

“The Parables of Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes”

Pastor Dan’s Brown Bag Bible Study Is Back!

On Thursdays at 12:30 beginning September 28th, hear the parables of Jesus as his disciples, the crowds and the religious authorities heard them. Step back in time and see Jesus through 1st century Middle Eastern eyes. Discover amazing new insights and perspectives on some of history’s most famous stories!

Pastor Dan is offering this 10-week course beginning September 28th. The format is casual lecture and discussion. There are no books to buy, and the only assignments are to read and contemplate the assigned parable before each class. Bring your lunch and we will break bread and learn together.

Because each week tackles a different parable, missing one or two weeks will not put you behind for the next class or, pick your favorite parables and attend then. A sign-up sheet is on the glass table in the back of the sanctuary.

- ❑ 9/28 The Parable of the Good Samaritan – Luke 10: 25-37
- ❑ 10/5 The Parable of the Rich Fool – Luke 12: 13-21
- ❑ 10/12 The Parable of the Great Banquet – Luke 14: 15-24
- ❑ 10/26 The Parable of the Unjust Steward – Luke 16: 1-8
- ❑ 11/2 The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector – Luke 18: 9-14
- ❑ 11/9 The Parable of the Compassionate Employer – Matthew 20: 1-6
- ❑ 11/16 The Parable of the Serving Master – Luke 12: 35-38
- ❑ 11/23 The Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man – Luke 16: 19-30
- ❑ 11/30 The Parable of the Pounds – Luke 19: 11-27
- ❑ 12/7 The Parable of the Noble Vineyard Owner and His Son– Luke 20: 9-18

Sunday, October 29th, 2023
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus Teaching in the Temple

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**Office Hours: 9:00 – 12:00 Noon
Tuesday - Friday**

Liturgy for Sunday, October 29th, 2023

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We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds: "To love another person is to help them love God." - Soren Kierkegaard

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 1 (responsive)

Deacon Peggy Webster

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; **but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; **for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. Amen.**

Prelude

Choral Introit: "Take Thou Our Minds Dear Lord"

*** Hymn "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" # 108**

*** Passing the Peace**

Sharing our Concerns, Joys, and Affirmations

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Your holiness, O God, commands that we confess:
We have neither loved our neighbors as ourselves
nor honored ourselves as your beloved creation.
We have judged unjustly,
regarded others ungenerously,
profited at the losses of those near and distant,
borne grudges, desired vengeance,
and kept silence in the face of wrongdoing.

Current Prayer Concerns:

Thomas Simpson, James Coughlin, Shirley Warren, Chris Hazard, Kent Mitchell, Hudson Day, Margy Kreppel, Christina Moore, Amy Etheridge, Bonnie Hancock, Eric Richardson, Samantha Kilgore, Joyce & Jack Vavrek, Bob Lebo, Lydia Frasca, Diane Devanna, Larry (Black) Blackwell, Marie McCallister, Betty Ignash, Tom Taylor, Lake Scott, Bryan Wayne-Records, Debbie Kelly, Algernon John-Baptiste, Kathy Smith, Larry Steele, Margie BaugherCramer, Harvey Smith, Carolyn Fitzgerald, and Mark Payne.

Those homebound or undergoing treatment:

John Snyder and Marie McCallister (Marty Cropper's sister)

Berlin Nursing Home: For all those who we were unable to visit or sing with during this time of virus.

Fellowship Hosts Coming Up:

Nov 5	Family Thanksgiving Dinner
Nov 12	Jackie Bates & Dawn Butler
Nov 19	Lisa Bayles & Beth Fisher
Nov 26	Barbara & Betsy Kipila

Household Prayer: Morning

From everlasting to everlasting
you are God.

Carry me today in your steadfast love
that I may rejoice and be glad all my days,
living life fully
without fear of the end. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Eternal God,
a thousand years in your sight are like this day gone by,
years swept away like a dream. May I rest in the assurance
that even in the sleep of death, I will be awakened
to an eternal morning, through the power of Christ,
the resurrection. So let it be.

Calendar, Birthdays ... and more!

Tues	Oct	31	Mobile Showers	9:30	PM
Tues	Oct	31	Grace Parker Breakfast Set up	10:00	AM
Wed	Nov	1	Grace Parker Breakfast	7:00	AM
Wed	Nov	1	Food Pantry <i>(Closed)</i>	9:00	AM
Wed	Nov	1	Choir Practice	6:00	PM
Fri	Nov	3	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00	PM

Birthdays

Bob Reese (10/29) Ryan Sauer (10/30)
Judie Kisly (11/2) Lou Spock (11/3)

Flowers: ~

~ A basket of flowers is placed in memory of our father Irv Mumford, who celebrated his 99th birthday in Heaven on October 11th with our Lord and Savior, Juanita, Sue, his brothers and parents. Dad was born prematurely on October 11th, 1924, at Clara Barton Hospital in Los Angeles while on vacation from Portland, Oregon. Irv used to say that he was almost born on a roller coaster! Pop was secretary of the railroad, who sent a private railroad car to take little Irving and his proud parents back to Portland. Dad came into the world in style. David and Julie, Danny and Liz.

~ A second basket is placed in honor of our granddaughter, Ashley Hales and the celebration of her 18th birthday yesterday. We are so very proud of you. Pop-pop and Mom-mom Hales.

