

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF TARENTUM

Announcements
Sunday, August 9 2020



Today's Message & Scripture

"In the Midst of the Waves" * Rev. Philip A. Beck

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 * Romans 10:5-15 * Matthew 14:22-33

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our lists.

Ways to Give

By Mail

Checks can be sent directly to the church at:
First UP Church
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Tarentum, PA 15084

Online

Our website has a direct giving portal that will allow you to use your bank account, credit card, or debit card. It is a safe and secure option for one-time gifts or recurring donation.
Please go to www.fupct.org and click the "GIVE NOW" link.

Through Your Bank

If you use online banking, you can set up a one-time or a recurring donation through the bill-pay option when logging in to your personal account. Checks will be sent to the church directly from your bank.

If you need help or additional information, please contact Jessica Jones at office@fupct.org or call her at 412-216-6314.

Prayer List—Current & Ongoing Concerns

If you would like to be added to the prayer list, please email office@fupct.org.

Prayers

Prayer for the Day

Son of God, you walk on the waters of turmoil to meet us in the midst of your purposed journey for our lives. Help us to recognize your presence, remember your promise, rely on your power, and receive your peace through every storm. Amen.

Prayer for the Morning

God of my destiny, thank you for a new day in which your purpose will unfold. Send me now as your servant to the succor the suffering and as your disciple to declare to declare the good news of your Son. Help me to remember during these times of testing that your word goes ahead of me and upholds me. Amen.

Prayer for the Evening

Son of God, this day has been crowded with work and service. This evening, bring me alone with you to the mountain to pray. Help me to know your reassuring presence with me through the night hours. May I come to you and rest in you. Amen.

Some worship and congregation related items:

We have created a Facebook Group called First UP Church Prays. If you would like to be added to that active prayer circle, email pastor@fupct.org and Rev. Phil will add you to the group.

Want to have coffee with Rev. Phil? Online of course! We will meet via ZOOM on Tuesday at 10am. Contact him for a link to join at pastor@fupct.org or text him at 724-448-7618.

Prayer services will continue to be on Facebook every Wednesday at 7pm. Join us there by searching First UP Church—Tarentum.

A Note from Rev. Phil

August 9, 2020

Beloved of First United Presbyterian Church,

I pray that this finds you both healthy and well. Know that I am grateful to you and this community of faith that continues to witness God's love and grace.

Several of you have taken up the offer to do some small group activities. Coffee in the courtyard (which is looking for other volunteers to take on a week), to an exercise class, to DJ planning on a socially distant bell ringing, these are the ways we can most safely gather. A Zoom book study that Shannon Wofford is leading has kicked off and I am still doing the weekly Zoom coffee time on Tuesdays are virtual ways of gathering. I have encouraged the session and I am encouraging you to consider and put into practice alternative ways of gathering that are small groups and safe for participants, rather than in larger groups.

For example, Lindsay Fraser is gathering with our young people at the garden Sundays at 7pm. It is a chance to again gather but give the distance and safety that is essential.

Our online worship is continuing to happen on Wednesdays and Sundays and I would encourage you to take some time and be in worship. I totally understand that it is not that same as being in person. It honestly shouldn't be and feel the same. That said, I am grateful that you "tune in," say hello, engage with each other and that these services have connected our community to those who don't live in the local area. It helps me begin to reframe what it means to be in "membership" with our congregation.

I continue to keep a close watch on what is happening in the world and was dismayed to hear of a church in Ohio where 91 people caught the virus when one person came to worship and was sick. Another church in our community that did meet in person has moved back to being fully online, as are many of the smaller Presbyterian churches in Pittsburgh that were meeting in person with under 25 people in attendance having moved back to virtual worship. This is why the gathering of small groups for 10-15 people and being outside is our best way of connecting in-person.

What can you think of to do as a one time gathering? I know our session is at work thinking of things they can do and then will put them into practice. Wouldn't it be awesome for all of us to dream and put into practice ways we can connect with one another. Whether it is virtual or socially distanced and small groups, but in-person, all are valuable ways that we can connect as a community of faith. It also shows that we aren't a "done unto" congregation, but rather a congregation that reaches out to others and makes the connections.

If you come up with an idea that you are willing to put into practice or host, let me or Jessica Jones, church secretary, know and we will make sure that the word gets out to our congregational community.

Blessings to you.

Rev. Phil

Hymns for August 9, 2020

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He hath done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, And give Him the glory: great things He hath done.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]

God of the Sparrow

God of the sparrow, God of the whale, God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe, How does the creature say Praise

God of the earthquake, God of the storm, God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe, How does the creature cry Save

God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace, How does the creature say Thanks

God of the hungry, God of the sick, God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care, How does the creature say Life

God of the neighbor, God of the foe, God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love, How does the creature say Peace

God of the ages, God near at hand, God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy, How do your children say Home

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing; Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Thy love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, Traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration For Thy gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of Thy salvation In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, Ever faithful To the truth may we be found.

So that when Thy love shall call us, Savior, from the world away,
Let no fear of death appall us, Glad Thy summons to obey.
May we ever, May we ever Reign with Thee in endless day.