



The Chimes

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH



JUNE & JULY
2018

DEAR FIRST PRESBYTERIAN MEMBERS & FRIENDS,

Dear 1st Presbyterian members & friends,

June/July 2018

Outwardly, Christians look like any other people you'd pass on the street or in a shopping mall. We don't wear uniforms like Scouts or soldiers. We don't have the same hair style, wear the same jewelry, drive the same car, listen to the same music... Christians don't even go to the same church.

So, what's the difference between believers and the rest of the people around them? In II Corinthians 5, Paul says, "If anyone is in Christ, you are a new creation. The old has gone, the new has come." When a person accepts, acknowledges, receives Jesus as Savior and Lord of life, God begins to transform the inside of that person. The nine-fold "fruit of the Spirit" begins to grow. The seed of faith sprouts and a new life begins.

In June and July, you will hear Sunday messages on the marks of a Christian: "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self control." You and I will have an opportunity to take a personal inventory of how the Lord has been growing the fruit of the Spirit in your life.

No, you can't spot Christians in a crowded restaurant or walking through the neighborhood. But there is something different about followers of Jesus. So, be open to the One who tends the vineyard, the garden, the orchard of your life.

All in the grace of Christ,

Pastor Mike

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.)

Overeaters Anonymous

•Sunday (5:00 p.m.)

Workaholics Anonymous

•Tuesday (7:15 PM)

Debtors Anonymous

•Thursday (12:00PM)

FROM THE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Matthew 7:13-14

¹³ “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.”

I don't think many people would say that the verses above are their favorite verses in the Bible. This is one of many parts of the Sermon on the Mount where I get a twinge because what Jesus is asking me to do might be hard. I might not like the narrow gate.

First of all, what **is** the narrow gate? Well, to answer this we have to look at these verses in the context of the entire Sermon on the Mount, which is Matthew chapters 5-7. John Stott gives a great recap of this in his study of the Sermon on the Mount. “The narrower road is the way of life advocated in the Sermon. It is the way of humility, compassion, and justice pursued because one is loyal to Jesus as Lord (5:3-12). It is the way of reconciliation, love, integrity, generosity, and a love without boundaries (5:21-48). It is the way of inner devotion to God (6:1-18) marked by a whole-hearted commitment to God and his ways (6:19-34). It is the way of mercy towards others (7:1-5), and trust in God's goodness (7:7-11). It is the way of actively seeking the good of others (7:12). This way is entered through a narrow gate which requires us to leave behind the baggage of prejudice, selfish ambition, pride, and other loyalties. This way calls for discipline, training, and faith.”

Do I as a pastor want to go through the narrow and unpopular gate? Of

course not. I want to be a great preacher, excel at everything, be popular, and make my congregation feel good about themselves so they can tell me how wonderful I am. That is the temptation for every American pastor. This is what culture tells us we should want. And this describes the wide gate, the one that Jesus warns leads to destruction. This makes sense. Making my congregation feel good about themselves so I can feel good about myself is not going to lead to a healthy, effective, spirit-filled church. It will lead to a self-centered club that is content to not grow in Christ and not pursue the things listed by Stott above.

What I want to explore with you is what the narrow gate looks like for our church? How do we, as a church, avoid the things that culture says we should want...popularity, fancy property, glitzy worship, and hip programs? Where are we tempted to walk through the wide gate and what is God calling us to do that enters the narrow gate? Although this is a question I especially want our new session and new board of deacons coming on this month to explore, this is a question for every part of the church. As a priesthood of believers, where is God calling us away from the wide gate and towards the narrow gate? Please help me search ways that God can use First Pres to be humble, compassionate, just, reconciling, loving, generous, and devoted to God. Yes, it is a narrow gate, but we should fit through it together just fine.

