

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of WYOMING - CONNECTING with GOD, EACH OTHER & the WORLD
March 12, 2017



Welcome, Visitors! We are so glad that you have joined us for worship today. Please take a moment to let us know who you are by writing your name and info in the Friendship Pad. If you need a hearing-enhancement device, a large-print hymnal, or a Children's Worship Kit, please see an usher.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Please listen meditatively to the music to prepare yourself for worship

GATHERING MUSIC

Visions Band Instrumental

WELCOME & OPENING SONG "Hosanna"

CALL to WORSHIP

SONGS *"Awakening"*
"No Longer Slaves"

PRAYER of CONFESSION (unison)

God, we fail you by taking the little things for granted. We also fail You by taking the big things for granted. We fear way too much and live our lives based on our fears. We pursue selfish desires and then rationalize those desires to look selfless. Bring us closer to you and help us get it right. Help us to simply be with You. Amen.

WE PASS the PEACE

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE *Luke 13:1-9, 31-35 (NRSV)*

¹³ At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?" ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them - do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?" ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." ⁶ Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸ He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³² He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

MESSAGE *"Urgent Grace"*

Adam Hayden

OFFERING SONG *"How Can It Be"*

WE RESPOND to GOD'S CALL

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Meal

Prayer of Blessing

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

WE ARE SENT FORTH in POWER

CLOSING SONG *“Risen Lord, We Gather”*

CHARGE and BLESSING

SERMON NOTES

*The flowers are given in memory of Maggie and her friends Kevin, Stephanie and Tiina
by John & Jane Quinn and CJ, Carrie, Maggie, Abby & Kate Meiners.*

Savoring the Word – for March 19, 2016

Luke 15:1-32 – The “Lost” Trilogy

These are three “Lost” stories that Jesus tells – one about a coin, one about a sheep, and one about a person. All have similarities but each is a unique story. This week we’re going to listen to what we might hear in each of the three stories.

Memory Verse – As you read through the passages this week, what one verse stands out to you? Try to memorize that by the end of the week.

Sunday	Read the whole passage – 15:1-32
Monday	Read just verses 1-7
Tuesday	Read just verses 8-10
Wednesday	Read verses 11-32
Thursday	Re-read verses 1-7
Friday	Re-read verses 8-10
Saturday	Re-read verses 11-32
Sunday AM	Read the whole passage once again before worship – 15:1-32

Reflection Questions / Actions

What does “lost” mean to you?

Who are those in your life whom you need to pray for to be “found”?

Take some time to pray for those in the world who have not heard the Gospel.

Take time to pray for those who have turned away from the church because of what the church has done to them.

As you think about the story of the two sons and the father – which character do you most identify with? Why? Has that changed over time?

FOR PRAYER

PRAISE

Simple Sabbath

Birth of Isabelle Marie Cloud - granddaughter
of Julia and Harry Kinlaw

Lynne Tetley - Wyoming City Manager

Lamie Engelman - returned to her home

Celebration for Answered Prayer

THIS WEEK

Mary Knott - health

Rita Zener - recovery from surgery,
Stuart Schaefer's mom

Toby Mittelstetter - in hospital, Bill Seale's cousin

**Officers - Don Hoffman, Elder,
Laurie Gorby, Deacon**

Church Staff - Rev. Dr. Edward Goode

CANCER

Jackie Foster - Tom Haines' mother

Julie Stephens - friend of Mary Knott

Cynthia Towne - brain tumor treatment

Janis Fisk - scans for cancer, Kevin's mother

Tim Kask - colon cancer, Gorbys' friend

Marion Moody - Sadell Bradley's mother

Charlie Shipe - stage-4 cancer, tumor shrinking

Jewel Bradley - Rev. Bradley's mother

Adam Miller - Hodgkin's lymphoma

Helen Yates - ovarian cancer

Anne Hernandez - brain cancer

CONTINUED PRAYER

Barbara Marty - Bodmann (Ted's wife)

Helen Anderson - Bodmann

Bill Sprague - recent stroke

Delia Wickham - recovery from surgery

William Haines - healing of his back and leg

Dan Palmore - recovery from surgery

Cindy Bitter - recovering from surgery

Paul Bartel - improved health

Tim Cummings - hospitalized

Otto Warmbier - release from North Korea

Pastoral Discernment Team

Craig Coleman - for continued healing

Cindy Robinson - recovery from surgery

Our Missionaries - Benadums and Myhres

Prayers for those with ongoing situations

REMEMBERING

Phil Reitz - Please lift his family and friends
in prayer. A service celebrating Phil's
life will be held on Monday, April 3, at
10 a.m. here at PCW.

Bette Meyer - Please remember Bette's family
and friends in prayer. A memorial
service will be held at a later date.

