



The Chimes

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH



Spring 2017

Dear First Presbyterian Members & Friends,

“Have you heard how the church can be compared to a restaurant. Worship is one way that our souls are fed (*isn't it good to enjoy a meal at a nice restaurant*).

As you can see on the Sunday Worship page, I carefully choose Scripture readings for each Sunday (*like a chef who plans the menu*), give a title to the sermon (*name the dish*), and then Pastor Chris (*sous chef*) and I (*chef de cuisine*) try to deliver (*prepare and cook*) God's message in ways that invite faith in Jesus Christ (*tastes good*), ways that encourage people in real life (*is filling – not too much, not too little*), ways that shape the identity and ministry of 1st Pres (*lets you know the quality and atmosphere*).

So, come to worship regularly. Ask friends or family members to come with you. Use the upcoming sermon subject to express your interest in coming to church on Sunday mornings. For instance, you can say something like this:

“Hey, I'm going to 1st Presbyterian Church (*a terrific restaurant*) on Sunday (*for brunch*). This week the pastor is going to talk about what Jesus came for and why he went through what he did (*they serve one of the best brunches ever*). I would love for you to come with me and let me know what you think (*enjoy eating together – you know how we say “Let's get together sometime*). So, what do you say? Would you like to come with me?”

How do people come to know about a particular restaurant? Word of mouth. Advertising may help, but word of mouth, person to person is how 1st Pres (*the restaurant*) grows its ministry (*business*). Only you can invite and introduce someone you know to experience the church and its worship (*the restaurant and its cuisine*). In the end, the best thing is for people to come to know the Lord Jesus Christ and find the life of faith, hope and love that God intends for each of us. So, go ahead and invite!

In the delight of our hearts in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Michael Imperiale
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Weekly Meetings

Girl Scouts K-3rd

- Monday (6:30 p.m.), bi-weekly

Cub Scouts

- Tuesday (6:30 p.m.)

Boy Scouts

- Wednesday (7:00 p.m.)

Choir Rehearsal

- Wednesday (7:00 p.m.)

AA Meetings

- 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 Pastoral Associate

Pastoral Associate Article:

When you think of the cross, what comes to mind? Is it a symbol? Does it represent an event? Does it change how you think about your own life in relationship to God? The cross means many different things to different people. Indeed, the cross is what makes the Christian faith unique. No other religion has the cross. No other faith centers on a Sovereign God suffers a cruel and shameful death. The cross is indeed scandalous. But I wonder if we see it as scandalous? Are we so used to the cross being a symbol of our faith that we forget what really happened there? The Apostle Paul constantly identified with the cross. Yet, in her book *The Crucifixion* Fleming Rutledge proposes that we don't really look at the cross enough. She notes that her book on the crucifixion is the first deep look at the cross since John Stott's book *The Cross of Christ* published in 1986. Wow, you would think that if the cross is what distinguishes us, that we would look at it more.

Rutledge writes this:

It sometimes seems as though the church has willfully decided to ignore the radical content of such passages [the crucifixion], concentrating more on a generic, less offensive interpretation of Jesus' death – for example, “Jesus died to show how much he loved us.” That is true, certainly, but it has a bland sound and falls short of

accounting for the particular horror of crucifixion. The question this raises is this: On the cross, was Jesus simply “showing” us something, or was something actually *happening*?

As we enter the season of Lent and then move towards Easter, I invite you to consider that the cross means so much more than for what we often give it credit. Pastor Mike has planned out the sermon series for Lent to take a closer look at the passion. What actually happened? Both in the event as well as spiritually for the whole world? The cross changed the world. Do we let it really change us as well? I hope this Lenten season that the cross will mean something new to you and deepen your relationship with the God who was crucified there.