**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 April 30, 2018</i>		
Pledge Income	\$ 130,333	\$106,314
Total Income	205,759	176,132
Total Expense	205,756	202,915
 Monthly Income & Expense		
Pledge Income	\$ 32,583	\$ 28,467
Total Income	51,439	45,906
Total Expenses	51,439	51,926

GIFTS TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

You may donate through the web site (www.fpcslc.org). We accept PayPal, MasterCard, Visa, Discover Card, and American Express. The Church pays the fees, so you may want to donate extra to cover the Church's expenses. After going to the web site, click on "Get Involved". "Giving online" is at the end of the list.

You may also write one check to cover several gifts. If you would like to send to several funds with one check, you may do the following: In the bottom left-hand memo area designate how much for each fund. For example: A check for \$200.00 may be divided in the following way:
Church Operations - \$150.00; Deacons - \$25.00; Pentecost offering - \$25.00.

Nancy Savage
Treasurer

DEACON'S CORNER

The flowers you see at the front of the Sanctuary each Sunday, except for communion Sunday, are provided by members donating them to the church. A donation of flowers can be made by a donation of \$35 to Nancy Saxon in the treasurer's office at First Presbyterian Church. The donor's name will be in the bulletin, along with a short statement of who the flowers are given in honor of. Flowers can be ordered by calling the church directly or signing up on the sign-up sheet on the South wall of the Fellowship Hall.

Following the church service, Deacons Jane Rich and Dorothy Dart break the arrangement into several bouquets, which are then taken to shut-ins to brighten their week.

All members of the church are encouraged to participate in giving flowers. If you have any questions, feel free to call Dorothy Dart at 801-231-6369.



GROUP STUDIES

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** 801-521-9271.

Women's Bible Study

This Bible Study meets the 2nd Wednesday and 4th Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM at church. Child care can be made available. Contact **Pastor Chris** (801) 363-3889 x 228.

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

The students are out of school and the summer schedule at FPCSLC is here!

Follow us on Instagram at **fpcyouthgroup** to keep up with what is going on!



June will start off with a mission trip to Estes Park, CO from June 3-8. We will be sleeping at the church before driving a couple vans over to Colorado for a week of service projects and worship with over 1200 Christian students from all over the US! We will be going through the organization Student Life. We are so thankful for the financial support you all have shown through our fundraising efforts and direct sponsorship. It is much appreciated and accepted with grateful hearts.

At the end of June we will all head up Big Cottonwood Canyon for an afternoon of rock climbing and cooking at Storm Mountain Picnic Area, Reservoir Ridge, and a couple other spots. We will have a campsite, some fire, smores, great food, and fellowship!!

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

In July, we will all head up to Park City to the Park Silly Farmers Market. We will enjoy an afternoon of music, food, fellowship, and some Park City culture!

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.

Much love,

Nathan M. Parrish

Youth Director



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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



Holy Moses! Kick Off Party

Sunday, July 8 12:00-2:00 PM

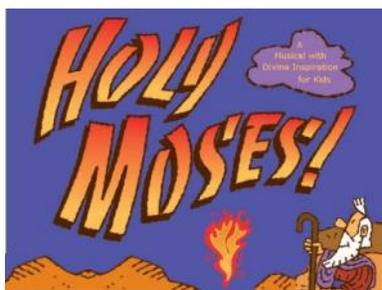
There are “10 Commandments” for this party:

1. Come hungry
2. Bring a friend
3. Register for VBS
4. Enjoy the games
5. Have fun
6. Pose for a picture
7. Meet the Pastors and Teachers
8. See old friends
9. Meet new friends
10. Learn about Holy Moses!

Vacation Bible School

July 9-13, 9:00am-Noon

Ages 4-completed 5th grade



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. This year, kids will be following the story of Moses—from a baby in a basket, called by God—to the deliverer of God's people out of Egypt and into the Promised Land! The week will conclude with a program for parents at 11:00 AM on Friday, July 13th. Registration is now open at fpcslc.org

Vacation Bible School Volunteers

July 9-13, 9:00am-Noon

Join our VBS team! Helpers are needed in demonstrating crafts, making snacks, leading games, and directing groups of kids to the right rotation. Preparations will begin soon. Are you able to make a shopping trip, cut out templates, or hang decorations? We'd love for you to join in the fun! Contact Christin@fpcslc.org if you are able to work one or any of our VBS days, or if you have some time to commit before VBS begins.

