



The Chimes

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

August 2016

Dear First Presbyterian Members & Friends,

“Pastor Mike” will be away the first week of August. “καπετανιος μιχαελ” (Captain Mike) will be in town telling the Vacation Bible School children all about his ancient Greek family’s experience with the Hebrew prophet Jonah.

God told Jonah to go from Joppa to Nineveh to tell the people there to repent of their violent ways. That would be like God telling you to go from Tel Aviv, Israel to Mosul, Iraq (which is Nineveh), to tell those ISIS people to repent!

Jonah got aboard the captain’s boat on the most eastern point of the Mediterranean and headed for the most western point of the Mediterranean to Tarshish (that’s Spain).



We know how the Jonah story proceeds. The VBS children will hear all about it. But what about us today? To whom is the Lord sending you to proclaim God’s message? Your children? Your grandchildren? A friend or neighbor? An enemy or someone giving you a hard time?

- 1) It is the God of the Bible who created us, who has given us life.
- 2) But we human beings make a mess of life in all kinds of different ways.
- 3) The Lord is merciful and offers forgiveness and new life through the Savior Jesus Christ.
- 4) Faith is simply trusting, receiving that gift.

All the people of Nineveh ended up repenting and receiving God’s blessing. Will you go to offer what you have and know with your faith in Christ?

All in the love of the Lord,

Pastor Mike. καπετανιος μιχαελ

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Weekly Meetings

AA Meeting

- Sunday (7:30 p.m.)
- Tuesday (12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)
- Friday (12:00 p.m.)
- Saturday (5:00 p.m.)

Overeaters Anonymous

- Sunday (5:00 p.m.)

Workaholics Anonymous

- Tuesday (7:15 p.m.)

Debtors Anonymous

- Thursday (12:00 p.m.)

Under Earners Anonymous

- Thursday (6:30 p.m.)

From the Associate Pastor

A reflection on chapter 4 of Knowing Christ by Dr. Alister McGrath.

How many of us like to reflect on good things from the past? Think of a good memory. Why is it a good memory? How do you feel when you think about it? I remember for my sixth birthday my parents got me a special birthday ticket to a Phillies baseball game. I was (and still am) a big baseball fan. I still remember that day. I remember sitting in seats that were much closer to the field than the usual nose bleed section where we normally sat. I remember I got a box of special gifts including trading cards and a batting glove with the team logo on it (I still have that glove). I remember waiting to see my name on the big marquee in the outfield when they would list birthdays. It is a good memory. It reminds me of a time my family did things together and a day on which I felt special. My dad moved out the following year, so I treasure the memory.

So what if I told you that remembering is part of our relationship with God? The people of Israel and we are told over and over again in the Bible to remember what God has done. Just read Psalm 136. The list of what God has done, from creation to redemption, is overwhelming. Remembering what God has done is important to our faith because we are reminded that God is faithful and we are reminded that God is good. This can be found in both the Old and New Testaments, from God's deliverance of Israel again and again to God's fulfillment of prophecy

through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And McGrath states in his book that "remembering what God has done allows us to anticipate what God will do." This is helpful in times of weakened faith or lukewarm passion for Christ. We can ask ourselves, are we remembering what God has already done, both in the history of the world as well as in our lives? If we remember, we have an assurance of what God will yet still do.

So McGrath points out two helpful hints for seeking to remember what God has done. 1. If our excitement for Christ does not seem to match the magnitude of what we know God has already done, it is a sign that something is wrong. It is an indicator that sin has crept in to convince us that God is not who history says God is. This is a good warning light, kind of like the check engine light on the dash of your car. Take heed to it. 2. It is also an offer of hope for renewal. Whenever scripture points out a faith crisis or weakened spiritual state, there is an offer for change and recovery. It does not have to stay this way. Revelation 3:20 "Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me." So take some time to remember what God has done. Reflect on the journey of the people of Israel or the journey of your own life. What has God already done? What does this mean God will do in the days to come? Remembering is part of faithfulness.