Please continue to pray for the family and
friends of the following people:

Naomi Saunders

George Hufford

Cyril "Mac" McCarthy

*It is a privilege to hold you in prayer.
Please let the office know if you would like
continued prayer, otherwise names on the
list will be removed after three weeks.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Simple Sabbath, Join us! - Throughout Lent we will continue to gather on Wednesday nights for a simple meal and then times of connection, growth, and discipleship to follow through the evening. Dinner will be from 5:45-7:00 p.m., and there will be activities for elementary, middle school, and high school students from 6:30-7:30. At the same time Pastors Ed and Lisa will each be leading groups for adults. Pastor Lisa will be leading a group focused on learning and experiencing Christian spiritual practices, and Pastor Ed will be leading a group on understanding how to see God and share God through the lens of recent films. There is NO COST for the meals - which makes this a perfect opportunity to invite a friend, a neighbor, a coworker, or even a stranger you meet to come and be a part of this time together!



Simple Sabbath Volunteers Needed - Will you consider serving one Wednesday night helping out with the middle school or elementary school students? We will provide you with an age-appropriate activity and someone to assist you. You will get to have meaningful interaction with the youth of our church from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. on the Wednesday night you are able to help. If you are interested in this opportunity please let Adam Hayden know ASAP. If working with youth frightens you too much, please consider helping with prepping for the dinner on Wednesday. Thanks for considering it.

Attention Everyone! - You are invited to the Youth Auction Dinner on Sunday, March 19th, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. You can purchase your tickets today after each service in the Gathering Area! Fill out your ticket order form (in today's bulletin) and turn it in at the table in the Gathering Area. Please, RSVP TODAY!

Night of Worship - On Friday, March 17, at 7:00 p.m. New Life Covenant Church will host their 4th annual church anniversary celebration in The Great Room to celebrate how God has blessed this ministry over the years. Worship will be led by Robert Johnson and Sadell Bradley. Please join us for this "Night of Worship".

Thank you - To the upper room group for preparing and serving the Simple Sabbath dinner on Wednesday. It was a great meal and we had a wonderful turnout!

Calling All Seniors! (but not the high school ones) - Pastors Ed and Lisa would like to invite you all to a brown-bag lunch gathering on Wednesday, April 5, at 11:30 at PCW. As Pastor Ed shared at the Congregational Meeting, we want to begin some new activities for our older members, and so we are starting with this time of sharing lunch, hearing your ideas, studying the Scripture together, and looking ahead. No need to RSVP, just show up at 11:30. If you need a ride, please contact either Ed or Lisa, and we'll be sure to help arrange one for you.

Adult Education - PCW is a community church and plays a vital role in our community as part of our Christian outreach. On Sunday mornings we will present a series of discussions led by community leaders. They will share the issues they are working to address and how we can better support them. Join us at 10:00 a.m. **today** in the Founders' Room to hear from **Lynn Tetley, Wyoming's City Manager**. Please also join us for these upcoming discussions:

March 19, Dr. Sue Lang - Wyoming Superintendent of Schools

March 26, Sherman Bradley - Leader of 'Hopefest' community outreach

April 2, John Keuffer - Director of Valley Interfaith Food and Clothing Center

The Healing Space, BodyTalk Public Presentation - Public presentations are a great way to discover the revolutionary BodyTalk system, including an overview of BodyTalk and a chance to experience mini-sessions. You will both see and feel the potential of BodyTalk to answer the following questions: What is BodyTalk and how can I learn more? How could BodyTalk improve my life? What does a session look like? The presentation will be Wednesday, March 15th, 7-9pm. No registration is required.

CALENDAR for THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 12

Daylight Savings Time Begins

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
- 9:30 a.m. NLCC Adult Ed, Youth Cafe
- 10:00 a.m. Pastoral Discernment Team, Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. Adult Ed, Founders' Room
- 10:15 a.m. Upper Room Class, Rm. 305
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 11:00 a.m. NLCC Worship

Monday, March 13

- 7:00 p.m. Session
- 7:45 p.m. Boy Scouts, Cabin Hall

Tuesday, March 14

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Parlor
- 9:15 a.m. Prayer & Bible Study, Library
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Library
- 7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous, Library
- 7:30 p.m. Visions Band Rehearsal, Gr. Rm.

Wednesday, March 15

- 7:30 a.m. Owen Study Group, Parlor
- 5:45 p.m. Simple Sabbath Meal, Gr. Rm.
- 6:30 p.m. Simple Sabbath groups/activities
- 7:00 p.m. NLCC Bible Study, Youth Café
- 7:30 p.m. Community Prayer, Sanctuary

Thursday, March 16

- 8:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. NLCC Band Rehearsal, Gr. Rm.
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts, Cabin Hall

Friday, March 17

- 6:15 a.m. Bible Study, Library
- 9:00 a.m. Glad House Cooking
- 7:00 p.m. NLCC "Night of Worship"

Saturday, March 18

Sunday, March 19

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
- 9:30 a.m. NLCC Adult Ed, Youth Cafe
- 10:00 a.m. Adult Ed, Founders' Room
- 10:15 a.m. Upper Room Class, Rm. 305
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 11:00 a.m. NLCC Worship
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Auction Dinner, Gr. Rm.

PCW STAFF

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode, Lead Pastor
Rev. Lisa Bernheisel, Interim Assoc. Pastor,
Adam Hayden, Youth Ministry Director,
Ron Stoerker, Administrator/Finance,
Debi Haines, Dir. of Communications,
William Seale, Director of Music
Tom Haines, Director of Visions Music
Bob Feedback, Maintenance Manager
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