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Grace and Peace to you



Worship By The Book

We continue our series on Reformed and Presbyterian worship. The worship of historic Presbyterianism stems from the conviction that worship must be according to the Scriptures. Jesus said God “must” be worshipping “in spirit and truth” (John 4:24). Merely being sincere or merely “having your heart in the right place” isn’t enough. God “must” be worshiped with the right heart and in the right way directed by God’s word. The *Westminster Confession of Faith* says:

“The acceptable way of worshipping the true God is instituted by himself, and so limited by his own revealed will, that he may not be worshiped according to the imaginations and devices of men, or the suggestions of Satan, under any visible representation, or any other way not prescribed in the Holy Scripture”. (*Westminster Confession of Faith 21.1*)

The *elements* of worship are the activities included in worship and are restricted to what God has revealed in the Bible. The *Westminster Confession of Faith* lists:

“Prayer, with thanksgiving... The reading of the Scriptures with godly fear, the sound preaching and conscionable hearing of the Word... singing of psalms with grace in the heart... the due administration and worthy receiving of the sacraments instituted by Christ, are all parts of the ordinary religious worship of God... religious oaths, vows, solemn fastings, and thanksgivings upon special occasions”. (*Westminster Confession of Faith 21.3-5*).

The *elements* are fixed and unchanging. However, there is greater freedom with the *forms* of the *elements*. Prayer is an *element* of worship, but the *form* might be a prayer of invocation or a prayer of confession or a prayer of intercession. Preaching is an *element* of worship, but the *form* might be a topical sermon or an expository sermon. Singing is an *element* of worship, but the *form* might be singing a hymn or singing a psalm. There is freedom in the *form* of the *element* of worship as long as the *form* doesn’t compromise the integrity of the *element*. For example, the minister cannot preach the sermon through interpretive dance. Dancing is not preaching.

Finally, there are some issues related to worship that are decided by the “light of nature, and Christian prudence” (*Westminster Confession of Faith* 1.6). These are matters of *circumstance*. They are matters related to the time for worship on the Lord’s Day, where you meet for worship, what lighting system you use, amplifying the voice of the preacher, and similar matters.

This teaching about the *elements*, *forms*, and *circumstances* of worship is called the *regulative principle* of worship. The heart of Reformed and Presbyterian worship is that God “must” be worshiped with the right heart and in the right way directed by God’s word. So, West Hills Presbyterian Church strives to worship our great triune God according to the Scriptures.

Rev. John E. McKenzie

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Kid Mission Sunday School During The Month Of February

February is “Missions Month” at WHPC. All adult Sunday School classes will meet in the FAC to hear from visiting missionaries. Children in grades preschool-3rd will meet in Room 200 (Children’s Worship) room for “The Great Kid Mission” to participate in mission

related music, Bible lessons, crafts and games. This is for children ages 3 years through 3rd grade. Grades 4th-12th will join the adults in the FAC for the missionary presentations.

November 2016 Financial Report

Income

Actual Income for November: \$25,213.70
Actual Income for Year-to date: \$350,530.73

Expense

Actual Expense for November: \$39,300.85
Actual Expense Year-to-date: \$438,149.39

Summary

Current Month Expenses Exceeds Income by: **\$14,087.15**
Year-to-date Expenses Exceeds Year-to-date Income by: **\$87,618.66**

December 2016 Financial Report

Income

Actual Income for December: \$70,561.69
Actual Income for Year-to date: \$421,092.42

Expense

Actual Expense for December: \$35,388.24
Actual Expense Year-to-date: \$473,537.63

Summary

Current Month Income Exceeds Expenses by: \$35,173.45
Year-to-date Expenses Exceeds Year-to-date Income by: **\$52,445.21**



Women's Ministry Invites You to:

"Grown-up's Night Out"

Dinner and a Faith Based Movie, (War Room)

"Men are cooking!"

When: Friday, February 10th

Where: FAC

Time: 6:00pm

Cost: \$6.00 per person

Child Care Available Upon Request

(Sign up sheet for child care in the Church Foyer

Deadline: Sunday, January 29th)

Deadline for Reservations for Dinner

Sunday, February 5th

(Sign-up sheet in Church Foyer) Questions?

Call Sharon Bowles: 567-6379 or Ria Tyler: 813-679-0672.



