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THE EXPERIMENT

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SPECIAL PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Kenya Joy Home	Creation Care Tip	Persecuted Churches
John, 9 years old	Try a new vegetarian recipe this week.	Mauritania
FPC Missionaries: Rudy & Kate Miller, serving in Kenya Jim & Nancy Yuan, serving in Taiwan FPC Local Missions: Video Jail Ministry		

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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SEEKING CHRIST

Adult Sunday School Classes

9:35 classes

First Class - James (*Northminster House*)

Basic Bible - Paul's Epistles (*Rabbi Room, Main building*)

11:15 classes

First Class - Bible Study of 2 & 3 John (*The Center*)

Journeyers Sunday School - Lessons from the Holy Land. 2nd & 4th Sundays (*The Center*)

FPC 101 - Our next FPC 101 class is Sunday, June 3rd, from 4-8pm here at the church. FPC 101 is an introduction to our congregation, and the first step in our membership process. Dinner and childcare are available. If you are interested in attending, please sign up on the Connection Card or on our website!

Vacation Bible School

"Operation Overboard" is July 16-20! Registration for church members is on-going at www.fpcnorfolk.org. Registration for non-members begins May 23. Please register online or contact Hunter Johnston at hunter@fpcnorfolk.org for more information.

SHARING HIS LOVE

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

Seniors FIRST Birthday Luncheon: Wednesday, June 6th - Gino Colombara, head of the Alzheimer's Foundation, will give us an update on the latest Alzheimer's findings. The cost is \$5 for both the lunch and program in First Hall at 12:00 noon. Please RSVP by 10:00am June 4th by calling 625-1697, on the website or the back of the Connection Card. (*August 1st we will celebrate July and August birthdays combined.*)

Calling ALL Graduates - We will soon be publishing a list of all members who are college and high school graduates, so we need to update our database. If you have a graduate in your family, or are a graduate yourself, please complete the back of the Connection Card or email Martha Ambler at tmcm4@cox.net.

Summer Sunday School Teachers Needed in June, July and August - Positions available in Little Lambs (3-4 year olds) up through Youth (6-12th grade). Contact Hunter at hunter@fpcnorfolk.org for more information and for requirements.

You can help our Kenya Missions Team - The Summer Team departs June 23rd and is collecting some items for the children at the Joy Home, the Holy Family Center and the new Nazareth Children's Library. Pick up a copy of First Impact for a list of items needed if YOU would like to help.

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 395 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

7th Sunday of Easter

MAY 20, 2012

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

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 34:1-3

***Hymn:** *Christ is Alive* #108

Prayer of Confession: Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. We confess that we have taken your call for granted and doubted that our daily living really matters to You. Forgive us for our “waddling” to small thoughts and simple dreams rather than flying on eagle’s wings. Through Your Holy Spirit, empower us on real journeys of hope and faith. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Silent Confession

Confessional Response: Kyrie

Kyrie eleison; Christe eleison; Kyrie eleison.

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

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 8:35, 38-39

***Congregational Response to God’s Grace:** *Glory Be to the Father Gloria Patri* #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:

Anna Turner Hornback, daughter of Justin & Rebecca Hornback

Choral Response: All who drink the water I give will never thirst,
The water I give will be a fountain within you, giving you life.

Anthem: *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word* by Johann Sebastian Bach
(Lyrics can be found in our hymnal, #454)

Old Testament Reading: Ecclesiastes 2: 17-26, Page 615, O.T., NRSV

New Testament Reading: Colossians 3: 22-4:1, Page 202, N.T., NRSV

The Preached Word: Ordinary Radical Practices

Jim Wood

Presentation of our Gifts:

Colossians 3: 23-24

Whatever your task, put yourselves into it,
as done for the LORD and not for your masters...you serve the LORD Christ.

Offertory Anthem:

To God In Whom I Trust by Alice Parker

***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

Hymnal, Page 14

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:**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

#151

***An Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

***Benediction and Congregational Response**

Celtic Alleluia: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

We are gathered together in worship today without organ accompaniment.

This **a cappella** *(Italian: from the church)* Sunday encourages us to reflect on the way God was celebrated through song in the early church, especially in the Reformed Churches from which Presbyterians descended.

Flowers in the Sanctuary: The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Will Baker by Betty and John Trinder and family.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

7th Sunday of Easter

MAY 20, 2012
9:30 in First Hall

(Please silence your digital devices)

ENTERING INTO THE WORD

Songs of Praise and Prayer:

Press Your Heart
My Jesus I Love Thee / You Are So Good to Me

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 to involve them in worship.

Sacrament of Baptism

Children of the Covenant:

Thorpe Hanson Fussell, son of Holly and Chris Fussell
Carter Francis Armstrong, Owen William Armstrong, and
Reagan Ann Armstrong, children of Ada and Jonathan Armstrong
Benjamin Roberts Baker, son of Monica and Tim Baker

Apostles' Creed *[in unison]*

Songs:

Stand In Awe
I Call Your Name

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ENGAGING THE WORD AND THE WORLD

Offering Our Gifts & Prayers:

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The Lord's Prayer *[in unison]*

Benediction and Song of Response: *Press Your Heart - Reprise*

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

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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 ~ 8:20am - 12:10pm
Check your child in at the Nursery Area.

Little Lambs Sunday School

2-4 years old ~ 9:30 & 11:00am
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 & 11am
Check in at computers outside the children's wing.

Jr. High Sunday School

Grades 6-8 ~ 9:30 & 11am in the Catacombs

Sr. High Sunday School

Grades 9-12 ~ 9:30am in Youth Director's Office on Staff Square; 11am in the Fellowship Hall

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In The Common

Free Bibles & Sermon DVDs in The Loft, 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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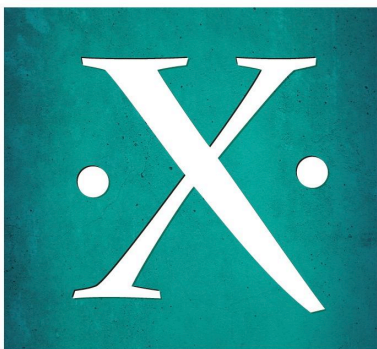
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