



The Chimes

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH



DEAR FIRST PRESBYTERIAN MEMBERS & FRIENDS,

Dear 1st Presbyterian members & friends,

February-March 2018

In 2018, Ash Wednesday (the beginning of the season of Lent) falls on February 14th. Forty days plus six Sundays later, Easter Sunday falls on April 1st. Valentine's Day to April Fools' Day: what a strange coincidence of calendar!

And yet, knowing and accepting the love of God in Christ is a most important experience in life. In First John 4, we read: "And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them... This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him."

A Valentine from the Lord.

April Fools' Day began in the 1500s when the Gregorian calendar took over from the Julian. Those who forgot the change and attempted to celebrate New Year's (previously celebrated on the 1st of April) on the wrong date were teased as "April fools." In First Corinthians 4, Paul chastises some in the church for thinking they were oh so superior to others. With tongue-in-cheek he writes, "We are fools for Christ, but you are so wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are honored, we are dishonored!"

But, are not we all "fools for Christ?" As Paul writes in Romans, "We preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles... When we preach that Christ was crucified, the Jews are offended and the Gentiles say it's all nonsense."

The Bible has another comment for April Fools' Day in Proverbs 53:1: "The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God.' They are corrupt, and their ways are vile; there is no one who does good." And the 1963 Grammy song of the year from "Stop the World - I Want to Get Off" asked a great question: "What Kind of Fool Am I?"

On Ash Wednesday we begin a season of probing the depths of love that the Lord has for us. On Easter Sunday, with reckless abandon, we proclaim "Christ crucified and risen." It is there that we put our "foolish" faith, our trust in the grace of God, and seek to live as followers of Jesus. "When we in our foolishness thought we were wise/He played the fool and He opened our eyes/When we in our weakness believed we were strong/He became helpless to show we were wrong/And so we follow God's own fool/For only the foolish can tell/Believe the unbelievable/And come be a fool as well." (Michael Card).

Understanding the paradox of faith,

Pastor Mike

Rev. Dr. Michael Imperiale

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Just remember
Daylight Savings begins March
10th

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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 PM)

Debtors Anonymous

♦Thursday (12:00PM)

FROM THE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Have you ever gone someplace new where you knew no one? New job? New school? New home? How easy or hard was it to feel welcome? These are all necessities sometimes in life. But what if you went someplace new where you didn't know anyone because you were seeking something? You went not out of necessity or obligation, but out of yearning? You were looking for friendship, or God, or inspiration, or comfort? How would you want to be welcomed?

We are blessed EVERY WEEK at First Pres with visitors. They come from far and wide for a variety of reasons. God brings them to us. They come not knowing anyone. How do we then welcome them and care for them?

The Bible is clear about how we treat those we do not know. Matthew 5 in the sermon on the mount Jesus goes as far to tell his followers that they are to love each other, even their enemies. He makes a good point in verses 46-47; "If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? 47 And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?" Of course it is OK to come to church and enjoy and value those we already love. But Jesus is pointing out that as Christians we have a calling to love those we don't even know yet. That means we need to welcome them in.

I have had members, yes members, that are here and love First Pres. tell me that when they came they were not welcomed much. I know you are a loving bunch. So we just need to do better at this. ALL of us. Whether you sneak in the back

each week just because you like the organist, or whether you are a deacon or elder, or you come just because your friend gives you a ride. ALL of us need to make visitors a priority EVERY Sunday.

This is a goal of mine for 2018... that First Pres. welcome visitors and take the time to help them realize they are valued and that we want to know them better. This means greeting them, asking for their name, finding out more about them, connecting them with someone in the congregation that they might have something in common with, and even inviting them to lunch. Yes, lunch! Presbyterians love food! I know First Pres. can do this. Let's value and love our visitors every week.

