



The Covenanter

JUNE 2020

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1: 3-6

As Paul and Timothy traveled, Paul wrote a letter to a group of Jesus' followers in a city named Philippi. Philippi, was also known by another name, "Little Rome." For decades, the Roman Legion offered property in and around Philippi to aging soldiers who had served in Caesar's army. The city was situated near the Aegean Sea and was an important strategic defense for the empire. Philippi was geographically on the edge of Europe and Asia Minor, and spiritually on the edge of about anything you could imagine. Most worship centered around the pantheon of Roman gods, alongside the Hellenistic influences of the Stoics and the Epicureans. It was a tough crowd.

Nonetheless, amid this backdrop, the Holy Spirit moved among these peoples, and a community of Christ followers emerged. Paul writes the above words to this community, a people set apart for a specific purpose, with a specific mission, for a specific person – Jesus Christ. Not only does Paul begin by thanking this community, but Paul goes onto encourage them. Reminding them that their "attitude" or "mind set" should be the same as Christ Jesus. Then Paul sings a song, the Christ hymn:

"Jesus, who being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Not much has changed... The church is filled with naturalism and humanism. Stoicism and Epicureanism have long held influences over the church both local and global – it's nothing new. However, at the same time, we continue to see God breaking into our world of self-sufficiency. It's a radical plan with consequences we cannot contain. Although we may try to keep God distant from the messiness of our lives, God has demonstrated a willingness to do otherwise. He embraces our mess. He indwells our mess. God resides among the Stoics and the Epicureans. Even the Jewish trappings of the Pharisee and Sadducee, the Essence and the Zealot - all still active in the church today - are no match for incarnational love.

During Paul's ministry, under duress, and amid these competing world views, he was able to find joy and express thankfulness. I pray that will be our response as well, even as we are under duress. We have much to be thankful for and many reasons to be joyful.

One, I'm thankful for all of you, and your partnership in the gospel during a very interesting season of life. I know God will complete what has begun. I know that in the fullness of time, the day of Christ Jesus will arrive, and our selfish philosophies will finally fade, no longer visible amid the brightness and glory of The Light of the World.

Of course, even now, we are also entering the season of Pentecost. As I reflect upon these realities, I'm excited to see God pour out the Holy Spirit upon us once again. We need the refill, at least I do. And I look forward to serving with you, as we discover our mission and ministry together, as we discover joy and thankfulness, in the strategic geographical and spiritual location God has placed us.

Grace, Mercy and Peace,

Pastor Darren

DEACON & ELDER NOMINATIONS



The Nominating Committee requests nominations for the upcoming class of Deacons and Elders. You can submit your nominations online at www.winppc.org/officer-nomination/. Interested in serving on the Nominating Committee? We have one “at-large” position open. If you would like to step forward to help us in this very important mission, please let Lisa Dreasher know at lisa.dreasher@gmail.com.

PASTOR BOB & CAROL ECKARD CARDS/NOTES

Because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the congregation didn't have the opportunity to have a proper “goodbye” to Pastor Bob and Carol Eckard. Members of the congregation who might like to express their personal appreciation to Pastor Bob and Carol with a card or note, can simply drop off their cards and notes with Barbara in the front office. When the time comes for us to return to normal Sunday services and the Eckard's decide to return to say their good-byes to the congregation, we will collect all the personal cards/notes in a basket to turn over to them. Although nothing has yet to be planned, it is anticipated that some sort of post-Sunday service farewell reception will follow in Fellowship Hall for the Eckard's.



LIBRARY NEWS



Again, it's hot outside so it's a good time to stay indoors reading an interesting book! We have about 6,000 books in our special church library; many of which are not found in the public library. The church library provides a large section of Bibles, Bible commentaries, books that explain our theology, church history, music, missions, worship, etc.

The library also has sections of adult fiction, biographies, large print books, cookbooks, etc. New books are frequently donated to this collection.

The library has a large section of books for children. Every Thursday morning Nancy Appich reads to several classes from the preschool. Then these children check out books—40 or 50 books go home each week. These children learn from the beginning of the school year how to behave in a library and how to care for books so they are not damaged. This is a volunteer service of your church. Also, Vacation Bible School holds classes in the library where books are available.