VBS Wishlist

Please bring items no later than Sunday, July 1st

- Red, orange, yellow crepe paper
- 12 empty shoe boxes
- White posterboard
- Red, orange, yellow tissue paper
- Green grapes
- Pretzel sticks
- Cheddar cheese slices
- Empty toilet paper tubes
- Tempura paint (all colors)
- Graham crackers
- Blue icing
- Swedish Fish
- Fruit by the foot
- Permanent markers
- Beading elastic string
- Plain wooden picture frames
- Craft sand
- River pebbles
- Contact paper
- Walking sticks
- Googly eyes
- “Bunch o Balloons” instant water balloons

Summer Curriculum

An appropriate precursor to VBS, the Faith Explorers will be in the Wilderness with the Israelites this summer and should reach the Promised Land at the end of July. Take a look at the following stories from the Jesus Storybook Bible, by Sally Lloyd-Jones in preparation for our Summer Curriculum: Ten ways to be perfect (Exodus 16-17, 19-40), and The Warrior Leader (Joshua 3 and 6).

Christin Abbott

Children's Ministry Director



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Thurs, June 7 **Dinner at Ronald McDonald House**
4:30 pm & 6:00 pm

Wed, June 13 **Dinner @ Vinny's Sandwich Making**
3:30 pm

Thurs, June 14 **Dinner @ Vinny's Sandwich Making**
9:30 am
Dinner @ Vinny's
4:30 pm

Thurs, July 5 **Dinner at Ronald McDonald House**
4:30 pm & 6:00 pm

Wed, July 11 **Dinner @ Vinny's Sandwich Making**
3:30 pm

Thurs, July 12 **Dinner @ Vinny's Sandwich Making**
9:30 am
Dinner @ Vinny's
4:30 pm

PAMELA'S CLOSET

Many thanks to those of you who have donated over the past few months - your donations have brought much pleasure to so many homeless and low-income families and individuals. Recently, I was able to do a Costco run for some much needed underwear for women and men. So many women have been asking for these items but very few had been donated. Your financial contributions to Pamela's Closet were used to purchase sufficient items to last for the next few months. St. Vincent De Paul's staff have been distributing them to our homeless and low-income friends. They keep track of who they give them to so there's no duplication. The looks on the faces

of the women were priceless - they had been without these items for so long! Their gratitude knew no bounds and it was like Christmas in March for them!

NEEDS FOR APRIL-JUNE

- Women's underwear - new
- Men's T-Shirts
- Small containers of OFF Deodorant for men

I am immensely grateful for your generosity. One recent recipient said "Now I feel almost human again!" Isn't it great that we can be part of the Lord's Team and be Christ's Hands to do his work here on earth?!

With Gratitude, Pamela

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Dinner at Ronald McDonald House:

Thursday's June 7 and July 5. 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 June 13 and July 11 at 3:30 pm. Come help make sandwiches for St. Vincent de Paul. We meet in the downstairs kitchen.



Serving Dinner @ Vinny's:

Thursdays, June 14 and July 12 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!

MEN'S MINISTRY

Upcoming Events:

- Kids Fishing Day: June 9, 2018; Look for announcements in the future Chimes/bulletins
- Service Event: July; In planning stage but may be a family outing
- Rodeo Event: Summer 2018; Family outing; still being planned
- Men's BBQ: Fall 2018; Still in planning stage
- Men's Retreat: Fall 2018; Still in planning stage

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 **(hiatus for June/resumes July 17th)**

The group meets each Tuesday at Gourmandise Bakery/Café located at 250 South 300 East from 7am to 8am each Tuesday. There's plenty of room for additional guys who enjoy a good breakfast and Christian fellowship/discussion.

