



Message from Pastor Bill Vincent

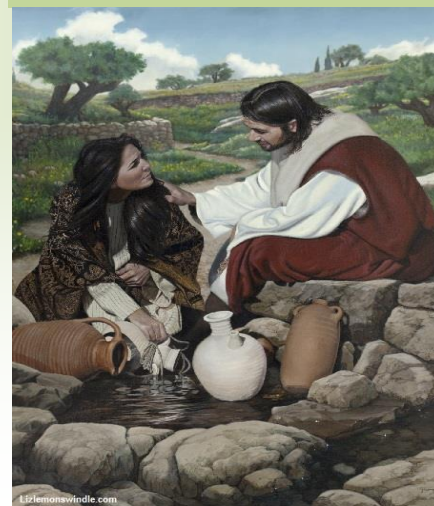
This year,

- ...the road to hope seems confounded by...*you name it!*
- ...the road to peace appears impossible.
- ...the road to joy looks littered by contradictions.
- ...the road to love is blocked at every turn.

So why continue on this our Advent journey?

Because we know that

- ...even in the midst of the confounded...
 - ...even in the midst of the blocked...
 - ...even in the midst of the contradictions...
 - ...even in the midst of the impossible...
- we do not travel this road alone.



Immanuel: God *IS* with us.

In that divine presence, may you know many blessings on your life's Advent journey.

A blessed Christmas to you all!

Pastor Bill

Christmas Eve:

This year, our Christmas Eve Service will be a joint (both congregations) worship experience at 7:00 pm on the evening of December 24th, as we reflect with those gathered around the manger.

We will gather via Zoom (link to be emailed later), hoping that maybe in this way, those who prefer not to drive at night and family or friends who are celebrating with you can also be a part of this experience in a safe and healthy way.

And for those who do not have adequate (or existent) internet access, I strongly encourage you to join in by phone (instructions to be mailed out later). You can think of it as gathering around the family's radio for a "fireside chat." (Appropriate, don't you think, for Christmas Eve.)

Communion will also be a part of our worship, and instructions for how to prepare will be included in the later communications.

Though this Christmas Eve service will be different than others, the joy and celebration – and *The Gift* – are the same!

So, whether by computer or phone, I hope you'll join us for worship, Christmas Eve at 7:00 pm.

Poinsettia's 2020

Given by Susan Buchanan	In Honor of Children and Grandchildren
Karen Calvin	In Memory of Dr. Glen Calvin and Jason Calvin
Phillip & Dorothy Clarkson	In Memory of Ervin and Alice Schneider and Evalee Smith
Mike and Laura Hill	In Memory of Jim & Betty Hill and In Honor of Charles and Betty Otte
Myron and Carol Gruber	In Memory of Ed and Doretta Barnum and Walter and Lillie Gruber
Michael Murray	In Memory of Sonny and Betty Murray, Monte and Frances Murray, Fred and Minnie Hinson

Worshiping and serving God, loving, and accepting all

Called Congregational Meeting

A Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday December 6th, immediately following worship, for the purpose of...

- ...electing the Nominating Committee
- ...electing Elders
- ...approving the pastor's terms of call
- ...receiving the 2021 budget
- ...amending the bylaws to allow meetings to be held electronically

(Speaking of 'electronically', we will also be providing a Zoom link – to be emailed out later this week – for those who wish to participate in the meeting virtually.)



A reminder:

Prayer concerns can be shared with me via email or phone before worship (preferably by Saturday evening); or you can write them down (legibly, please) on a piece of paper and place them in the basket that will be located near the entrance to the sanctuary.

Pastor Bill

Sunday Worship service will be Streaming live on Facebook on Sunday at 9:00 am. The bulletin will also be available on Facebook and the church website (www.unionfirstpresby.org), posted by 8 am Sunday morning.

Link to Facebook: www.facebook.com/firstpresbyterianchurchunion

Bulletin can be found here: <http://www.unionfirstpresby.org/church-bulletins/>