The Coalition of Religious Communities is preparing two events in February. The first will be Sunday Feb. 5th when churches all over the valley will participate in a focus in worship on ending childhood homelessness. Then on Feb. 7th the Presbyterians will have their Faith Day on Capitol Hill. This is a chance to learn more about legislations under consideration that address poverty. That will be from 10AM to noon beginning in the Aspen room.

Blessings, Pastor Chris



Treasurer's Report



Income & Expenses

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Total Income & Expenses		
<i>As of December 31, 2016</i>		
Pledge Income	\$ 343,576	\$ 385,293
Total Income	533,608	630,385
Total Expense	634,752	596,712
Monthly Income & Expense		
Pledge Income	\$ 28,631	\$ 72,598
Total Income	44,467	121,400
Total Expenses	52,896	51,764

Please remember FPC in your will, trust, or IRA

“STEWARDSHIP”

We received 112% of the amount budgeted for Estimated Giving. For 2016, we were able to meet all of our mission and ministry costs. We received nearly 20% of our income in December, and a large percentage of that amount came in after Christmas. We appreciate the many large and small gifts and the efforts the congregation made in giving extra gifts at the end of the year. **GIFTS OF ALL AMOUNTS ADD UP** to make the operation of the church ministry successful.

PER CAPITA GIFT for **2017 is \$38.00** for each active member of First Presbyterian Church. Per Capita helps fund the administrative costs for the denomination, but a large portion is returned to Utah for ministry and mission support. Please mark your donation as Per Capita or place it in the blue envelope in your boxed envelopes.

AmazonSmile lets customers enjoy the same selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com. When customers shop at smile.amazon.com the AmazonSmile Foundation donates 0.5% of eligible purchases to the charities selected by the customers. First Presbyterian Church of Salt Lake City is now one of the charities you may support on AmazonSmile.

Smith's Rewards—First Presbyterian Church is now enrolled in Smith's Community Rewards Program. 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!
Nancy Savage, Treasurer.

Numbers to Keep in Mind for 2017 at First Presbyterian Church providing a perspective for your giving

\$604,278 annual budget for 2017 (includes \$385,031 for professional staff; \$72,360 for ministry & mission; \$146,887 for building, HVAC, insurance, supplies, communications, etc).

300 families, couples, single members and friends who participate regularly in the life of the church.

\$2,000 is the average needed from each family, couple, or single member/friend (that would

be 10% - a tithe - from those whose annual household income is \$20,000.) Of course, some are able to give less than and many more than the “average.”

No matter what, please plan to give. The Lord blesses each gift and giver. Together the church will thrive.

First Presbyterian Church
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Gifts for 2016 special offerings were:

One Great Hour of Sharing:	\$862.00
Pentecost Offering:	\$762.10
Peacemaking Offering:	\$929.00
Ulster Project:	\$1,239.50
Christmas Joy Offering:	\$245.00
Pamela's Closet:	\$2,525.00
Family Promise	\$100.00
Ceilidh Proceeds	\$8,250.00
	<i>To St. Vincent DePaul</i>
Deacons	\$25,594.10

Youth Ministry



Group Studies

Women's Bible Study for Mothers

This is a Bible study for mothers. 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, second and fourth Tuesdays 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 Women's Bible Study—1 p.m. We meet every Thursday here at First Pres. Contact **JoAnn Armstrong** at 801-521-9271.

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.

February, March, April Youth Chimes
There is some cool stuff going on here for the youth of FPCSLC as we make it through winter into the first part of Spring

January will end with a fun day of **Tubing at Sugar House Park**. We will be taking a bunch of inner tubes to a good sized hill to ride down. There is a pavilion nearby where we will have snacks and a place to build a fire.

We will also be continuing our relationship with **Crossroads Urban Center**. There are various projects that we help will out with on the grounds for Spring. We will be working on some spring cleaning chores and food organizing projects.

There will be a fundraiser to support the 2017 **FPCSLC Student Mission Trip** on February 5th. We will be having the Second Annual Super Sub Fundraiser on Super Bowl Sunday. Fill out an order form found in the program and pick up your sub sandwich on February 5th.

