

Announcements

Take the TMC? Pastor Dave is challenging all of us to take the TMC every day. The TMC is the Ten Minute Challenge of reading your Bible 10 minutes a day. You will find that your day will be more productive, rewarding, and fulfilling by doing this each day!

Two Worship Services: We will be offering two worship services, starting on Sunday, March 7. The services will be offered at 8:30 and 10:30 each Sunday to allow more social distancing as more people are wanting to return to church. Sunday school will be held at 9:30 AM.

Free Lenten devotionals, titled *The Road Back to God*, are available in the gallery for you to use during the season of Lent.

New Class: Join Pastor Dave beginning on Sunday, February 28 at 9:30 AM in the Fireside Room for a class titled, *The Case for Easter*. During this five week class, we will be looking at the evidence behind the resurrection of Jesus, including the medical evidence, the evidence of the missing body, the evidence of Jesus' appearances, and the evidence found in the book of Acts. We will be using the Bible and the best selling book *The Case for Easter* by Lee Strobel as a guide to this class. All are welcome to join us!

ReFuel Groups continue this week. If you would like to join a group, we will find a group for you. We have two groups meeting on Sunday evenings at 6 PM, a group on Mondays at 2 PM, a group on Tuesdays at 1 PM, and a Zoom group on Tuesdays at 11 AM. Talk to Pastor Dave if interested.

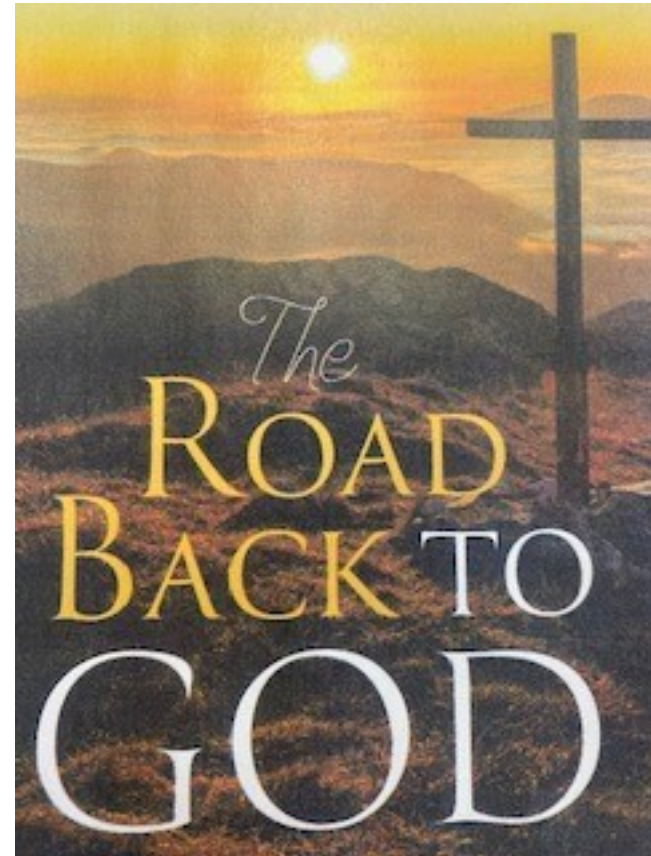
Per-Capita Mission: If you would like to pay your portion of the per-capita mission budget, we would appreciate it. \$55 is paid per member of our church to support the ongoing work and mission of our Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. You can simply write a check and indicate on the memo line, "Per capita" or you can give online as well. Thanks!

Staying Encouraged: Our church is here to help you through this pandemic. Pastor Dave, Stephen Ministers, and Deacons are available to talk, pray, or read scripture with you via the telephone or in person.

Sanctuary flowers this Sunday are given by John Reed in honor of his brother Tom and friend Debbie. Our flower sign-up sheet for is available to designate flowers in memory or honor of someone. Please find the sheet as you enter the sanctuary. Suggested donation is \$25.

Jaki Harada continues to provide a weekly online Sunday school lesson for the kids via e-mail. To be included in this e-mail, please notify Pastor Dave.