Blessings, Pastor Chris



TREASURER'S REPORT



**PLEASE REMEMBER FPC
IN YOUR WILL, TRUST,
OR IRA**

Income & Expenses 2017

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Total Income & Expenses <i>As of December 31, 2017</i>		
Pledge Income	\$ 335,658	\$373,299
Total Income	604,278	599,425
Total Expense	604,278	591,228
Monthly Income & Expense		
Pledge Income	\$ 27,972	\$ 80,047
Total Income	50,357	129,514
Total Expenses	50,357	67,100

We received 112% of the amount budgeted for Estimated Giving. We received 99% of budgeted income and spent 98% of budgeted expenses. For 2017, 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.

OFFERING ENVELOPS

If you have not picked up your boxed envelopes, please feel free to pick up a set on the Narthex table or at the reception desk.

INITIAL OFFERING ENVELOPE

The initial offering envelope that is provided in your box of envelopes is for prayer and dedication of your gifts to God and to help offset the cost of the envelopes.

PER CAPITA GIFT for 2017 is \$38.23 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.

Gifts for 2017 special offerings were:

One Great Hour of Sharing:	\$ 948.00
Pentecost Offering:	\$ 680.00
Peacemaking Offering:	\$ 1,208.00
Ulster Project:	\$ 1,380.00
Christmas Joy Offering:	\$ 1,077.68
Pamela's Closet	\$ 9,346.00
Deacons	\$ 21,993.13

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 am—8:15 am
Men's Breakfast Tuesday mornings at Gourmandise Bakery on 250 S 300 E
Contact **Pastor Mike** (801) 363-3889 x 224.

Thursday Women's Bible Study —1:00 pm

We meet every Thursday here at First Pres. Contact **JoAnn Armstrong** a801-521-9271.

Thursday Evening Men's Group

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

There are a ton of events, projects, and studies going on these next two winter months.

Confirmation Class students will graduate and be confirmed at the 11am service on February 11. They have been going through a confirmation class on Sundays for the past three months. Come and be a part of this special time.

The Souper Bowl of Caring project is on February 5. Bring canned food items to donate to Crossroads Urban Center. The box will be in the Fellowship Hall.

The Super Bowl Sub Fundraiser will also be on February 5. We will be making subs for congregates that wish to donate to the FPCSLC 2018 Mission Trip to Estes Park. Fill out an order form and place it in the basket located in the Fellowship Hall.

Presbyterian youth from all over Utah will be attending the Presbytery Youth Ski Trip on February 24/25 at a local ski resort. We will also be staying at First Presbyterian of Ogden and attending worship with them in the morning.

Southeast Christian Church Basketball League will be starting up in March. Please let me know if you are interested in playing. Games are played in Cottonwood Heights at Southeast Christian Church. It is open for ages 16 and up.

We will also be having a rotating Bible Study at local coffee shops for the rest of the school year. Raw Bean Coffee Shop will be the location over the next two months.

Look out in the upcoming months for service projects with **Crossroads Urban Center**. Our students love to serve others through this organization.

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***

Looking Back:

2017 was a year of hurricanes and natural disasters for much of the United States. The Faith Explorers sponsored a family from Houston, Texas and sent them a package of much needed school supplies, blankets, and clothing after Hurricane Harvey. We also participated in Operation Christmas Child and helped pack 100 boxes with the youth group that were sent to developing countries, along with the good news message of the love of Jesus Christ for his people.

Christmas Eve fell on a Sunday this year, and our annual Children and Families service was an extra special one that morning. It featured First Pres children singing, reading scripture, dancing, and of course, in costume for the Nativity story.

Looking Forward:

Movie and Pajama Night

February 10, 5:00-7:00 PM

We hope to see you at the Family Movie and Pajama Night at First Pres. Get comfy and bring the whole family to eat pizza, snack on some popcorn, and watch a movie together at the church.