Blessings, Pastor Chris



Treasurer's Report



Please remember FPC in your will, trust, or IRA

Income & Expenses		
	Budgeted	Actual
Total Income & Expenses		
<i>As of April 30, 2016</i>		
Pledge Income	\$ 171,788	\$ 145,072
Total Income	266,804	247,749
Total Expenses	317,376	302,474
Monthly Income & Expense		
Pledge Income	\$ 28,631	\$ 24,852
Total Income	44,467	34,503
Total Expenses	52,896	21,344

As summer progresses, our Estimates of Giving and Total Giving have fallen significantly behind, but the expenses of the church have continued. If you are behind in your Estimate of Giving, please set a goal to catch up as soon as possible. Extra gifts to the church are always greatly appreciated. Thank you for your help!

We have encountered some extra expenses this year. Our roof had many leaks and was in need of major repairs which cost \$28,382.00. The power supply in the alarm system went out and cost \$1,517.00 to replace. In order to save on our power bill, we added switches to the restrooms which activate when someone enters. For safety purposes, additional outside lighting was added. The lighting changes cost \$7,432.00. We have had to replace one of our water heaters which cost \$2,100.00.

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Smith's Rewards—First Presbyterian Church is now enrolled in Smith's Community Rewards Program. For every time you use your Smith's card, Smith's will send First Pres a Donation! Visit www.smithscommunityrewards.com with your Smith's card and select First Pres by entering our Non-Profit Organization Number: **59267**. Purchases made using the linked rewards cards will support your registered nonprofit!

Pamela's Closet

As the weather has become very hot, we have all started to wear lighter clothing. Just like us, our homeless and low-income friends need thinner clothing. The smiles have been huge as children, women and men have received t-shirts, shorts, sandals, sleeveless tops etc! Parents have been so pleased that their children have appropriate clothing for this hot

weather - all because of your generosity!

NEEDS FOR AUGUST

- * Sunscreen
- * OFF
- * Men's T-Shirts
- * Women's underwear
- * Deodorant

My thanks to you all for continuing to give to help meet the needs of so many people who have so little in life - your kindness is much appreciated indeed! Let us continue to love all out neighbors!

**With Gratitude,
Pamela**



Group Studies

Women's Bible Study for Mothers

This is a Bible study for mothers of young children. Child care can be made available. We meet twice per month. Contact **Pastor Chris** (801) 363-3889 x 225.

Tuesday Morning Women's Group
6:30 am, June 14th & 28th at the Coffee Garden (878 E 900 S, SLC). Contact **Kristin Mullen**, kristinharvey82@gmail.com.

Tuesday Men's Breakfast—
7 a.m.—8:15 a.m.
Men's Breakfast Tuesday mornings at Gourmandise Bakery on 250 South 300 East. Contact **Pastor Mike** (801) 363-3889 x 224.

Thursday Evening Men's Group—6:30 p.m.
We meet on Thursday's at 6:30 p.m. in the FPC Library. Contact **Chuck Britter** (801) 295-6640.

New Choir Director Begins Aug 28th



Dr. Eric Schmidt is from Havixbeck, Germany west of Münster, close to the Netherlands border. He was raised in the German Reformed Baptist Church in northwest Germany (quite similar to Presbyterian worship). Eric earned a Masters Degree in Music and Mathematics from the University of Osnabrück. He recently completed his Doctor of Musical Arts (DMA) in choral conducting from the U of U. He is also an accomplished pianist.

Pastor Mike sang with the Choral Arts Society for one of his doctoral recitals and enjoyed his choral approach and personality. Pastors and choir members were impressed with his interview and audition. Dr. Eric Schmidt will begin directing the First Pres Chancel Choir this fall.

Deacon's Corner

Deacons: "Love Your Neighbor"

The Congregation elects and installs church deacons. The Deacon Board members meet monthly and work through committees to serve people in need and to care for the congregation.