Sharon Brady wishes to thank the congregation for the many cards, food, and especially prayers that helped her during her recent hospitalization and illness.



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February 21, 2021

Prelude *Kerry Gruizenga, pianist*

Welcome and Announcements: *Please sign the friendship pad*

***Call to Worship:**

Pastor: Jesus invites us to come home;

People: Back to a new relationship;

Pastor: Returning to a new hope;

People: Restoring our faith in God.

Pastor: Jesus invites us to come home.

All: And to find our hope in him.

***Opening Song # 2159** *“Jesus, Draw Me Close”*

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

Holy and merciful God, we confess our tendency to wander from you and your truth. We are prone to follow popular opinions and secular desires. We allow our faith to become stagnant and boring, forgetting the power we have through you. Wake us up this morning to a new faith, whereby we return to you and your will. Stir in our hearts and energize our souls to be people of faith in a fallen and discouraged world. *(Continue in silent confession)*

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Song # 2152** *“Change My Heart, O God”*

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Children’s Time

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Scripture: Genesis 3:1-9 *pg. 2*

New Testament Scripture: Luke 15:1-7 *pg. 78*

Sermon Series: “Coming Home to God”

Part 1: “Wandering Away”

***Song of Response # 356** *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

Worshipping God With Our Offerings

The Offertory

**The Doxology pg. 592*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer (Debts/Debtors)

***Closing Song** *“Jesus Let Us Come to Know You”*

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Kerry Gruizenga, pianist*

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

This Week @ FPC

This Sunday (February 21) Sunday school 9:15 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
ReFuel Diesel Group meets in the Fireside Room 6:00 PM
ReFuel High Octane Group meets in Conference Room 6 PM

Monday Better Together Preschool 9:00 AM
Monday morning work crew 9:00 AM
Men's group meets in the Fireside Room 12noon
ReFuel Ethanol Group meets in the Fireside Room 2:00 PM

Tuesday Men's Bible Study meets in the C & S Room 9:00 AM
Women's Bible Study in the Fireside Room 9:30 AM
ReFuel Hybrid group meets via Zoom 11:00 AM
ReFuel Nitrous Group meets in the Fireside Room 1:00 PM
Stephen Ministry Supervision in the Fireside Room 6:00 PM

Wednesday Better Together Preschool 9:00 AM
Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) Leader's Meeting 9:00 AM
College Ministry Group meets downstairs 5:00 PM
Youth Group for grades 6-12 6 PM
Young Adult Bible Study at Trina White's 7:00 PM

Thursday Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) 9:00 AM
College Ministry Group meets downstairs 1:30 PM
Mission Committee meets in the Fireside Room 7:00 PM

Friday Better Together Preschool 9:00 AM
Church Office is Closed

Sunday (February 28) The Case for Easter class begins in Fireside Room 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
ReFuel Diesel Group meets in the Fireside Room 6:00 PM
ReFuel High Octane Group meets in Conference Room 6 PM

Last Sunday: Attendance: 63 Offering: \$5,308.00

Sermon Helps

Designed to help you get the most out of the sermon

Sermon Series: "Coming Home to God"

Part 1 of 5: "Wandering Away"

Genesis 3:1-9 and Luke 15:1-7

A. Things that Cause Us to Wander Away:

1. We _____ God's word.

"The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God.'" Psalm 14:1

2. We follow _____ and lies.

"They will turn their ears away from the truth." 2 Timothy 4:4

3. We become enticed with other _____ and attractions.

"Many deceivers who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ have gone out into the world." 2 John 1:7

4. We no longer make our relationship with God a _____.

"Do not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing." Hebrews 10:25

5. The company we keep doesn't help _____ a relationship with God.

"From that time many of Jesus' disciples went back and walked with Him no more." John 6:66

B. Coming Home:

1. Jesus takes the _____ to bring us back to the fold.

2. Jesus _____ to have us come home.

3. Jesus and all of _____ celebrate when we return to God.

C. Thought to Take With You:

Jesus said, "Come to me...and I will give you rest."

—Matthew 11:28