February 2017

Missions Month

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			Women's Bible Study 10am Family Dinner 5:30 Adult & Children Programs 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm	Good News Club 1:45pm Women's Night Circle 6:45pm		Prayer Gathering 10am
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Donuts & Coffee 9:00am Combined SS – Missions 9:30am Worship 10:50am WM Council Mtg Prayer Gathering 6pm	Monday Night Care Group 6:30pm	Emily Cimino Hannarose Allender	Women's Bible Study 10am Family Dinner 5:30 Adult & Children Programs 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm	Good News Club 1:45pm Lee Hively Jessica Steed	Grown-ups Night Out 6:00pm Barry Fish Mary Zitzman	Prayer Gathering 10am Chet Moore
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Donuts & Coffee 9:00am Combined SS- Missions 9:30am *Communion/ Worship 10:50am Prayer Gathering 6pm	Monday Night Care Group 6:30pm Session/Deacon Mtg. 7pm	Women's Day Circle 10am	Women's Bible Study 10am Family Dinner 5:30 Adult & Children Programs 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm	Good News Club 1:45pm Glenn Glass	G.A.P. 11am	Prayer Gathering 10am Charles Chadwell
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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Announcements & Prayer Needs:

Our Deepest Sympathy to Earle Crocker and family upon the passing of his wife *Nancy Crocker* on December 30, 2016. Receiving of friends and funeral were held at WHPC, Wednesday, January 4th.

Our Deepest Sympathy to family and friends of Anne Bignall, who went to be with the Lord on December 26th, 2016.

Our Deepest Sympathy to family and friends of Becky Stokes, member at WHPC. She went to be with the Lord, December 16, 2016. A memorial service was held at Click Funeral Home.

The 2017 Flower Calendar is available on the bulletin board across from the elevator. If you would like to provide flowers for the sanctuary, please sign your name on the designated date and note if you are giving the flowers “in honor” or “in memory” of a loved one. The cost is \$50. Please make your payment to the church marked “Flowers”.

Please remember that the church office needs to approve all note cards, articles, pamphlets, tracts, flyers, announcements, etc. before they are put on the foyer table, church bulletin board or wall/door sign holders.

Starting Sunday, January 29th, we will be taking pictures for the directory update in church foyer. The pictures are for new members and anyone who wants to update their picture or information.

The church office will be closed for inclement weather if Knox County schools are closed, and the church also posts weather-related closings on the WBIR TV website.

**Please Pray For:
WHPC Family & Friends**

Clara Abercrombie
Charlotte Anderton
Margaret Duggan
Earle Crocker
Betty Emery
Al & Beth Grant
Shirley Hedrick
Fay Hontz
Henry McIlwaine
Bob & Betty Mills
Bill & Mimi Morrison
Tammy Owsley & Logan
Irene Price
Alice Redman
Keith & Cheryl Sowder
Claudette Starr
Robert Thio
Mary Zitzman
Our Elders & Deacons
Our Church
Our Missionaries
Our nation/President

WHPC Active Duty Military Personnel
Eric Abercrombie
Jamie Morris wife of Rob Morris
Kevin Bell
Gabe Green

(11-20-16 through 1-15-17)

Average Attendance - 151

Average Visitors Attendance - 6

WHPC Staff/ Office Hours 9-3:30
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John E. McKenzie, PastorM-TH
Fred C. Fowler, Assistant Pastor to Seniors
Mitch Townley, Director of Children’s Ministry.....M-TH
Faye Poston, SecretaryM-TH (9-3:30) F (9-1)
Ruth Melton, Financial Secretary.....M-TH (Various hours)
Sarah Dockery, Choir Director



Communion is normally served during worship hour on the second Sunday of each month.
This month Communion will be served on February 12th.

FEBRUARY BRINGS FOCUS ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Throughout the recent weeks, West Hills Presbyterian Church has been privileged to travel through the first century, led by our 'tour guide' and expositor, John McKenzie. Together we have seen a picture of the early church, being a Bible-believing, Spirit-filled, mission-minded, disciple-building body dedicated to the message of the Gospel and the evangelism of their communities. At the center of all was the desire to mirror the character of Christ, and the heart of God.