Our Board of Deacons works through committees which are responsible for the following services:

Special Needs: responding with support when members have special needs for transportation, housing, family or problems due to finances or age.

Bereavement Committee: providing care to grieving families and provides a meal following funeral services.

New Members Welcome: Deacons provides a meal for the new members class to welcome them to the Congregation.

Fellowship Hour: The Fellowship (Coffee) Hour is a social period following each of our Sunday services. This committee-- with the help of many congregation mem-

bers-- provides coffee, lemonade and delicious treats every Sunday.

Contact Dan Saxon if you would like to be part of this service.

Communion: responsible for preparing elements for our communion services and for caring for the communion dishes following the services.

Congregational Care: Providing attention and love to our homebound members by calling and/or visiting these members monthly.

Flowers: Following Sunday services each week, the Deacons take the sanctuary flowers to our homebound members or to rest homes.

The Deacon Board Class of 2019 was recently inducted and they consist of Don and Barb Alexander, Bert Dart, Roger Durst and Barbara and David Gardner.

If you have any question regarding the Deacons or want to become active in any of the Deacon activities, please contact Bert Dart at 801-231-4105 or bandddart@netscape.net

Children's Ministry

Vacation Bible School Preparation

The month of July has been spent in preparation for Vacation Bible School. Many thanks to the congregation members who donated needed craft, snack, and decoration items. The volunteer staff has been training and preparing. VBS is sure to be a transformative experience for each child that arrives the first week in August.

On July 24th, we had a blast turning the church into an Underwater Adventure, setting the scene for the story of Jonah. Thank you to everyone who stayed to help. We cannot WAIT for VBS to begin!

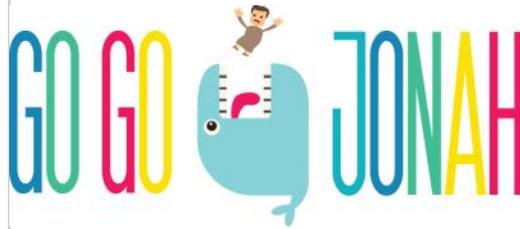
Vacation Bible School

August 1-5th, 9:00am-Noon
Don't forget Vacation Bible School is August 1-5th. All students ages 4-completed 5th grade are eligible to attend, and cost is FREE, so invite your friends! Students will spend each morning learning about God's great love through the story of Jonah with crafts, games, snacks, songs, and more. If you did not pre-register, it's not too late to join the fun! Registration is available on site at 9:00 AM each day.

Family Promise Back to School Drive

During VBS, the Children's Ministry will be collecting school supplies for children ages 5-15. Do-

nations will go to the client families of Family Promise. Family Promise – Salt Lake is a non-profit organization that provides Shelter, Case Management and Housing services to homeless families. If you would like to contribute school supplies, please drop them off before August 7th.



Go, Go, Jonah!

August 5th, 11:00 AM

The attendees of VBS 2016 present: Go, Go, Jonah! A Kid's Musical. The program will last about 45 minutes and will feature drama, songs, and dance. Cost is FREE, and all are welcome to attend.

Faith Explorers: 9:00 am and 11:00 am Sundays



August Curriculum

We have spent the summer learning about Jesus' Earthly Minis-

try. Jesus had many conversations, with many different kinds of people, in which he told them the Good News: He had come to right the wrong in the world, just as was promised in the scriptures.

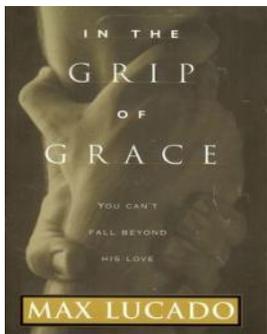
In August we continue to examine the miracles of Jesus. Each one teaches us something new about who Jesus is, and the love he has for his people. Jesus healed people, drove away evil spirits, and forgave sins. With each, he proved that he was exactly who he claimed to be: the Son of God, who had come to take away the sins of the world.