We will also be collecting donations for the **Souper Bowl of Caring Project** on Feb.5. Bring in canned food items to donate to Crossroads Urban Center.

The **Third Annual FPCSLC Youth Ski Trip** to Brighton will be March 11. The Darts' have an awesome cabin that we will congregate after a day on the slopes. We will enjoy some snacks, have a time of devotion and song, and enjoy the company of one another.

The **FPCSLC Basketball Team** will begin practices on January 29. We participate in the Southeast Christian Church Basketball League where a couple dozen teams from various churches in the valley gather for some great games.

We meet every Sunday morning at 11am for Jr. and Sr. High Sunday School and once a month for **Bible Study**.

If you would like to volunteer for any youth events, service projects, or open your house to a Bible Study please don't hesitate to email or give me a call. Our calendar of projects/events can be found on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall

Many Blessings,

Nathan M. Parrish, Youth Director



Children's Ministry

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



Faith Explorers
FPCSLC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

2016 Advent

We enjoyed many activities during the 2016 Advent season.

During the Greening of the Church, children had a special tree with special activities just for them. The Kids' Tree was beautifully and colorfully decorated with handmade ornaments by our children.

Instead of an Advent where our students GOT something as the weeks counted down to Christmas, the Faith Explorers sponsored a Reverse Advent—where we GAVE something each week. In total, we collected over four boxes of needed items for the Catholic Refugee Center.

We held a Happy Birthday Party for Jesus, complete with party hats, cake, and candles. We joyously celebrated the day God came to Earth, and kept His promise to send a Messiah to save us from our sins.

Finally, our annual Children's Christmas Eve service was full of special contributions of our children. A beautiful ballet, choreographed by Mrs. Sandra Swenson, depicted the Star of Bethlehem, lighting the way of the wise men to the new King of the Jews. Children prepared scripture readings from the Gospel of Luke. After many weeks of rehearsal, the Faith Explorers Handbell Choir led the congregation in worship both during the last Sunday of Advent, and on Christmas Eve. And, of course, all our children donned costumes and props so that they could join the story of Jesus' birth.

No School Sledding Day

February 20

School is out on February 20th! Spend the day with your friends from First Pres. We are hoping for snow and a day of sledding fun. Clear your schedules and watch the church bulletin and website for more information.

Date Night

February 24, 6-9pm

Parents, plan a date night on Friday, February 24th, and let First Pres watch the kids! The evening will include a movie and activities for toddlers-5th graders. Proceeds will go to the youth group and will contribute to their mission trip expenses.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 15, 10:00am

Bring a basket and join us for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. HUNDREDS of Easter Eggs will be hidden inside the church. How many will you be able to find?

Save the Date—Vacation Bible School

July 10-14, 9:00am-Noon

Save the date for this year's Vacation Bible School. You won't want to miss a fun-packed week of games, crafts, snacks, and Bible stories. Many volunteers are needed as well. Let Christin know if you would be willing to join the VBS team. Helpers are needed in demonstrating crafts, making snacks, leading games, and directing groups of kids to the right rotation. We'd love for you to join in the fun!

Spring Curriculum

Have you ever noticed that as the gospels begin the Passion story of our Lord, time slows down in the writings? Space that covers years in the beginning chapters, suddenly only covers hours of Jesus' life. This spring, we will be looking at the last week of Jesus' life in detail. From

the road back to Jerusalem, to His glorious resurrection from the dead, we will discover why this week has become so important in Christian life. Take a look at the following stories from the [Jesus Storybook Bible](#), by Sally Lloyd-Jones in preparation for our Spring Curriculum: *Washed with Tears* (Mark 14, Luke 7, John 12), *The Servant King* (Mark 14, John 13-14), *A Dark Night in the Garden* (Luke 22, Mark 14, John 18), *The Sun Stops Shining* (Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, John 19), *God's Wonderful Surprise* (Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20).