It is said people in general may forget the last things they learned rather than the things they learned first. Seldom is religion forgotten because many learn of God when they are young.

DEACON'S DEN



The Reset Button

I wish I had a reset button on my computer when all the presented options look confusing or bad. I have learned that a “help” message offering to send my PC back to the default factory mode is a veiled threat. It warns that I’ve already slid too far down a slippery slope. If only I could go back to the moment right before I tried to download a new program...If only I hadn’t clicked on an icon never seen before...If only I had backed up my files on a memory stick before I clicked on an icon never seen before...

I come from blunt people who sometimes speak their minds before considering consequences. When I see my wife’s eyes pop in disbelief, I wish that I had kept my mouth shut. Reset, please. Sometimes my temper gets the best of me when multiple stressors visit concurrently. I blurt out my irritation to a bystander. Forgive me? Reset.

Sometimes a scripture verse or a portion of a pastor’s sermon helps to reset my attitude when I feel storm clouds gathering. “Cast not the first stone,” comes to mind when tempted to pronounce judgment on people. “Fear not,” and the 23rd Psalm have been making regular appearances lately. Reading the Sermon on the Mount, Isaiah, and the Psalms offers many chances to slip out of anxiety ruts. It’s comforting to know that older generations faced similar troubles and found “a balm in Gilead”.

God sometimes hits a reset button to redirect our lives. A voice whispers to us during moments of contemplation. It prepares the mental ground to grow more nourishing crops. A new path opens; a new way of thinking emerges. We see possibilities that hadn’t been apparent moments before.

Sometimes God sends us someone who sees us in a different light. Their responses hold up a clearer mirror to our speech and action. These reflections give us a chance to become new persons making fresh choices.

Sometimes God abruptly and radically changes the circumstances of our lives. We are reset. Familiar strategies no longer work. We stumble along until we adapt.

Such is the case right now. It’s normal to feel anxious and bewildered when facing unforeseen obstacles. God grant us guidance and understanding as we learn to walk this path.



With Sympathy

*Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends
of Marti Hicks who passed May 13, 2020.*

DELGADO CHAPEL PIANO DEDICATION

The piano in the Delgado Chapel has been donated to Winter Park Presbyterian Church by Sara Van Arsdel. It belonged to her mother, R. Sue Hoffman, 1928 – 1991. This week a plaque was affixed to the piano giving tribute and honor to Mrs. Hoffman's memory. We are indebted to Sara for this wonderful gift and tribute to the memory of her mother. As soon as it is practical, a recital will be performed on the piano and all from the congregation are invited to attend. More information will be given when these plans are available. Thank you Sara, and may the memory of your mother live in the hearts of our WPPC congregation.



Sara shared these kind words about her mom:

My mother lived for her music, and it was a significant part of who she was (and is)...

When I see the plaque and the piano I have such wonderful memories of her playing--and singing...I am grateful she instilled in me a passionate love for music--of all kinds-- and for sound....

She lives on in the notes played, in the music that comes from that place. She lives on in the rehearsals, in the voice lessons, in the casual playing when no one is around (one of her most favorite pastimes), and in the joy of hearing songs. Such is her spirit.





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Dear Winter Park Presbyterian Church,

We can't thank you enough for your ongoing support of our meal service program and deeply appreciate your generous gift of \$340.00 received on May 1, 2020. Not only do the meals you provide give our residents a great foundation for success each day, but the gift of your time, and a warm smile, make all the difference in their time of need.

Last year with the help of 201 meal service partners such as yours, we were able to provide over 270,000 nutritious meals for the homeless in our community. Without dedicated friends like you, none of this would be possible.

Thank you, again, for your kindness and generosity. We couldn't do what we do without you!

Most Gratefully,

Kristen Pena

Director of Community Engagement

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Bible Quiz

Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Which of the following are mentioned in the list that follows?

- A. a time to teach, and a time to learn
- B. a time to mourn, and a time to dance
- C. a time to fast, and a time to eat
- D. a time to work, and a time to rest



Answer: B (See Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.)

Puzzle!

Use the code to find out what these biblical people may have taken on a picnic.