Date Night

March 23, 6:00-9:00 PM

Parents, plan a date night on Friday, March 23rd, 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, March 31, 10:00 AM

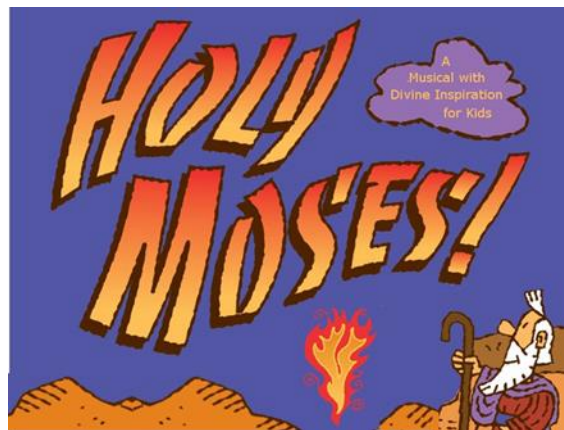
Bring a basket and join us for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt for Toddlers-5th graders. HUNDREDS of Easter Eggs will be hidden inside the church. How many will you be able to find?

Save the Date—

Vacation Bible School

July 8-12, 6:00-8:00 PM

Save the date for this year's Vacation Bible School. You won't want to miss a fun-packed week of music, games, and crafts—all exploring the story of Moses. The week will complete with a performance on closing night. 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, leading games, organizing light meals, and directing groups of kids to the right rotation. We'd love for you to join in the fun!



Spring Curriculum

The Faith Explorers started 2018 back at the beginning—the very beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth. This Spring, we will be narrowing in on one family God chose as his chosen people. It would be through this family that God would bless the whole world! It is through this family that our Savior, Jesus would be born, and rescue his people. Take a look at the following stories from the Jesus Storybook Bible, by Sally Lloyd-Jones in preparation for our Spring Curriculum: *Son of laughter* (Genesis 12-21), *The present* (Genesis 22), and *The forgiving prince* (Genesis 37-50)

Christin Abbott
Children's Ministry Director

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Dinner at Ronald McDonald House:

Thursday's Feb 1 and March 1.

Those cooking arrive at 4:30 pm and serving arrive at 6:00 pm. Contact Pastor Chris if you would like to help at 801-363-3889 ext. 225



Dinner @ Vinny's Sandwich Making:

Wednesday's Feb 7 and March 7.

Come help make sandwiches for St. Vincent de Paul. We meet in the downstairs kitchen.



Serving Dinner @ Vinny's:

Thursdays, February 8 and March 8 at 4:30.

Please call Taffy Kosierowski (801- 673-0457) for more info.

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?

Contact Christine Gibbs (801-808-6140) or Melissa Piercey so we can get connected!

PAMELA'S CLOSET

Thank You for Supporting The Angel Trees

Thanks to all of you who gave so generously to support our two Angel Trees during the Christmas season! The "warming tree" in the sanctuary was covered in knit caps, gloves and mittens, scarves, and lots and lots of cozy socks. The tree in the Fellowship Hall was surrounded by evidence of your love and compassion. You donated hundreds of diapers, warm coats and boots, underwear (including long-johns) jeans and shirts, and adorable outfits for baby boys and girls. Your kindness and commitment to helping those in

our community who are struggling is a blessing. Please know that your donations make a huge impact on the lives of those who receive them. Not only are their physical needs taken care of, but the love and Christian commitment with which the gifts are given lighten the load of the recipients and help them recognize God's grace and love. Thanks again!