Service Opportunities

Feb 2	Dinner at Ronald McDonald House (4:30 pm & 6:00 pm)
Feb 8	Dinner @ Vinny's Sandwich Making (3:30 pm)
Feb 9	Dinner @ Vinny's Sandwich Making (9:30 am)
Mar 2	Dinner at Ronald McDonald House (4:30 pm & 6:00 pm)
Mar 8	Dinner @ Vinny's Sandwich Making (3:30 pm)
Mar 9	Dinner @ Vinny's Sandwich Making (9:30 am)
Apr 6	Dinner at Ronald McDonald House (4:30 pm & 6:00 pm)
Apr 12	Dinner @ Vinny's Sandwich Making (3:30 pm)
Apr 13	Dinner @ Vinny's Sandwich Making (9:30 am)

Community Outreach

Dinner at Ronald McDonald House:

Thursdays, February 2nd, March 2nd, and April 6th. 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



Dinner @ Vinny's Sandwich Making:

Wednesdays, February 8th, March 8th, and April 12th at 3:30 pm. Meat and Cheese Sandwich Making.

Thursdays, February 9th, March 9th, and April 13th at 9:30 am. PB&J Sandwich Making. Come help make sandwiches for St. Vincent de Paul. We meet in the downstairs kitchen.



Serving Dinner @ Vinny's: Thursdays, February 9th, March 9th, and April 13th at 4:30 pm. Contact Pamela Atkinson to volunteer.

Please join us for our second annual Valentine's Card Decorating Extravaganza!

When: February 12, 2017 - following the 11:00 am service

Where: The fellowship hall

We will be making Valentine's cards for members of our congregation who cannot make it to church. We would also love to have you make one for a friend or neighbor as well.

You do not have to be creative, artistic or even good with a glue stick. If you help assemble a cards, sign your name or even write a brief thought/message you will have made a difference. We are looking for donations of fun craft paper, stickers, small items of candy, nuts, fruit and flowers.

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.

Do you have an idea about a place in the community where we could/should be involved? Please contact Christine Gibbs (801-808-6140) or Melissa Piercey so we can get connected!

Christine Gibbs, Community Outreach

Pamela's Closet

PAMELA'S CLOSET FEBRUARY-APRIL 2017

I am so grateful for your outpouring of gifts to Pamela's Closet in December 2016 - the trees in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall had many items that were urgently needed. Socks, gloves, hats, scarves, underwear were eagerly received by children, men and women whether they were homeless, low-income or refugees. Please know that your donations brought much happiness to so many people before, during and after Christmas. On Christmas Day, four year old Hope was thrilled with a package of new

underwear and softly said "thank you very much" with a huge smile; Travis, a homeless man in his forties, gave me a hug as the warmth of his extra-large gloves permeated his very cold hands; his eyes lit up as he put on a warm hat and scarf and accepted a pair of new socks. Each and everyone of your gifts was greatly appreciated indeed!

NEEDS FOR FEB.-APRIL

- * Men and Women's DEODORANT (Small sizes please)
- * Men and Women's UNDERWEAR - MEDIUM AND LARGE
- * Lighter JACKETS as the weather becomes a little warmer

in April - we hope!
* Men's SOCKS

Many thanks to all of you who gave so generously - I'm aware of a number of you who gave several times and I am so very grateful - you may not see the outcomes of your gift but please know you truly made a difference in many people's lives - Jesus Christ knows what was in your heart as you shopped and delivered your items to FPC and Pamela's Closet!
With Gratitude, Pamela

Boy Scout Troop 34

Troop 34

The Boy Scouts of America has a Scouting Anniversary Day which is designated as Scout Sunday. This is a day to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting. This year, Scout Sunday will be held at First Presbyterian on **February 12, 2017**. We will be hosting our annual pancake breakfast during the fellowship hour, as well as ushering during Sunday service. Please plan on joining us on this special day.