Promotion Sunday August 28

You might find yourself in a new Sunday School room on August 28th! Parents, whether the move is from the Nursery to the Preschool Room, or from the 5th grade class to the youth group, please take some time to prepare your child for this move, especially if it seems scary to them.

Preschoolers: Preschool Room on the 2nd Floor
Kindergarten-2nd grade: Room 1 on the Main Floor
3rd-5th grade: Room 2 on the Main Floor
6th grade and up: Youth Room in the Basement

Christin Abbott,
Children's Ministry Director.



Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast Tuesdays 7-8 am at Gourmandise Cafe & Bakery 250 S 300 E.

"In the Grip of Grace" by Max Lucado provides breakfast conversation about "trying harder" versus "trusting in God's grace." The message of Paul's letter to the Romans.

Come, enjoy the food and friendship; invite someone to come along.

August Special Events

- 1-5** Vacation Bible School
- 14** Outdoor Worship Service, 5 pm
- Sep. 2** Salt Lake Bees & Fireworks, 6 pm

August Service Opportunities

- 4** Dinner at Ronald McDonald House
- 10** Dinner @ Vinny's Sandwich Making (3:30 pm)
- 11** Dinner @ Vinny's Sandwich Making (9:30 am)
- Serving Dinner @ Vinny's (4:30 pm)

Nursery Workers Needed

The First Pres Nursery is in need of workers this summer and this coming school year. Our Nursery is open 9:00am-12:00pm every Sunday morning and takes care of children up to 3 years of age each week. Volunteer and paid positions are available. First Aid and CPR training are provided. Please contact Christin@fpcslc.org for more information.

Community Outreach

August 4th: Dinner at Ronald McDonald House. Those cooking arrive at 4:30PM and serving arrive at 6PM. Contact Pastor Chris if you would like to help at 801-363-3889 ext. 225

August 10th at 3:30PM Meat and Cheese Sandwich Making and July 14th at 9:30AM PB&J Sandwich Making...come help make sandwiches for St. Vincent De Paul. We meet in the downstairs kitchen.

August 11th at 4:30PM: Serve Dinner @ Vinny's. Contact Pamela Atkinson to volunteer.

Ongoing and Urgent: Please visit Crossroads' web site at www.crossroadsurbancenter.org for an extensive food pantry need list, as well as new online donation options to help stock the emergency pantry with items of most pressing need for the pantry and thrift store.

Outdoor Worship: Join our church family for an outdoor worship service on Sunday, August 14th in Mill Creek Canyon. We'll plan to meet at 5:00 at the Terraces-Bowman Fork site. Plenty of parking passes are available. Invite family and friends to join our church community in the marvelous Wasatch Mountains and bring a picnic dinner! Contact Christine Gibbs at (801) 808-6140 with any questions.



Which one are you?

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anyone could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

John 12:26 "Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My father will honor the one who serves me."

We have lots of opportunities, both here at First Pres and in our every-

day lives to be "the servant," putting the hands and feed of our Lord to work.

So what looks good to you:

- Pamela's Closet
- Dinner @ Vinny's The Scottish Festival: Ceilidh & Kirkin'
- Small Groups
- Children and Youth Ministries
- Ushering
- Ronald McDonald House
- Deacons & Elders
- Coffee Hour
- Prayer Teams
- Special Events
- Sunday School Teaching
- Communion

-Taffy Kosierowski

Youth Ministry



This summer has been awesome! The youth have been working on

some great projects and participating in events even though it's super hot outside.

At the end of June, we went to 210 S Rio Grande to pick up garbage along 4 streets that surround The Road Home. We picked up 14 30-gallon garbage bags full of trash! The students all worked really hard through the hot summer heat, and stayed focused on picking up the streets. Many folks thanked them for their work and some even helped pick up trash alongside them. After the project we all had a brown paper bag lunch at Gateway Mall, and then went on to watch Finding Dory at

the Megaplex in 3D. Everyone had a blast!

