

PRA·XIS

THE EXPERIMENT

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SPECIAL PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Kenya Joy Home	Creation Care Tip	FPC Missionaries
Elizabeth, 5 years old	Build a compost pile with things like: eggshells, potato peels and apple cores	Frank Drake, serving in Indonesia

PRA•X•IS: THE EXPERIMENT

This year we are challenged to participate in an experiment called **PRA•X•IS**, a Greek word meaning “practices.” Our hypothesis is simple; if we commit to five spiritual practices over the next year, our relationships with Jesus Christ and with one another will be radically transformed. The five practices are found in the word **PRA•X•IS**: Pray for the entire world, Read through the entire Word, Add to the community, Invest in the Kingdom, and Send yourself to the nations. The **X** represents Christ (the Greek letter **CHI**, or **X**, is the first letter of Christ and an ancient symbol for Jesus) and reminds us that what we do only finds meaning if Jesus is at the center. If you are seeking purpose or meaning, if you want to know and grow closer to God, or if you want a deeper spiritual life, we invite you to join us this year and take the experiment!

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FEBRUARY 19, 2012

SEEKING CHRIST:

Wednesday I.D. (Institute of Discipleship) - Dinner is 5:30-6:15pm. Register Online or contact Hunter Johnston at hunter@fpcnorfolk.org. Cost: 6th grade to adult-\$7.00; K to 5th-\$5.00; Preschool is FREE! Max per family is \$20.00. Class is B90X with Jim Gates. 6:15-7:15pm.

Compassion Fatigue Class- Classes will be held on Sunday nights from 6:00 – 8:00 on February 19, 26 and March 4. Visit the Welcome desk or www.fpcnorfolk.org for more information.

Norfolk E-Venture 2012- Tuesday, February 21st, Lunch from 12:30-2:00pm. The Power of Generosity in a Kingdom Business. How Generosity can IMPACT and CHANGE a City!

Updates from our Session – Visit our website at <http://www.fpcnorfolk.org/resources/session-updates.html> for minutes and recaps from FPC's regular Session meetings.

Women's Retreat- Feb. 24-26th, Our speaker, Julie Courtney, head of women's ministry at See Jesus Ministries, will be sharing insights into the story of Ruth. Visit the Welcome Desk for more information.

Ash Wednesday Service- Join us for Ash Wednesday Meal and Service on Wed. February 22 in First Hall. Meal will be at 5:30 and service will begin in the sanctuary at 6:15pm. Visit www.fpcnorfolk.org for more information.

Fireside Chat- Tuesday February 21 at 7:00pm in the Armstrong room, Jim Wood will discuss Dante's Inferno.

SHARING HIS LOVE:

Go 2 Blocks! -1 Block Sunday school +1 Block Worship; please park 2 blocks away to make room for visitors.

Baja Mexico Informational Meeting- TODAY in the conference room on the second floor at 12:15. For additional information contact Sheryl@fpcnorfolk.org

Send Yourself to the Nations-Praise and Worship and Potluck- Sunday, March 11 at 5:30pm in First Hall. For additional information contact Sheryl@fpcnorfolk.org

Communion Prep Team – We need people who can be part of a Communion preparation team for the 9:30 service. Please contact Becky Pinkard if you are interested at becky@fpcnorfolk.org

Welcome Desk Volunteers Needed- If you can volunteer some of your time to our Welcome Desk please contact Andrew@fpcnorfolk.org.

B90X- Is HERE; buy a book in the Loft and plan to attend one of the B90X classes on Sunday morning in the Northminster House at 9:30 and 11:00 or Wednesday evening at 6:15 in First Hall.

This week's reading : 1 Samuel 28: 20 through 2 Kings 25:30.

First Time Guests -Stop by the Common for a free copy of Donald Miller's *Searching for God Knows What*

Free NIV Bibles- Are available in the Loft for anyone who would like one.

Cross in The Common - A handmade cross will be added to the PRA·X·IS cross in The Common each time the Lord blesses us with a first-time guest. We celebrate that 260 first-time visitors have been with us in worship since 9.11.2011. Please remember to invite your friends to church.

"...and day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved." Acts 2:47

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Transfiguration of the Lord

FEBRUARY 19, 2012

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

(Please silence your cell phone.)