A fun activity that Troop 34 attended in January was their very first Klondike Derby, located at a Scout Camp in the hills east of Heber. Five Scouts (Barack, Brayden, Sinjin, Thierry, and Wilson) were able to spend time with other Troops from District 5 of the Great Salt Lake Council. Everyone had a great time playing in the snow and there was lots of it. This was a no stress camping experience for the Scouts as they slept in cabins that were heated and meals were provided by the camp. The night before the actual derby, Scouts practiced their skills at tying

knots, playing Scout trivia games and participating in a scavenger hunt. They also worked on starting a fire



without matches or a lighter, it was tough but was succeeded. The derby competition was held on Saturday with great results. A simulated wilderness rescue was practiced and Troop 34 Scouts achieved this in less than a minute.

The leaders who attended were happy to see this and are glad that Troop 34 Scouts are gaining experience in back country rescues. The grand finale was a 3/4 mile sled race where Troop 34 came in third place for their heat.

Besides the Scout Sunday in February, there is an overnight winter camp planned in Big Cottonwood Canyon, a service project with the Utah Food Bank and Merit Badge Pow Wows where the Scouts can earn various merit badges over a three week period.

Upcoming events include: March – Night skiing at Brighton, Scouting for Food and an overnight campout in southern Utah; April – overnight campout; May - overnight campout and flag placement for Memorial Day.

If you have a boy or know someone who would be interested in Scouting, please contact one of the following:

Boys 6 to 10 years old - Cub Master: Susan Bland – 801-484-0251 or sdm-bland@yahoo.com

Boys 11 to 18 years old –Scout Master: Chad Bradford -801-403-5613 or chadlbradford@gmail.com

Special Events

Feb 12	Adams Road Piano Concert
Feb 20	No School Sledding Day
Feb 25	Church Ski Day
Mar 1	Ash Wednesday Service 7 PM Lent Begins
Mar 11	Church Ski Day
Apr 9	Palm Sunday
Apr 13	Maundy Thursday Communion 7:30 PM
Apr 14	Good Friday Service 12 PM
Apr 15	Easter Egg Hunt
Apr 16	Easter Sunday

Lilies

Lily order forms will be available starting Sunday, March 19th, and will be **due on Sunday, April 9th.** Lilies will be \$10 each and will decorate the Sanctuary for Easter in honor and memory of loved ones.

Holy Week at First Presbyterian

Palm Sunday Services

Sunday, April 9, 9:00 & 11:00 am

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 13, 7:30 pm
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday Community Service

Friday, April 14, 12:00 noon

Annual Procession of the Cross

Friday, April 14, 7:00 pm

Begins at the Cathedral of the Madeleine; processes to First Presbyterian Church, Crossroads Urban Center, First United Methodist Church, ends inside St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