A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

(Genesis 3:6)

Adam and Eve
 6 18 21 9 20

(Genesis 25:28)

Isaac
 23 9 12 4 7 1 13 5

(Genesis 25:34)

Esau
 19 20 5 23

(Numbers 11:5)

Israelites in Egypt
 3 21 3 21 13 2 5 18 19

(Ruth 2:1-4)

Ruth
 7 18 1 9 14

(1 Samuel 14:2)

Saul
 16 15 13 5 7 18 1 14 1 20 5 19

(1 Samuel 14:29)

Jonathan
 8 15 14 5 25

(Daniel 1:12-16)

Daniel and friends
 22 5 7 5 20 1 2 12 5 19

(Matthew 3:4)

John the Baptist
 12 15 3 21 19 20 19

(Matthew 14:17)

The 5,000 people &
 2 18 5 1 4 6 9 19 8

Answer: fruit, wild game, stew, cucumbers, grain, pomegranates, honey, vegetables, locusts, bread & fish

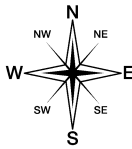
PUZZLE

Wherever we go

No matter where we journey, God always protects us.

Directions: Use the map and compass to answer the clues. Then write the boxed letters in order in the spaces below to complete Psalm 121:8, NIV.

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- Start at the SHIP.**
Move 1 space N, 3 spaces E, and 2 spaces N _ _ _
- Start at the WORLD.**
Move 1 space W, 1 space S, and 1 space SE _ _
- Start at the SUITCASE.**
Move 1 space NE, 2 spaces S, and 1 space E _ _ _
- Start at the PLANE.**
Move 2 spaces SW, 1 space S, and 1 space W _ _ _
- Start at the CAR.**
Move 1 space E, 1 space N, and 1 space NW _ _ _ _
- Start at the SIGN.**
Move 1 space SE, 1 space W, and 2 spaces NW _ _ _ _ _

The _ ORD will watch ove_ your comi_g and go_ng
both no_ and for_ vermored. Psalm 121:8, NIV

Answer: plane, car, sign, ship, world, suitcase. The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV



"Mr. Harris couldn't make it, but he did send his laptop."



Winter Park Presbyterian Preschool teachers wrapped up the school year with drive-through events that brought both smiles and a few tears as we said goodbye to the VPK students who are moving on to kindergarten. For some of our families this means the end of many years at our school as their youngest graduates from our program.

Families in each of our 12 classes – infants through VPK – were invited to celebrate and visit with their teachers from the safety of their cars. The children received bags containing lots of surprises that the teachers prepared, projects to make at home and their personal belongings. VPK students received commemorative disks containing a photo slideshow of all VPK classes and students throughout the school year, certificates, cross necklaces and Bibles.



Some classes secretly got together and arranged to have a festive, noisy procession through our campus driveway. One of our teachers was treated to a surprise birthday party parade. Another class turned their event into a teacher appreciation parade. Families decorated their cars with signs, arrived with their horns blaring and everyone shouting out well wishes.



Our staff and teachers are busy planning for our school year that begins August 10. We will not hold our six-week summer camp program this summer as renovations to the preschool buildings and toddler playground have been scheduled for June and July.

The preschool office is open limited hours this summer. The best way to reach us is to email wppoffice@winppc.org or call the office at 407-629-0727 and leave a voicemail message.



Apart for a Time,
Together in Spirit






Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>Matt Straub</i>	3	4 <i>Jinny Barker</i>	5	6
7 <i>Barbara dePaula</i>	8	9 <i>Jerry Cobb Steve House Carolyn Wolf</i>	10 <i>Theresa Coker Ron Ellman Craig Osterhaus</i>	11	12	13
14 <i>Mariya Lampe Alexander Reece</i>	15 <i>Abbie Lampe Winnifred Riccio</i>	16	17 <i>Nancy Glancy</i>	18 <i>Esther Grace Tallungan</i>	19	20
21 <i>Fern Barnard</i>	22 <i>Enid Marr Christina Pantoliano</i>	23 <i>Melanie Rice Jo Russell</i>	24	25 <i>Patrick Boyle</i>	26	27 <i>Dan Meadors Sue Rudolph</i>
28 <i>Gary Wolf</i>	29 <i>Denise Ferguson</i>	30 <i>Mitch Bargar Don Paulsen</i>				



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2022

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 Fran Morrissey
 Sean Tallungan
 Michelle Trahan
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