Feb 1 Dinner at Ronald McDonald House
4:30 pm & 6:00 pm

Feb 7 Dinner @ Vinny's Sandwich Making
3:30 pm

Feb 8 Dinner @ Vinny's Sandwich Making
9:30 am

Dinner @ Vinny's
4:30 pm

Mar 1 Dinner at Ronald McDonald House
4:30 pm & 6:00 pm

Mar 7 Dinner @ Vinny's Sandwich Making
3:30 pm

Mar 8 Dinner @ Vinny's Sandwich Making
9:30 am

Dinner @ Vinny's
4:30 pm

MEN'S MINISTRY

A new year can bring wonderful and exciting opportunities to develop your faith and fellowship with a great group of men within our community. The MM Planning Group will be meeting on February 1st to organize and select events for 2018. We hope to have a minimum of one event each quarter and maybe two events during some quarters. Some of our events may include a Breakfast, Dinner, Kid's fishing day, an evening at a local gun range, a canyon BBQ, the fall retreat, etc. If you have any ideas on events you'd like to see offered, please give me a call or stop me at church to chat. If anyone is interested in joining our MM Planning Group, please get in touch with me. We would love to have anyone with an interest join our group.

Contact: Chuck Britter

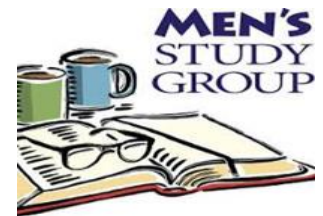


Tuesday Men's Breakfast:

We are currently meeting each Tuesday at Gourmandise Bakery/Café located at 250 South 300 East from 7am to 8am each Tuesday. Our current reading is from the book "God Will Carry You Through" by Max Lucado. There's plenty of room for additional guys who enjoy a good breakfast and Christian fellowship/discussion. It's a great way to start your day. Contact: Pastor Mike

Thursday's Men's Group Study:

The Men's Group Study meets every Thursday evening from 6:30pm-8:00pm in the Library at FPC. We will be starting a new reading from the book "Basic Christianity" by John Stot on February 1st. If you are interested in joining us, contact Chuck Britter so he can arrange to get you a book. Contact: Chuck Britter



DEACONS CORNER

How the Board of Deacons Serves With Your Help

The Board of Deacons is tasked with serving members of the congregation as well as others in the community, across the country, and throughout the world. Some of the activities during the last few months include hosting Fellowship Hour (if you are willing to help, please let us know) delivering flowers to shut-ins (if you would like to donate flowers please let us know, also, if you know someone who would enjoy receiving flowers let Dorothy Dart know). We also use the money donated by you on Communion Sundays to help people pay for important things like: mortgage payments, rent, auto insurance, medicine, school supplies, winter

coats and shoes, UTA bus passes, and lodging and transportation costs for people in transit. Working through a Presbyterian Church in Kady, TX your donations provided funds to assist a family in the rebuilding of their home that was severely damaged by the hurricane. Through the Presbyterian Disaster Relief Assistance Fund, you provided money to support families in Puerto Rico whose lives were devastated by the hurricanes there. You also contributed funds that assisted Christian families in Pakistan as well as refugee families here in Utah. Thank you for your generosity and prayers, it is an honor for us to serve on your behalf.



SPECIAL EVENTS

GREETERS AND USHERS

To help 1st Pres to be more “welcoming” on Sunday mornings, the pastors would like to have both ushers and greeters. Greeters would be the first person(s) to meet those coming to worship. Ushers would be at the doors entering the sanctuary with bulletins to hand to worshipers.

On SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 immediately following the 11:00 am service, Pastor Mike will lead a class in the conference room for current and future USHERS.

Pastor Chris will lead a class in Room 3 for GREETERS.

Please consider serving in these ministries of hospitality.

Everyone can manage a Sunday for two times a month/a quarter/a year. Come join in - Sunday, FEBRUARY 11TH.



CUB SCOUT PACK 3034

The Cub Scouts had completed their annual re-chartering for 2018 with 24 Cub Scouts and 7 adult leaders with Susan Bland as a cub master. Cub Scouts had their annual Winter Camp held January 15th at Camp Tracy in Millcreek Canyon because of the lack of snow the Cub Scouts was not able to do the Tubing Hill and snow shooting but still had a great and fabulous time.

Cub Scouts will be participating in the upcoming Scout Sunday to be held February 11th where they will be greeting the members of the church, they will have their annual blue and gold banquet to be held February 27th, March activities will include scouting for food drive where the Cub Scouts will be handing out flyers on March 13th for the food drive which will be March 17th Cub Scouts will also have their annual pinewood derby to be held March 20th.