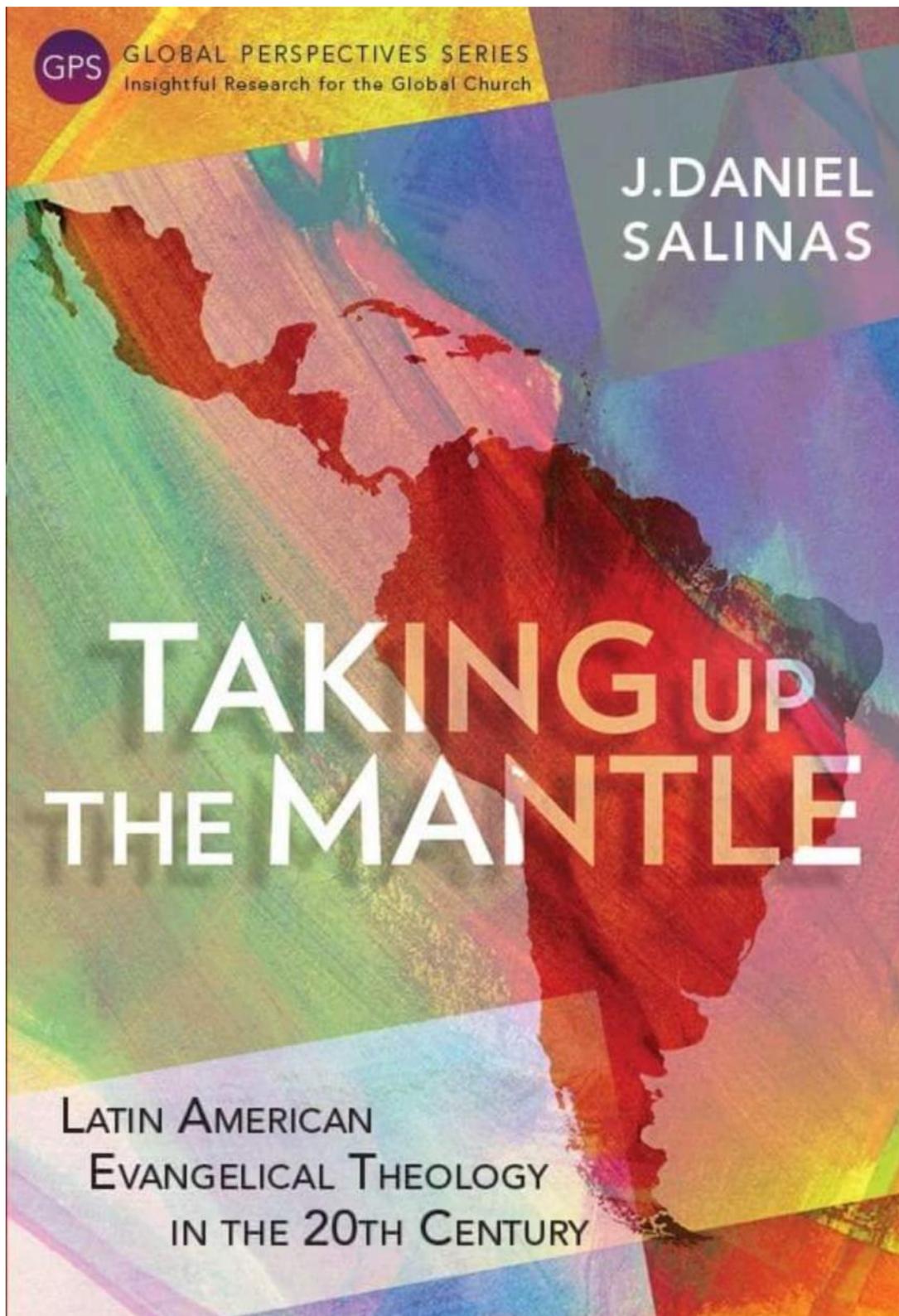
Saturday, April 15, 10:00 am
Bring a basket; Hear the Easter Story

Easter Sunday Services

Sunday, April 16, 9:00 & 11:00 am
Flowering the Cross for Children

EASTER EGG HUNT DONATIONS

We are in need of any/all donations of candy, stickers, prizes, etc. for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 15th! Please make sure the items you donate are individually wrapped and can fit into regular size plastic eggs. There will be bins in the Fellowship Area until April 2nd; please help if you can!



Our missionary, Daniel Salinas, has published his book, *Taking Up the Mantle*. The book traces Latin American Evangelical Theology in the 20th Century. Published by Langham Global Library.