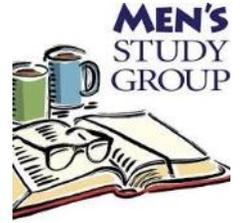
It's a great way to start your day.

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.

If you are interested in joining us, contact Chuck Britter.



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HEART MUST BE LARGER. WE ARE NOT
LARGE ENOUGH TODAY TO FIGHT
TOMORROWS BATTLES, SO GOD
INCREASES OUR CAPACITY. HOW DOES
YOUR SPIRIT MEASURE?? ARE YOU
PREPARED?*

What Gifts could you use at First Pres this Summer?

Even though summer is fun in the sun time, there are jobs that need to be done at First Pres.

Here's a wish list for this summer. God has given every one talents and abilities.

Will you use yours to help with something in the list below?

If so, please call us at 801-363-3889 or email Jen at jcaldwell@fpcslc.org

- helping with VBS (snacks, crafts, prep, games, teacher)
- providing special music on a Sunday at 11AM
- become a greeter on Sunday mornings at 9AM or 11AM
- cleaning out the library
- cleaning out the linen closet
- photography (starting a new church photo directory)
- child care on Sunday mornings
- helping plan or lead outdoor worship
- clean out and inventory basement kitchen
- cleaning up stage area downstairs and hooking up speakers for sound equipment
- operating sound board and/or projector on Sundays at either 9AM or 11AM
- helping with weeding and pruning outside
- painting



SPECIAL EVENTS

**Sun,
June 3**
12 pm

Church Picnic
Lindsey
Gardens Park

**Sat,
June 9**

**Kids Fishing
Day**

**Mon,
June 11**
7:30 pm

Choir Concert
1st Pres

**Sun,
June 24**
5:30 pm

**Outdoor
Worship**
Church Fork
Group Area,- John
Neff site

**Mon,
July 9**
9-12 pm

VBS
1st Pres

**Wed,
July 18**
5:30 pm

**Outdoor
Worship**
Terraces
Group Area-

On May 13th, Youth Sunday and Mother's Day, Timmer Masih and Maggie Gibbs read their poems during the Sunday worship services. Many have asked for it.

The Beauty Of Mother's

By Timmer Masih

It's the beauty of life that they have given us. Caring for us since we were new to this beautiful world Lord has created and we have become a part of it.

It's the beauty of love that they show us everyday, praying for our safety, giving us shelter, working until they are sore and tired at the end of the day.

It's the beauty of patience as they go with us through our phases, when we disrespect them and lie to them, hurt them until they are poor souls broken down.

It's the beauty of faith when they work incredibly hard so we can do something with our lives, so we can find someone we love and have kids of our own someday and cherish the moments with our families.

It's the beauty of risks that they take, they take all our blames and getting into trouble for our mistakes and drama. Helping us get rid of the dangers in this world.

It's the beauty of Mother's I pray for that the Lord our God watches over them more than anyone else. That he will treat them with Love, give them long and healthy lives, showing them patience. May God Bless all the beauty of the mothers here today who experience this every day or are soon to be mothers. Thank you mothers for everything.



By Maggie Gibbs

It's a peculiar thing, this emotion
One that everybody shares
Constant, repeating, an ocean
Washing away all of our fears

No matter how far we manage to stray
One thing is the same, no matter the day
Each time we breathe, it makes us complete
This second dimension to every heartbeat
An ever-present life we dream of
And a never-shaking, constant love

There is nothing short of nothing
That a mother's love can't win and fight
Even the monsters hidden in us
Are scared to stay the night

Though I am little past a decade
In this strange and changed old world
I can see how lives are laid
And the way our flags unfurl