Feb 10 **Movie Night**
5:00 pm

Feb 13 **60+ Lunch**

Feb 14 **Ash**
Wednesday
7:00 pm

Mar 20 **60+ Lunch**

Mar 23 **Date Night**
6:00 pm

Mar 25 **Palm-**
Passion
Sunday

Mar 29 **Maundy**
Thursday

Mar 30 **Good**
Friday

Mar 31 **Easter Egg**
Hunt
10:00 am

Apr 1 **Easter**
Sunday



HOLY WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Palm Sunday Services

Sunday, March 25, 9:00 & 11:00 am

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, March 29, 7:30 pm
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday Community Service

Friday, March 30, 12:00 noon

Annual Procession of the Cross

Friday, March 30, 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, March 31, 10:00 am

Bring a basket; Hear the Easter Story

Easter Sunday Services

Sunday, April 1, 9:00 & 11:00 am

Flowering the Cross for Children

EASTER EGG HUNT

Bring your Easter baskets and come and join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Toddlers through sixth graders are welcome. We will have activities for the children and refreshments for all. Children will be split into groups according to age for the actual Egg Hunt. It will be on Saturday, March 31, 2018 at 10:00 AM. It's a good time for all!

Please feel free to help us fill the Easter Eggs. We encourage small treats that will fit inside of the Easter Eggs. Stickers, small toys, and small Easter candy are all welcome. Suckers are too long, so please enjoy those at home. All candy must be wrapped individually and delivered by

Sunday, March 18, 2018.

Thank you for your participation!

C Street and FPC



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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/](http://www.fpcslc.org/subscribe/)



Ash Wednesday

6:30 pm – a simple supper

7:00 pm – a simple service

Come to begin the 2018 season of Lent as
we prepare for the depths of Holy Week
and the heights of Easter.

The All-New 60+ Club at 1st Pres

Once a month

Enjoying lunch together and some fun...

11:30 am til 1:00 pm

Mardi Gras TUESDAY, FEB 13TH rsvp by Feb 11

12 days before Easter TUESDAY, MAR 20TH rsvp by Mar 18

(rsvp means please leave a message for the church office
to let us know who's coming! 801-363-3889)

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.



Lilies

Lily order forms will be available starting
Sunday, March 4th, and will be
due on Sunday, March 25th.

Lilies will be \$10 each and will decorate the
Sanctuary for Easter in honor and memory
of loved ones.

Paul, Apostle of Christ

Opens March 28th – which Salt Lake
Theaters will offer the film?

– we will invite 1st Pres
members and friends when we know.
Pastor Mike will probably go Monday,
April 2 (would love company).



Thanks to everyone who contributed their articles to the February/March *Chimes*.

Please note the deadline for the April/May 2018 *Chimes* articles is Friday, March 23.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

February 4

“None like you, Lord”

Psalm 86

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

February 11

“I didn’t know what to say”

Transfiguration

Mark 9:2-9

Season of Lent begins

February 14 Ash Wednesday 7:00 pm

February 18

“God’s Covenant Rainbow”

Genesis 9:8-17

February 25

“God’s Covenant Family”

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

March 4

“God’s Covenant Word”

Exodus 20:1-17

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

*March 10 Daylight savings

Turn clocks forward 1 hour

March 11

“God’s Covenant Sign”

Numbers 21:4-9

March 18

“God’s Brand New Covenant”

Jeremiah 31:31-34

March 25

“Hosanna?” or “Nail Him!”

Palm-Passion
Sunday

Mark 11:1-11; Mark 15:1-20

March 29

“I Will Pass Over You”

Maundy
Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

March 30

Community Good Friday Service

Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

April 1

Easter Sunday

“How Foolish Can We Be”

Mark 16:1-8; I Corinthians 1:18-31

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