At the beginning of July, we all went to Smith's Ballpark to watch the Salt Lake Bee's play baseball. We watched the Bees get demolished by the El Paso Chihuahuas from our field seats. It was nice to hang out in the grass, chat with each other, and get some sun!

Contact Nathan Parrish to get more information on events and projects, or just to say hello!

**Many Blessings,
Nathan Parrish
Youth Director**



Salt Lake Bees & Fireworks

Friday Sept. 2nd. Meet at 6PM at the gates of Smiths Ballpark. Tickets already purchased at group rate of just \$14...let us know if cost is an issue.

Sign-up in fellowship area!



2016 Scottish Festival

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 29 (Ceilidh), and Sunday October 30 (Kirkin')**! This year's Ceilidh beneficiary will be Dinner @ Vinny's. This program serves dinner to the homeless and low income families in our community. This program is the least funded of their meal programs. The Ulster Project will receive a special offering in worship on Sunday.

This year's festival will include a raffle & silent auction, Celtic Cafe, Bake Sale, Pub with live music, and vendors. The annual Highland Dance competition will also take place.

HOW CAN YOU HELP NOW?? We are looking for items to be donated for the Raffle & Auction. Items like tickets to sporting events, fine arts events, theme parks, restaurants, theaters, concerts. Themed baskets are always fun, too. For example teens, kids, baby, games, books, cooking, pieces of art, beverages, pet care and more. If your small group or group of friends would like to put a themed basket together, or if you need ideas, please contact Jamie Mascarenas.

STAY INFORMED
Look for our new COUNTDOWN TO CEILIDH bulletin board, lo-

cated in the fellowship area. This is where you can find out how to help, as we get closer. This festival requires many hands to be successful, from today until October 30th. You can also "LIKE" and follow us on Facebook (Scottish Festival at First Presbyterian Church) and on Instagram.

Our next Festival planning meeting will be on Sunday, August 14, at 12:15. All are welcome to come!

Blessings,

**Jamie Mascarenas
Ceilidh Chair**

Birthdays

Glenn Ricart	08/01
Beth Herderson-Millard	08/03
Brian Roberts	08/03
Isabella Shaffer	08/05
Peter Silas	08/06
Eunice Griffin	08/08
Ina White	08/10
Rahmnat Samuel	08/14
Christine Gibbs	08/17
Al Hokins	08/17
Nanette Dudley	08/18
JoAnn Pearson	08/19
Henry Kalvesmaki	08/23
Duane Atwood	08/24
Kathy Moore	08/24
Lloyd Furguson	08/29
Kurt Shirkey	08/29
John Bennett	08/31

Youth Birthdays

Evie Pecoraro	08/01
Samuel Sanjouyam	08/03
Nyrah Samuel	08/04
Claris William	08/04
Sophia Stinson	08/12

The Praise Band is looking for a bass player from 8:30 am to 10:00 am on Sundays. If interested, please contact Pastor Mike.

SUNDAY WORSHIP in August 2016

9 am: Praise Band & Songs
11 am: Organ & Hymns

- August 7** **VBS: “Now Something Greater”**
Matthew 12:38-41
Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper
- August 14** **“Revive us, Restore Us”**
Psalm 80
- August 14** **Outdoor Worship at 5:00 pm**
Terraces-Bowman Fork area in Millcreek Canyon
- August 21** **“I AM”**
John 4:1-26
- August 28** **“You Called, I Rescued”**
Psalm 81
- September 4** **“I Am the Bread of Life”**
John 6:25-51
Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper



Pastor Mike with Caroline Mullen on July 17th, her birthday at 13 hours old.



Kristin and Travis (mom and dad) are doing well as is big brother Eli.

Thanks to everyone who contributed their articles to August’s Chimes. **Please note the deadline for Sept’s Chimes articles is Tuesday, August 16.**

Stay In Touch With First Pres.

Did you know First Pres. has weekly email announcements as well as a monthly newsletter? To sign up for our announcements and our monthly digital version of *The Chimes*, visit www.fpcslc.org/subscribe/.

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