



## Sunday, February 20, 2022 ~ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons)

### Way of the Week

**13. OPEN DOORS FOR OTHERS TO LEAD.** Encourage others to step into leadership by sharing responsibilities and mentoring. Let go of the jobs you've always done and allow new leaders to emerge. Remember that our youth and young adults are not solely the future of our church but are vitally important for our *present*.

*"Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity." (1 Timothy 4:12)*

Ideas for Action: As you consider whatever it is that you do regularly here, keep a look out for a younger person or a new member to invite to join you in the task. If the job requires training or coaching, offer it. Look to let go and hand off.

### Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Wes Allen

### Songs of Praise

Worship Team

*Here for You*  
*Your Great Name*

### Prayer of Confession

Rev. Allen

Our hearts are hard, O God –  
**Soften them with Your love.**  
Our hands are clenched, O God –  
**Open them with Your grace.**  
Our feet are planted too firmly, O God –  
**Invite us to dance with You.**

Our lives are not our own, we know –

**Let us live and move and have our being in You, O God. Amen.**

When we seek God's mercy, we draw close the mystery of faith: love that cannot be undone by our sin. Trusting that God is grace, let us offer to God the truth of our lives, in silent prayer.

*Silence for personal prayer*

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## Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Allen

Sisters and brothers in Christ, the mercies of God are from everlasting to everlasting.

Let us proclaim the Good News:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

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## Sharing with Our Children

Rev. Stuart Spencer

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## Offertory & Moment for Lent

Rev. Spencer

*THANK YOU for your faithful giving and for remembering the church as we begin a new year in ministry. Your offerings dramatically impact our ministry and allow us to support church operations and our work around the world. Those attending in person may leave an offering in the box. Electronic giving is here to stay! Take advantage of this simple, secure [automatic withdrawal](#). Donate directly from your phone via the Church Center app, too.*

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## Praise Song

Worship Team

***You Are Holy***

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## Sermon

Rev. Spencer

***Give Me a Gift***

Scripture Text: [Proverbs 15:29-33 \(NLT\)](#)

Sermon Series: Your Best Friend, Your Worst Enemy

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## Closing Song

Worship Team

***Great Are You, Lord***

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## Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Paul Savage

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## Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Spencer

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## 11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

<b>Audio:</b>	Taylor Adair
<b>Livestream:</b>	Jonathan Nawrocki
<b>Visuals:</b>	Alice Conley
<b>Worship Team:</b>	Martin Bass-Guitar; Christine Bass-Keys; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Don Stevens-Bass; Barry Overton-Drums; Michelle Davis-Vocals; Cheryl Stevens-Vocals
<b>Flower Arrangers:</b>	Karen Arsenault and Martha Derry
<b>Flower Delivery Arranger:</b>	Stacy Schaffer

**Flower Deliverers:** Gail Sorin and JoAnn Reynik  
**Ushers:** Matt La Grou and Jeff Legath  
**Trustee Greeter:** Adrienne Barr  
**Check-in:** Sarah Harper

**Today's flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my sister, Janet Weisman, by Lucille Zitelli.

**Check-ins:** Check-in is self-check in only on your smart phone (no QR code to swipe). Volunteer(s) remain available to assist. Please remember to check in from home when watching the live stream.

**New Protocols:** Effective January 12, Session approved revised COVID-19 safety protocols effective immediately. **All individuals entering our building are required to mask.** This includes all meetings for all groups. Congregational singing remains discontinued. We will not serve nor eat food indoors. Session and staff will continue to monitor the pandemic and make changes as warranted.

Paul Savage is leading a study on **The Four Gospels**. The class meets from 9:45-10:45 a.m. in Room 8 and is also be accessible via Zoom.

Visit **Grand Central Table** in the Commons Lobby! This is our "headquarters" to learn and [sign up](#) for all things to do with this year's [Lenten Study](#) of [The Way of a Pilgrim](#).

**Winter Inquirers' Class** (a three-part series) for those interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church, starting February 23. [Sign up online](#) or with the church office at 856-235-1688.

**Service Pledge:** The Stewardship Committee has created a simpler online [Service Pledge](#) for members to indicate ways in which they wish to connect and serve this year. How can you best use the talents God has given you? The form is available ONLINE, allowing members the opportunity to fill it out by Feb. 28.

**Praying the Jesus Prayer Seminar:** For the Thursdays in Lent, Pastor Spencer offers a 30-minute Zoom seminar on the Jesus Prayer. He'll provide additional background and teaching before leading participants in praying the prayer. Please register through the Events page on our website. There's no cost; and friends outside the church are welcome.

We are looking for additional **Ushers** for the 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service. Men and women welcome. Contact coordinator Steve Connlain at [sconnlain@gmail.com](mailto:sconnlain@gmail.com) or the church office.

PW is collecting **white cotton socks** for the Christian Caring Center. A box is located in the Commons Lobby through Easter.