Voluntary

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 89:1-2

***Hymn** - #442 The Church's One Foundation

Prayer of Confession

God of glory, You sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal Your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of Your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In Your mercy, cleanse us of our sin and baptize us once again with Your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show Your glory shining in the face of Jesus.

Silent Confession

Confessional Response - Kyrie

Kyrie eleison; Christe eleison; Kyrie eleison.

Translation: Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon: Philippians 4:4-7

***Congregational Response to God's Grace:** Gloria Patri

Hymn 579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.

Greeting and Connecting

Children through grade 5 are invited to come forward to receive Worship Packets & a RADICOL Kid's bulletin, designed especially to involve them in worship.

Sacrament of Baptism

Child of the Covenant:

11:00 a.m.

Caroline Emma Labows, daughter of Emily and Greg Labows

Anthem

Give God the Glory

Heinrich Schuetz

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 119: 89-105, Page 568 & 569, O.T., NRSV

New Testament Reading: Matthew 22: 23-33, Page 25, N.T., NRSV

The Preached Word

Read Through the Entire Word

Jim Wood

Presentation of our Gifts: Psalm 119: 105

Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Offertory Anthem

Give Almes of thy Goods

Christopher Tye

Soprano: Joanne Whitaker, Alto: Claudia Wooton,

Tenor: Bruce Burch, Bass Jermaine Woodard

***Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed, Page 14 Hymnal

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Concerns and Prayers of Our Church Family

The Lord's Prayer *[in unison]*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and power, and glory, forever.

***Hymn** - #280 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

***An Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

***Benediction and Congregational Response**

Celtic Alleluia: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Flowers in the Sanctuary - The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John Lauchlan McKinnon by his Family.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Transfiguration of the Lord

FEBRUARY 19, 2012

9:30 in First Hall

(Please silence your cell phone.)

ENTERING INTO THE WORD

Songs of Praise and Prayer: We Are the Generation
Ancient of Days

Greeting & Prayers

Children in grades K-2 are dismissed for Worship First. Children through grade 5 are invited to come forward to receive Worship Packets & a RADICOL Kid's bulletin, designed especially to involve them in worship.

Sacrament of Baptism

Child of the Covenant:
Marisa Jean Phillips, daughter of Joel and Amy Phillips

Apostles' Creed

Songs: Humble King
This House is Full of Healing

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The Preached Word

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ENGAGING THE WORD AND THE WORLD

Offering Our Gifts & Prayers: Psalm 119: 105
Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

The Lord's Prayer *[in unison]*

Benediction and Song of Response: I Let Go

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

For help finding a class for yourself or your child, please stop by the Welcome Center.

Children and Youth Sunday School

Bethlehem Babies Nursery

Birth -23 months ~ 8:20 - 12:10 p.m.

Check your child in at the Nursery Area.

Little Lambs Sunday School

2-4 years old ~ 9:30 & 11 a.m.

Check your child in at computers outside the children's wing.

R.A.D.I.C.O.L Sunday School (Raising Awesome Disciples in Christ Our Lord)

K-5th grade

9:30 & 11 a.m. Check in at computers outside the children's wing

Jr. High Sunday School

Grades 6-8 ~ 9:30 & 11 a.m. in the Catacombs

Sr. High Sunday School

Grades 9-12 ~ 9:30 in Youth Director's Office on Staff Square; 11 a.m. in the Catacombs

Adult Sunday School

9:30

Basic Bible Class - Studying the Epistles of Paul (Rabbi Room)

B90X- Read or Review the Bible in 90Days (Northminster House)

Covenant Class - Isaiah (The Center)

11:05

Holy Land Group - 2nd & 4th Sundays (The Center)

Bible Study -Study of 1 John (The Center)

B90X- Read or Review the Bible in 90Days (Northminster House)

In The Common:

Free Bibles in The Loft & Sermon DVDs, free for visitors.

A Special Gift for Visitors: First-time visitors receive a copy of Donald Miller's book, *Searching for God Knows What*, found on the table in The Common.

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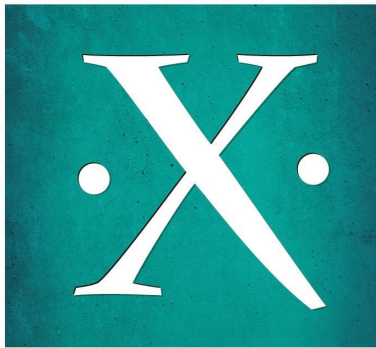
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