**** Flower Price Adjustment beginning January 2024****
Chancel Vase from \$22 to \$25
Flower Basket from \$ 30 to \$35

We long to live in accord with your desire that your way of compassion, kindness, and honesty will govern our hearts and minds, turning us toward lives of peace. Forgive us and lead us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Beloved ones,
believe again the gospel, that in Christ we are accepted as we are. Believe that we are forgiven, loved with the delight of a nursing mother cherishing her child. **Believe that we are the church, the body of Christ, called to love one another as gentle children of God. Thanks be to God.**

* Gloria Patri (unison)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Trusting in God's providence, we share not only the gospel of God but our lives as well. God's tithes and our offerings will now be received.

* Doxology (unison)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly Hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Holy God,
we offer these gifts to you. May your favor be upon them and prosper the labor of our hands, that your glorious power may be manifest to all, through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Choral Anthem: "Rejoice, The Lord is King"

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Come, Holy Spirit,

in the Word of God, as the breath of life, amidst your people gathered here, into our hearts and minds. Stir us to know the happiness of life in your blessings. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18 [NIV]

Elder Rich Wright

The Lord said to Moses, ² "Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: 'Be holy because I, the Lord your God, am holy.

¹⁵ "'Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge your neighbor fairly.

¹⁶ "'Do not go about spreading slander among your people.

"Do not do anything that endangers your neighbor's life. I am the Lord.

¹⁷ "'Do not hate a fellow Israelite in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in their guilt.

¹⁸ "'Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord."

2nd Scripture Reading: Matthew 22: 34-46 [NIV]

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³⁴ Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. ³⁵ One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: ³⁶ "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" ³⁷ Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord

your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments. ⁴¹ While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, ⁴² "What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?"

"The son of David," they replied.

⁴³ He said to them, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord'? For he says,

⁴⁴ "'The Lord said to my Lord:

"Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet."

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Grace Parker Breakfast

On **Wednesday, November 1st**, we will begin this Season's Grace Parker Breakfast. There will be a change in the closing time: Breakfast will run from **7AM - 11AM**.

Setup will be Tuesday, October 31st at 10AM.

Cost will remain the same as last season:

Dine-In \$12.00

Take-Out \$10.00

Spread the word to your friends and neighbors and consider lending a hand for this beloved community event. Many hands make light work.

FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry is being utilized by many this fall and winter. If you are able, please consider picking up some of the below items to help us restock:

Soap

Tuna Cans

Toothbrushes & Toothpaste

Fruit Snacks

Fruit & Granola Bars

Fruit Cups

Deodorant

Disposable razors and shaving cream

Thank you for your compassion and generosity!

Congregation Financials as of September 30, 2023:

Year-to-date **giving/income** (\$112,706.02 from giving; remainder from parking, building use, etc.): **\$172,009.48**

Year-to-date **disbursements** (includes \$20,000 for replacement windows at the Manse): **\$188,848.38**

**Moment for Mission:
Deacons' Choice for this Season's
Presbyterian Giving**



Community Garden \$200



Fishing Kit \$75



Sewing Machines \$50



Latrine \$350

⁴⁵ If then David calls him 'Lord,' how can he be his son?" ⁴⁶ No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Time with Children & Youth
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Sermon: "With All Your Heart and With All Your Soul"
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* Hymn "The Church's One Foundation" # 277

***Affirmation of Faith – Apostles' Creed** (unison)
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (unison)
For the sake of all that is needed by Earth, its people, and our churches, let us pray, saying, Holy God, hear our prayer.

For people of faith in every land, in every religion, and in every home, **Holy God, hear our prayer.**

For the church of Christ, **Holy God, hear our prayer.**

For world leaders, peacekeepers, diplomats, and government workers, **Holy God, hear our prayer.**

For trees and plants, creatures large and small, for pets and working animals, for oceans, winds, and soil, **Holy God, hear our prayer.**

For farmers in this harvest time, for those who fish and hunt, for those who ship and store what is gathered, and for those who cook and serve, **Holy God, hear our prayer.**

For children in school, teachers, and parents, and for those who have no schools, **Holy God, hear our prayer.**

For those who struggle and suffer with illness, addiction, and other maladies. **Holy God, hear our prayer.** And we pray for....

For all that we have not named but which you know, O Lord, we trust that you will hear our prayer in the name of Christ Jesus, our Savior who taught us to pray to you by saying. **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

* Hymn "God Be with You" # 602

Charge

Benediction

Postlude and Response "Two-Fold Amen"

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee requests assistance in identifying new candidates, from the church membership, to serve as Deacons and Elders . If you (a church member), choose to nominate yourself or some other member to serve, please contact one of the following nominating committee members: **Lisa Bayles, Cliff and Sarah Dypsky, Ann Hales, Pete Hanes, and Nancy and Rich Wright.** A list of the current church officers is on the table at the rear of the sanctuary.

It is Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Time!

The shoeboxes, labels, and instruction on how to pack a shoebox gift are all on the round table in the rear of the church sanctuary. National Collection Week is November 13-20th. **Please have shoeboxes back to the church by Sunday, November 19th.**



Thank you for participating in this mission to bring a spark of joy to vulnerable kids around our world.