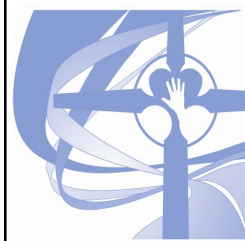


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“Psalm 27”

In preparation for the service this week I encourage you all to individually study Psalm 27. We know that this psalm was written by David, a man who contributed more psalms than anyone else. Often David's psalms were inspired by desperation and pain, and through this we gain a very intimate understanding of what faith in God means.

As I prepare for this sermon I keep asking myself, “What do you want most?” As you read this psalm I believe it would benefit you to ask yourself the same question. For me my answer depends on the time of day. Sometimes it's to put a stop to all the violence in the news, and other times it is just to find the nearest bathroom. In verse 5, however, David gives a far more spiritual answer.

David wishes only to serve his God. In good times and in bad, David unapologetically expresses his faithfulness to the Lord. Despite his difficulties, David's faith in God gave him the confidence he needed to overcome life's challenges, it gave him the perspective that we all need to devote ourselves to God's plan for us, and it gave him the patience he needed to operate on God's time and not his own.

Blessings,
Trey

The Cross served as a focal point of worship in the sanctuary at Newburgh Presbyterian Church since November 21st of 1976. Created by Mr. Joe Brock, the cross consists of over 500 irregular shaped brass plates with copper strips linking them together. Each plate was cut by hand and hammered into a concave shape that was signed and dated by members of the church in 1976. The cross is over fourteen feet in height and six feet in width.

This past week, through the joint efforts of NPC and Eastminster, the cross was erected on the east wall of the Fellowship Hall. It will serve not only as a legacy for Newburgh Presbyterian Church but also a symbol of the brotherhood of our congregations and the new hope in God through our collective worship. Information on the history of the cross will be available near the cross.



Sunday, March 17, 2019

8:00 A.M. Service

Liturgist
Corey Fritz

Usher
Rebecca Conen

10:30 A.M. Service

Liturgist
Corey Fritz

Head Usher
Mel Ellsperman

Ushers & Greeters
Karla Horrell & Team
Marilyn Ellsperman,
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NEWBURGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CROSS

The members of the former Newburgh Presbyterian Church are happy to see the legacy of the cross live on at Eastminster Presbyterian Church, our new home.

FROM OUR DIRECTOR of MUSIC

I have a confession to make: picking the music for each Sunday takes much more time for me than it actually should. I could proclaim that it's because I spend time studying, analyzing, and reflecting upon the lectionary readings (which I do), but that is not the primary reason. Nor is it because I am looking at making musical connections from week to week - those are merely happy accidents. The plain truth is that whatever I plan I know I will spend the rest of the week singing or humming as I go about my daily life.

Perhaps it is because I spend my days teaching music at UE, but the music in my head never really quiets down. Sometimes it's at the forefront of my thoughts, but most of the time it is quiet background noise. At first, it was a bit disconcerting to get to Thursday and realize I'm still singing last Sunday's closing hymn. Then I remember 1 Thessalonians 5:17, "Pray without ceasing," and I can't help but smile. What is a hymn but a sung prayer? In the middle of a stressful day, the hymn and its lyrics provide quiet refuge and a chance for reflection upon God's Word.

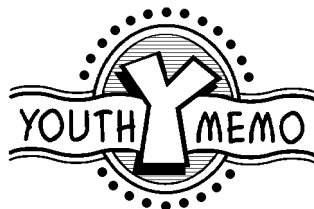
From the very beginnings of the Reformation, congregational singing in the vernacular was an important part of worship. Singing was used to teach the people the texts of the Scripture as well as reinforce important theological ideas. Popular songs were reconfigured with texts from the Bible with rhyming couplets. The hymns were designed to remain in the worshipper's head long after the service ended. I take comfort in this as I find myself humming the refrain from "On Eagle's Wing" for possibly the 50th time since we sang it on Sunday. As you go through your week, I hope the hymns that play on repeat in your head are sources of reflection and not consternation.

I would be remiss if I did not mention that if you find yourself singing throughout the week, please consider joining choir. We are always welcoming new members and would love to have you join us.

Alanna

YOUTH!

Please note that there will be no Youth Office Hours or Youth Group this week.