See www.langham.org

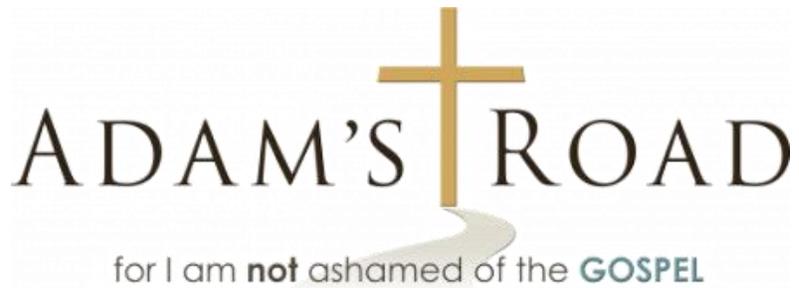
Did You Know?

Per Capita Apportionment is used to maintain the administration of our denomination. Your special gift of \$38.00 per member in your family will help maintain the quality of our extended family and the PCUSA denomination.

The envelope for this offering will be located in the boxes of 2017 offering envelopes. 2017 offering envelope boxes are available in the Narthex.

Announcements

Adam's Road is a Christian, non-profit music ministry dedicated to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ through song and testimony. They will be having a concert at 1st Pres on February 12th at 4PM open to the public.



2017 Women's Retreat

Location: Park City, the Lodge at the Mountain Village —

Dates: May 6-7

Women from all our Presbyterian churches, ages 18 and up, are welcome. Come learn more about the Lord and the Bible while enjoying fellowship, food, hiking, visiting the spa, shopping, or napping. This year's retreat is co-sponsored by First Pres. of SLC and the Presbytery of Utah.

Speaker: Dr. Deborah Spink-Winters, Lecturer in Old Testament at Palmer Theological Seminary, has a PhD in Religion from Temple University. She teaches at Palmer, has authored and co-authored several books including *Through Her Eyes* which won the 2017 Silver Medal Illumination Book Award, *Who Killed Goliath? Reading the Bible with Heart and Mind*, and has written on the Psalms in *The Pastor's Bible Study Vol. 3: A New Interpreter's Bible Study*. Dr. Winters is also an ordained pastor in the United Church of Christ and works with her husband doing mission work in Liberia.

Cost: \$110 (scholarships are available). Checks made payable to "First Presbyterian Church of SLC" are due April 22nd.

Register at www.fpcslc.org under "Get Involved"



Church Ski Day

Skiers rejoice! Mark your calendars, the Church Ski Days will be **Saturday, February 25th**, and **Saturday, March 11th**. For more information, please contact Pastor Chris, pastorchris@fpcslc.org



SUNDAY WORSHIP for Spring 2017

9 am: Praise Band & Songs

11 am: Organ, Hymns, & Choir

Thanks to everyone who contributed their articles to the Spring *Chimes*.

Please note the deadline for Summer's *Chimes* articles is Tuesday, April 18th.

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 weekly announcements and our digital version of *The Chimes*, visit www.fpcslc.org/subscribe/.

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February 5	"A Trivial Faith" Matthew 5:13-20 Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
February 12	"No More Pretending" Matthew 5:21-26, 33-37
February 19	"Grow Up! Live Graciously" Matthew 5:38-48
February 26	"Words to Build a Life" Matthew 7:24-29
March 5 1 st Lent	"THE PASSION OF CHRIST" Matthew 26:1-5 Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
March 12 2 nd Lent	"The Way It Had To Be" Matthew 26:36-46; 27:27-31
March 19 3 rd Lent	"Are You With Jesus?" Matthew 26:31-35, 69-75; 26:14-16, 47-56
March 26 4 th Lent	"Soon You Will See It" Matthew 26:57-68; 27:11-26
April 2 5 th Lent	"Blest and Broken" Matthew 26:17-30 Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
April 9	"THE CROSS: Defeat? Or Victory?" Matthew 27:38-44; 27:45-50 Palm Sunday
April 16	"At First Light" Matthew 28:1-10 Easter Sunday
April 23	"A Command and Commission" Matthew 28:16-20
April 30	"Do You Recognize Jesus?" Luke 24:13-35