I Have Decided to Follow Jesus!

So, vou're curious about us, eh? We want to know more about vou too! We have some amazingly friendly people here who want to celebrate with you, find joy with you or hold you when you're hurting. There are only two ways to do that:

- 1. Provide us with some information so that a friendly First Presbyterian can reach out to you.
- 2. Come back! The more you return, the more you know!

Now for the easy part! Once you're finished, simply detach and put it in the offering plate when it passes you.



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Our Presence

February 2019 February 2020

March 2019 March 2020

226 (to date) 262

608

666

Our Gifts

Julie Williams

Income: January 2019 January 2020

January: \$23,631.83 **Expenses:**

January: \$33,455.19

Church WiFi password: GodIsGreat



Attendance:

615

687

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Vision Vital Signs

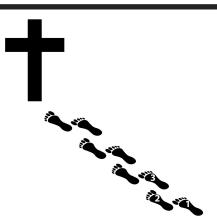
Please place a check mark next to your name on the Friendship Pad if you served in our church at least one hour this past week.

Please place two check marks next to your name on the Friendship Pad if you served in our community at least one hour this past week.

Office Hours

Mon. - Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.





March 15, 2020

Third Sunday in Lent

Welcome to First Pres!

Please join us for fellowship and

refreshments during our Patio

Pleasantries located on the

Patio between Sunday Morning

Groups and Worship.

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:00 a.m. Worship

Sunday, March 15

Wednesday, March 18 10:00 a.m. T.O.P.S. Meeting 6:00 p.m. Joyful Ringers Rehearsal

This Week at First

8:30 a.m. Sufficient Grace Rehearsal

8:45 a.m. Sunday Small Groups

Thursday, March 19

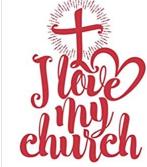
5:30 p.m. Sufficient Grace Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Pastors Pen

In the email blast sent on March 5th, Pastor RJ asked us to reflect on what excites us about our church. The idea aligns with our vision of growing our congregation to 400 members strong.

Today, during the Passing of the Peace of Christ, instead of reaching out your hands to those around you, share your excitement! Why did you choose First Pres to be *your* church! Let the excitement begin!





GATHERING for WORSHIP

PreludeThe GiftSara KallioinenOpportunities For MinistryRev. RJ Leek

Call To Worship Sufficient Grace & Congregation

Hear Our Praises
Love the Lord

Passing the Peace of Christ

Whom Shall I Fear

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Dotty Ramsay, Lay Leader

Forgive us, Genuine Love, for our foolish choices.
Hold on to our shaky lives,
until we learn to clasp your goodness to our hearts,
so we can give it away to those around us.
Whisper your grace and hopes to us,
until we can stop cursing our enemies,
and bless them as our friends.
Smooth the rough edges of our arrogance,
until we become polished enough
to win the gold in being honorable.
Then, we would put aside our stumbling blocks
to discipleship, so we can follow Jesus Christ,
our Lord and Savior, as he leads us to your way
of denial and life.

Assurance of Forgiveness (Responsive)

In our love for others, we discover God's love for us. In our forgiving of others,

we learn once more how deeply God has forgiven us. Friends, this is the good news offered to us!

We are God's children, called to be different, called to act different, called to live as new people. Thanks be to God. We are forgiven.

Amen.

Song of Reflection This Man Ja'Quan Floyd

The LITURGY of the WORD

The Prayers of the People

Rev. RJ Leek

Pastor's Prayer

Our Lord's Prayer

Kids Time Dick Krase

Worship Through Giving

Offertory Walking 'Cross the Sea Chancel Choir

Doxology Congregational Response

Prayer of Dedication Dotty Ramsay, Lay Leader

Children 3 years old through 4th grade are excused to go to Children's Church in the Children's Chapel Meet the adult leaders at the back of the Sanctuary.

The Scripture Matthew 14:22-34 First Thespians

The Word Proclaimed Rev. RJ Leek

If You Sit in the Boat, Eventually You Will Sink

Hymn of Response Trust and Obey

Congregation

Hymn # 349

The Benediction Rev. RJ Leek

Response to the Benediction

Congregation

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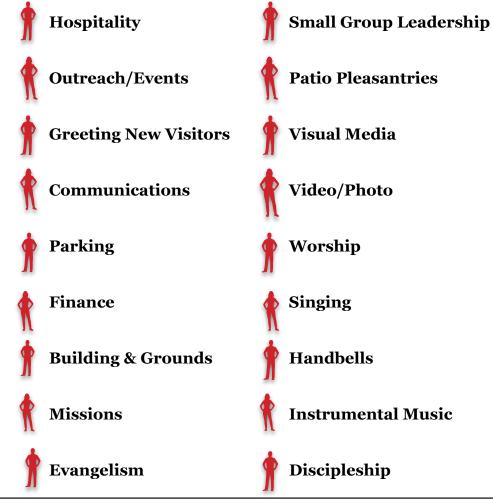
Postlude Sara Kallioinen

Sermon Notes



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I have prayerfully considered the work of Your people and I know that there is **no retirement** from Your work. I know You have called us al to serve You in the growth of Your Kingdom. I feel a calling to help in:



I'm Available for Help:

Daily Weekly

Once/Month Twice/Month

As Needed

Please circle your area of service to our King and detach. Simply place in the offering plate when it passes you.