I know the secret language
Of the poets long deceased
And I will translate what they've written
And watch the meaning, now, increase
They say, "I love, and savor
Each moment it is known
And you have always shown me
That I'll make it on my own"
These words have echoed always
And the reply of many words
Will repeat for every new day
And give us new truths to be heard

I will always love and cherish
The way it is the same
As the story will never perish
And neither will the name
For the name enfolds the meaning
and the meaning is thankfully not new
It means "I love you never-ending"
And a mother's word is true

So let me leave you thinking
On the riddles I have said
Of all the many meanings
Which one stays in your head?
Is it loving of your mother,
Your sister, daughter, wife
Is it the way you see the savior
Or a simple love of life?
For me, I've written all of those
But none stick out so much
As the beauty of our Father
And my mother's perfect love



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FPC

Chancel Choir Concert

Monday, June 11th

MUSIC FROM THE BRITISH ISLES.

We are going to have our FPC Chancel Choir Concert on Monday, June 11th at 7:30pm at FPC.

With music from Britain, featuring Britten's Rejoice in the Lamb and Mendelssohn's Hear My Prayer.

Organ: Larry Blackburn.

Director: Eric Schmidt

Admission is free.



Church Picnic

Sunday, June 3rd

After church at Lindsey

Gardens Park

(M St & 8th Ave).

Cub Scouts

Congratulations to Susan Bland on receiving the scout district award of merit.

The cub scouts took a nature hike on April 24th, they will participate in the annual flagging of the Salt Lake City cemetery on may 26th and remove the flags on may 31st, the 2nd year Webelos will join the Boy Scouts at Joes Valley reservoir and have their graduation on June 19th.

Boy Scouts

Congratulations to John Sargent who received the district award of merit, Chad Bradford who has received the Scoutmaster's unit award.

The Boy Scouts will be going on a single overnight with some of the Webelos in may and will participate in flagging of Salt Lake City cemetery on may 26th for Memorial Day and remove the flags on may 31st. In June some of the younger scouts will again go up to Hinkley Scout Ranch and in July the older scouts will go down to Philmont Scout training center for a 2 week backpacking trip.

Stay In Touch

with First Pres.

Visit us on our we site www.fpcslc.org for a complete list of upcoming events and announcements, past sermons and copies of The Chimes, and much more!

Or Follow us on Facebook! facebook.com/fpcslc

Outdoor Worship

Sunday, June 24th

Wednesday, July 18th

Come worship our Creator God in the midst of the Wasatch Mountains! We'll be gathering in June and July in Millcreek Canyon.

Come, worship with us on **Sunday, June 24th at 5:30 p.m.** in the **Church Fork** Group Area,- **John Neff** site.

We'll move up the canyon on **Wednesday, July 18th at 5:30 p.m.** to the **Terraces** Group Area- **Bowman Fork** site.

Bring a picnic dinner and some water, and join us as we worship without walls. S'mores will be provided for delicious fellowship around the campfire.

Look for outdoor worship in Davis County in August!



Thanks to everyone who contributed their articles to the June/July *Chimes*.

Please note the deadline for the August/September 2018 *Chimes* articles is Wednesday, July 20.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9 am: Praise Band & Songs

11 am: Organ, Hymns, & Choir

Sermon series:

ALIVE: The Marks of a Christian

June 3

“Knowing God, Knowing Self”

Love: I John 4:7-16

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

June 10

“That Your Joy May Be Complete”

Joy: Luke 24:33-53

June 17

“I Will Be With You”

Peace: Isaiah 43:1-7

June 24

“Pray for Patience?”

Patience: Matthew 18:21-35

July 1

“The Power of Loving-Kindness”

Kindness: II Samuel 9

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

July 8

“God is Good All the Time...”

Goodness: Psalm 107

July 15

“All Present and Attentive to God”

Faithfulness: II Chronicles 20:1-30

July 22

“Aloof, Patronizing, Condescending?”

Gentleness: I Thessalonians 2:1-12

July 29

“Taking Things Into Your Own Hands”

Self-control: I Samuel 26