

Announcements

Staying encouraged: Our church is here to help you through this pandemic. Pastor Dave is available to talk, pray, or read scripture with you via the telephone or in person. Feel free to use this resource as we want to help each other through this time of uncertainty.

Stephen Ministry Help: Please know that our church has a trained and caring group of people who are available to help provide encouragement and support. If you would like to receive help from one of our Stephen Ministers, please contact Doris Backus or Pastor Dave. They are here to help during this time.

Sunday school with Pastor Dave resumes this Sunday, September 13 at 9:15 in the Fireside Room. He will be teaching a class titled, "Is This the End?" Amid pandemic, protests, hurricanes, and fires, many have wondered, "Is this the end?" This six week class will offer a biblical perspective to the end times and how virus, disease, natural disaster, unrest play into our lives. Dave will help us look at signs of the end times from both the Gospel accounts and the book of Revelation and will help us see the hope that we have when we base our lives upon the promises of Christ. This class will be offered both in person and on-line at www.facebook.com/fpcbillings.

Youth Group for all 6-12 grade youth will resume this Wednesday, September 16 from 6-8 PM at the church. Join us for food, games, music, and learning. Please wear a mask.

School Supplies: We are looking for pencils, colored pencils, dry erase markers, non-permanent washable markers, highlighters; black, blue, or red pens; Fine tipped black sharpies, glue sticks, erasers, children's scissors, spiral lined notebooks; 1" or 2" binders, lined notebook paper, graph paper, pocket folders, calculator, backpacks, boxes of Kleenex, baby wipes, Zip-loc bags, disinfecting wipes, and hand sanitizer. Have fun with this and we will get them to the children who need them. You can either bring them by the church or call the church office and someone will come and pick them up.

Diaper Drive: We are collecting diapers of all sizes for Family Promise. You can either bring the diapers by the church or if you would like someone to come by and pick them up, please call the church office.

Sanctuary flowers this Sunday are sponsored by Linda and John Luse in honor of their daughter's Sarah's birthday; Jeanette Davis in memory of her husband Tom; and Lori Hall in memory of her husband Jack. Our flower sign-up sheet is available to designate flowers in memory or honor of someone. Please find the sheet as you enter the sanctuary. Suggested donation is \$25.

Church columbarium: The church has decided to install a columbarium. There will be twenty niches available for purchase at \$1,000 per niche. Each niche can contain up to two urns. Please contact Sandi Schoenberger at 647-5685 if you are interested in learning more about this opportunity.

COMING ATTRACTIONS:

PW groups to meet on Wednesday, September 16

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Prelude *Sandi Rabas, accompanist*

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: You invite us to follow;

People: You encourage us along the path;

Leader: You strengthen us for the journey.

All: We are here to learn and grow in our faith as we worship the Lord.

***Opening Song # 2022** *“Great Is the Lord”*

***Prayer of Confession (In Unison)** *Bill Lorentz*

Gracious God, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there is no God. For these things we ask your forgiveness and we also ask for your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world. Remind us to be who You would have us to be regardless of what we are doing or who we are with. We ask these things through the power of Jesus Christ our Lord. *(Please continue in silent confession...)*

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Song # 2128** *“Come and Find the Quiet Center” (verse 1 only)*

Passing the Peace of Christ

L: May the peace of Christ be with you. **All: And also with you.**

Children’s Time

Prayer of Illumination *Bill Lorentz*

Old Testament Scripture: Psalm 114 *pg. 563*

New Testament Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35 *pg. 20*

Sermon Series “A Different Way” *see Sermon Helps*
Part 1 of 3: “A Higher Love”

***Song of Response** *“Amazing Love”*

Worshipping God With Our Offerings

The Offertory *Janie Sutton, soloist*
“Jesus Christ the Apple Tree”

***The Doxology** *pg. 592*

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Song # 2158** *“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”*

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Sandi Rabas, accompanist*

*** Indicates to stand, if able and comfortable.**

Giving Mobile App: Check out our mobile giving app. You can simply text fpcbillings to 77977 and give a one-time gift or set up reoccurring gifts. If you have any questions, you can talk with Jeanne or Pastor Dave. We appreciate your generosity to our ministry!

This Week @ FPC

<u>This Sunday</u> (Sept. 13)	Sunday school class in Fireside Room 9:15 AM Worship service 10:30 AM
<u>Monday</u>	Monday morning work crew 9:00 AM Better Together Preschool 9:00 AM Men's group meets in the Fireside Room 12noon
<u>Tuesday</u>	Women's Bible Study meets in Fireside Room 9:30 AM
<u>Wednesday</u>	Better Together Preschool 9:00 AM Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) Leader's Meeting 9:00 AM Naomi Circle meets in the Conference Room 9:15 AM Miriam Circle meets in the Fireside Room 9:15 AM Elizabeth Circle meets in the Fireside Room 1:00 PM Sarah Circle meets at Heather Rosenfeld's home 1:00 PM Deborah Circle meets downstairs and on Zoom 5:30 PM Youth Group for grades 6-12 6:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study at Trina White's 7:00 PM
<u>Thursday</u>	Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) 9:00 AM Congregational Care Team meets in the Fireside Room 12noon
<u>Friday</u>	Better Together Preschool 9:00 AM Wedding rehearsal 4:30 PM
<u>Saturday</u>	Wedding of Kelsie Campbell & Brandon McKnire 4:30 PM
<u>Sunday</u> (Sept. 20)	Sunday school class in Fireside Room 9:15 AM Worship service 10:30 AM

Last Sunday: Attendance: 65 Offering: \$7,055

Church Staff Information:

Ministers: All Members
Pastor: The Rev. Dave Thompson pastordave@fpcbillings.org
Office Manager: Jeanne Raney mainoffice@fpcbillings.org
Music Accompanist/Organist: Sandi Rabas
Choir Director: Janie Sutton
Custodian: Kent Fellingham

Sermon Helps Designed to help you get the most out of the sermon *Sermon series: "A Different Way"* *Part 1 of 3: "A Higher Love"* *Matthew 18:21-35*

A. Common Forgiveness Premises:

1. Most of us live by the premise: Hurt me once shame on _____; hurt me twice shame on _____.
2. The Jewish audience would have been accustomed to a _____ strikes and your out forgiveness policy.
3. Like Peter, we often like to put _____ on forgiveness.

B. A Higher Love:

1. Jesus _____ Peter's perception about forgiveness.
2. The first servant owed 10,000 talents to his master, which was equivalent to _____ denarii.
3. That same servant was owed 100 denarii by a fellow servant, equivalent to _____ of what he owed his master.
4. God's forgiveness toward us should _____ how we forgive others.
5. Forgiveness is an act of _____ that comes from the whole heart.

C. Thought to Take With You:

"And forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors."
—Matthew 6:12