Prayers & Concerns

Please pray for the following: Sonny Queen, Jane Williams, Melba Hutchinson, Bryan Figg, Pat Harrawood, Trish Toelle, Steve Gutridge, Dave & Bobbi Moran, David & Faye Kishline, Barry Hill, Chris & John Matzen, Mary Lou Matzen, Patti Rusche, Virginia Rahn, Lillian Tierney, Charles M, Amanda Gidcum, Dave Moran's brother-in-law-Gary, Jenny Murphy's father-Jerry Nagle, Jenny Murphy's brother-John, the family of Betsy Ponder.

If you have a prayer request, please contact Leslie Webb at epcprayers@gmail.com or Dave Matzen at davidallyn39@gmail.com

Attention!

There will be a Strawberry Festival meeting in room 101 on Sunday, March 17, immediately after the worship service. If you have participated in the Festival before, please plan on attending. If you are part of a group; EPW, Community & World Missions, Outreach, etc., please plan on attending. If you have not participated before, but think it is something you might enjoy doing, please attend the meeting. We hope to see MANY faces there!



Prayer Ministry

We have now expanded our prayer ministry by coordinating prayer requests with Eastminster and Newburgh members and friends.

Please consider requesting prayers for family member(s), friends and/or situations and adding your name to the prayer chain.

This is a wonderful way to share concern and compassion for those in need. The strength of our ministry is in praying for one another through our love and faith. As Paul wrote: Philippians 4:6 **Do not be anxious about anything but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving; present your requests to God.**

Requests can be made by sending to one of the prayer ministry coordinators (Leslie or David). Once received, the request will be shared with those on the prayer chain list by email.

Prayer coordinators: Leslie Webb email at epcprayers@gmail.com or text at 812-229-3972 or David Matzen email at davidallyn39@gmail.com or text at 812-618-8054 or the church office.

Christian Education

Children's Worship

March 17th—Suzette Fritz
March 24th—Erin Tipton
March 31st—Stacie Schalasky
April 7th—Erin Tipton
April 14th—Stacie Schalasky
April 21st—Erin Tipton
April 28th—Sabrina Holden
May 5th—Erin Tipton
May 12th—Stacie Schalasky
May 19th—Sabrina Holden
May 26th—Erin Tipton

Please consider volunteering!! Thanks so much!!

Joy Passers

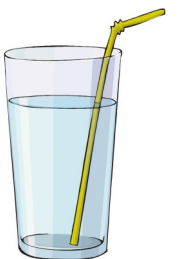
The kiddos in Sunday School classroom 102 love to be active. It isn't that they don't like craft projects, too. They do, but sometimes movement helps with learning just as much as a great craft. We are studying the Believe curriculum and were on the lesson about Joy. We played a game at the end of class like Sharks and Minnows, but we tweaked it a bit. There were unhappy people who had to race across Fellowship Hall and not be caught by the Joy Passers. If the Joy Passers tagged the unhappy kids, the unhappy child became a Joy Passer. Two little ones (Adrienne Carter and Elizabeth Lee) didn't want to be unhappy people at all. They have the "joy, joy, joy, joy down in their hearts"! Both girls volunteered to be Joy Passers first. The children had such a good time that they didn't want to stop playing. Their joy was evident. Smiles, screams and laughter echoed through Fellowship Hall and if you were walking through Fellowship Hall at that time to admire the beautiful cross, you probably got bumped into (for which we apologize).

My takeaway from this lesson was to remember to share my joy. Maybe you feel you don't have any right now. It happens to all of us. Find someone who does and see if their joy might rub off on you. Pass along the joy of the Lord to all. With joy!
Erin



TAKE A WATER! DRINK WATER!

During Lent please consider donating to the H2O Project. Simply write H2O Project in the memo line of your check.



3/10/19 Memory Contest Begins/H2O Project begins
3/13/19 Assembly night—CE meeting @6:30pm
4/14/19 Palm Sunday Processional for children and youth/Easter Egg Hunt
4/21/19 Easter/Rain date for Easter Egg Hunt

Our Memory Contest started 3/10/19!!

Listeners are available after Sunday School each week.

Just find Beth Bailey, Suzette Fritz, Patti Garcia, Sabrina Holden, Annie Engelbrecht, Gordon Wiley or Erin Tipton, and one of us will be happy to listen to you.

Charts are in room 102 and the bulletin board in the upstairs hallway.

