April 2, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday — April 4, 2021 at 9:00 AM

Additional details will be released as they become available including instructions for decorating the sanctuary with Easter flowers.

Please Remember to Bring in Boxes of Cereal to help feed those in need! Drop Off Your Donations at the Sanctuary. Contact Wendy Varga for Additional Details.



COVID-19 vaccine



The Moorestown Mall has available appointments for the COVID-19 vaccine for those who are currently eligible. As of right now, the earliest appointments are in March. Here is the link to schedule: https://mychart-openscheduling.et1017.epichosted.com/mychart/signupandschedule/embeddedschedule?dept=1000021227&vt=117773&fbclid=IwAR3XVu_WyM0WgKEJlujUMN1GyeelZ8fk2vwfEpBI6IjuUN8IjWJeUmoNTi0

If you try booking an appointment then it says not available, you just have to try again with a different date and time. I guess it's first come, first serve, and someone beat you to it. My dad only had to try twice and got a February appointment. He signed up to get alerts from Virtua (as well as the state website) but never got any notifications. The confirmation is then listed in MyChart with Virtua. (If you don't have a MyChart account with Virtua, you can sign up for one as you book an appointment or proceed as a guest.)



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I'd Love To Dad...

Think about all the extraneous things, those that require time but add no value to our journey with God. Consider also the important things, family, friends, vocation, and how you can draw closer to God within them. Then come before God, be still, contemplate, and listen. Saint Teresa thought of contemplation as a type of prayer, "A close sharing between friends."

Jesus calls all us weary, wandering, burdened prodigals to come to him for rest. This is not some "pep talk." No, it's an invitation to exchange our way for His way. To learn to say no to things that draw us from a more intimate relationship with Him. To understand how to be silent and listen when I think I have something to say. To realize I only get to have one God, not many gods and to discipline myself to submit to the stillness and holy other presence He offers.

In Luke's Gospel, two sisters, Martha and Mary, are visited by Jesus. Martha began preparing a fantastic dinner. Mary sat quietly and listened to Jesus. When Martha complained about Mary's lack of effort, Jesus replied, "Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; but only one thing is necessary and Mary has discovered it." (Luke 10:41-42) Martha got busy. Mary got blessed.



The title I used for these ramblings is a lyric taken from Harry Chapin's song "Cats in the Cradle," a wonderful, convicting story of a father/child relationship. It is the son's reply to the father's request, "I'd like to see you, if you don't mind." God walks the path and asks, "Where are you?" (Gen 3:26) He waits and calls out, "You will seek me and find me when you search for me with all your heart." (Jer 29:13) Jesus stands at the door and knocks, waiting for us to open the door. (Rev 3:20)

This Lenten season offers time for sincere reflection. Time to chip away self and build upon God. Time to pause and evaluate our most important relationship. Time is given, the choice is ultimately ours.

PS: The Burlington Food Pantry provided food to 97 Families this past Wednesday.

Bustleton's Best

With all of the snow and inclement weather of late, there is nothing like a belly warming plate of goodness waiting for you when you come in from the cold. This dish fits the bill. Serve it with some rice to gather up all of the sauce and a side vegetable of your choice. Enjoy!

Thanks Renee!

Hawaiian Chicken

Renee Wainwright

1 (8 oz.) can pineapple chunks in heavy syrup
2 lb chicken parts
2 T shortening
1 C chicken broth
1/4 C vinegar
2 T brown sugar

2 t soy sauce
Garlic salt to taste
1 medium green pepper, cut in 1/2 inch squares
3 T. cornstarch
1/4 C water

Drain pineapple chunks, reserving syrup. In large skillet, brown chicken in shortening; pour off fat. Add reserved syrup, broth, vinegar, sugar, soy, and garlic. Cover; cook over low heat for 40 minutes. Add green pepper and pineapple chunks; cook 5 minutes more or until done. Stir occasionally. Combine cornstarch and the water; gradually stir into sauce. Cook, stirring until thickened. Makes 4 servings.



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THE AV-TEAM

Ladies & Gentlemen, Boys & Girls, Techno-geeks of all ages!

I am reaching out to interested individuals who would like to be part of the Audio-Visual team at Providence Presbyterian Church. Wait, what? You did not know we had an AV Team. That is because we are forming one now. Team members will learn:

- How to operate the Church's new camera system
- How to script the video production of services
- How to design, edit, and utilize Title overlays
- How to set up and live stream the service to the internet



Please note the change in date to Saturday, February 27th at 10 AM in the sanctuary.

Just drop me a line or let me know if you would like to participate.

The Surest Sign Of Spring—Pitchers & Catchers Reported This Past Week!