You may ask, "**What is the HEART OF GOD?**" Indeed, Jesus reflected the heart of God and the actions God took to provide a way when he stated in John 12:32, "when I am lifted up from earth, I will draw all men unto myself." Who are 'all men'? Christ also said "all that the Father gives me will come to me" and "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him." (John 6:37 and 6:44).

Romans 10:14 – "How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?"

We can see that the **HEART OF GOD...is missions**--the very act of sharing the good news of salvation by grace through faith...in Jesus Christ. And was this not the way of the first century church?

Not much has changed in our 21st century. We still live in a world in need of Christ. In February, we will have the opportunity to hear FIRST HAND from modern-day *Paul and Silases* from various fields of harvest. We will rejoice to hear what the Lord has done through their obedience to the great commission. We will have the opportunity to hear of prayer needs from the field with which we may partner with these mission warriors in prayer. We will take the time to ask, "Lord, how will you use ME to further your kingdom?" through prayers, participation, and giving.

Our speaker this during February will be:

February 5: Cuba Missions team (mission moment); Paul Kooistra, formerly of MTW--keynote speaker

February 12: Jonah and Jennifer reporting on the work in a *country of creative access*

February 19: Glenn Camenisch reporting on a full life of ministry with MTW in Portugal

February 26: Home of Love reporting on their work in Vietnam, Cambodia and Africa

Sunday school will start at 9:00am with donuts, juice, and coffee. Worship will follow in the sanctuary. Please be in prayer as to how you will respond to the HEART OF GOD.

Show me how to pray?

Will I go?

How can I give?

**** **The Deadline for the newsletter** is the 15th of every month at noon. You may submit your article to the church office or email at churchofficewhpc@gmail.com. Include your name with your submission. We reserve the right to edit for style, content and length. ****



Women's MINISTRY

Ladies,

The Women's Ministry Council met on Sunday, January 8, and spent time looking over our plans for the coming year. All women who are members of West Hills Presbyterian Church are considered to be members of our Women's Ministry and our goal is that they will be involved in one or more of our activities during the year. Listed below are opportunities that will bring us closer together and teach us what the Lord would have us do as Christian women.

- **Women's Circles** are long-standing tradition in the church which provides opportunities for Christian study and fellowship among the women.
 - **Monday Moms** is designed for young mothers to support each other and encourage Christian growth. Linda Mowles is the leader. They are studying "Praying Together" by Megan Hill and meet in the church parlor at 10am on the last Monday of the month.
 - **The Day and Night Circles** are for women of all ages and encourage fellowship and Bible Study. Julie Moore is the teacher for both groups and they are studying "Titus, Passing on the Truth, Equipping the Body." The Night Circle meets at 6:45pm in the church parlor on the 1st Thursday of the month. The Day Circle meets at 10am on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

- **Women's Bible Study** is led by Dannell Harb on Wednesday mornings at 10am. There are 3 sessions a year each lasting about 8-10 weeks depending on the study. They are currently studying *Believing Jesus, A Journey Through the Books of Acts* by Lisa Harper.

- **Fellowship Events** are for all women and sometimes include the men as well.
 - **Friday, February 10** – Dinner and a movie at the Church
 - **Saturday, April 29** – Brunch with fashion and styling program by Christian Image consultant, Donna J. Roland.
 - **Friday, June 23** – Summer Crafts Evening of fun and fellowship
 - **Sunday, August 27** – Summer Picnic and Rally Day
 - **Saturday, October 21** – Fall Retreat of fellowship and learning
 - **Saturday, December 2** - Annual Christmas Brunch

More information will be available closer to the events but in the meantime, please mark your calendars. You don't want to miss any of these fun events! The goal is that these activities will give the women in our church the opportunity to grow in their faith and service to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and to deepen our friendships with each other. In December, when we look back on the year, we want to be able to say "well done!"

Foreign Missions Month- February



“Missions: The Heart of God”

9:00am- Fellowship with donut & coffee

9:30am- Missions Presentation

10:50am- Morning Worship

Feb. 5th – Dr. Paul Kooistra- Keynote speaker-

PCA coordinator-MTW (retired)

Feb 12th – Jonah & Jennifer- South Asia

Feb 19th – Glenn & Frances Camenisch- Portugal

Feb. 26th – Gary & Debbie Chesney- Homes of Love