

# In Touch with FPCR

## ZOOMING THE CHURCH SERVICE

What do we do about church services when the weather is snowy, icy, and cold? Obviously everyone in the FPCR family drives to the church. For some, it is a short trip which could end up being long. For others, it is a long trip that only gets longer!

Cancelling church is a decision that is carefully made by the Elders, Elaine Schmidt, and Paul Zachow. They check the roads in their respective areas and review the weather forecast. They take into account who is generally at the services and who is unable to attend on the specific Sunday. It is a difficult decision, as no one **wants** to cancel. Once the determination is made, it requires phone calls to prospective attendees and cancellation of the keyboard player and the pulpit supply. The individuals involved in the Sunday service have spent time preparing and readying materials. January 23, 2022, presented the scenario of snow, ice, and cold. The church service was cancelled.

Wanting to avoid the future prospect of “no church,” Paul Zachow, Pulpit Supply, has agreed to “Zoom” the services in the event of bad weather. Therefore, the next time you receive a cancellation, check your email. You should have a Zoom link available. The details of exactly what the service will include are still being discussed. There will be an attempt to do all of the readings, the sermon, and all prayers. Will we try to sing together? That is a possibility. Do you wish to receive the bulletin along with the Zoom link, or will a shared screen work? The next time the weather is bad, we will still be able to worship together; but, it just might look a little different. FPCR . . . we can do this!!!

If you ever want to “test” your Zoom capabilities, contact Alice Schmitz. She will set up a test session to assure you are able to connect!



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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Mark your calendar to attend FPCR services **February 6 and 27** and a **communion service, February 19**.

The next Bible Study is **February 13** at 10 a.m. (via Zoom).

The **FPCR website** contains up-to-date announcements. Check it if you have questions about a service or deadline:

[www.FirstPresbyofRichfield.com](http://www.FirstPresbyofRichfield.com)

## UPCOMING SERVICES

*All are welcome for upcoming 10 a.m. Sunday Services.*

**FEBRUARY 6**  
FIFTH SUNDAY  
AFTER EPIPHANY

**FEBRUARY 19**  
SATURDAY  
COMMUNION SERVICE  
2:30 PM  
ANNUAL MEETING  
FOLLOWS THE SERVICE

**FEBRUARY 27**  
SEVENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER EPIPHANY  
(Rescheduled from  
February 20.)

*Updated information is posted on the website:  
[www.FirstPresbyofRichfield.com](http://www.FirstPresbyofRichfield.com)*

## ELDERS AND BOARD OF DEACONS

### Elders

Carol Frank  
Jim Frank  
Debbie Heppe  
Melissa Kujawa  
Rick Romanski

### Clerk of Session

Elaine Schmidt

### Deacons

Emma Kujawa  
Cathy Romanski

## FEBRUARY 19—COMMUNION SERVICE AND ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, **February 19**, is an important day at FPCR. Beginning at 2:30 p.m., **Pastor Cathy Manthei** will conduct a communion service. All are welcome, and we would love to see you!

Following the service, the 2021 Annual Meeting will be held. This is the one meeting a year at which FPCR members gather to review the business of the church. Reports are given about various aspects of the day-to-day operations. Voting for new officers takes place. This year, the session has one opening to fill/refill Melissa Kujawa's position. There are no openings for the Board of Deacons.

Not only does the Annual Meeting fulfill the needs of FPCR, it also addresses a State of Wisconsin requirement to hold an annual meeting since FPCR is organized as a domestic, non-stock corporation.

We hope to see you on the 19th!

*DOWNLOAD  
YOUR WORRIES  
AND  
GET ONLINE  
WITH GOD.*



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following individuals who have health concerns:

Carol Frank

Jim Frank

Jim Frank's Son, Tom

Ron Grunke

Ron Grunke's Daughter,  
Shelley

Joyce Koehn

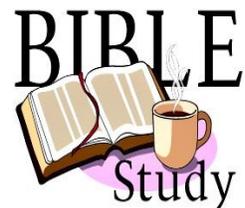
Daryl Schmidt

Allen Schoeni's Friend, Toni



## BIBLE STUDY ON FEBRUARY 13

The next adult Bible Study will be held **Sunday, February 13, at 10 a.m. via Zoom.**



Using the study materials, the group will discuss John 5.

Since this will be an online meeting, you will receive a link to participate on Thursday, February 10. If you would like to join for the first time, we would love to have you. Please either email FPCR or contact Elaine Schmidt.



## SERMON JOTTINGS

*With our present schedule, it is sometimes difficult to follow the continuum of church lessons and sermons. Here are the summary notes from the January service by Pulpit Supply Mr. Paul Zachow, MAPS/Chaplain.*

Date: **January 9, 2022**

Text: **Isaiah 60:1-6**

Sermon: **Your Light Has Come**

*This lesson was delivered on January 9 which was Epiphany—the day we celebrate the wise men following the star to find the newborn Jesus in Bethlehem and bring him gifts. King Herod wanted to find Jesus. Herod said it was to see the baby, but King Herod actually*

*wanted Jesus killed. The wise men were warned in a dream not to tell Herod. They did not tell and went home another way.*

*The wise men were priests and people of authority. Herod had sent them to spy on the baby Jesus. However, they chose to follow the light of Jesus and God. This beginning created the dynamic tension between Jesus and the empire which would continue throughout his ministry.*

*The scripture in Isaiah was about following the light of the star. The scene for the scripture passage is set in the midst of the exiles in Babylon from Israel. The people longed for love and for hope.*

- Jesus came into our midst to enact the kin-dom of God—not the corrupt, selfish, oppressive ways of the empire.
- Jesus is our gift from God. God wanted to welcome all people, love all people, and accept them as people of worth and dignity.
- We are called to worship Jesus and to accept his ways—not the world's ways. This is being the church for all people.
- The scripture is about following the light—now and always.
- We are called to follow the light in our lives, in this church, in our society, and in our world—always.
- He came to earth to bring the love of God to all people and to change the craziness of his time and place. We are called to do no less in the present time and place.

***Arise, shine, for your light has come!***

***Be an agent of God's peace, new life and light, and the love of Christ anew in our lives and in our world for all people—now and always!***

*There are no January 23 notes since the service was cancelled due to weather.*

**Do NOT be THAT person who arrives at FPCR on Sunday, February 20, to find the door still locked! Remember: The February 20 service was switched to February 27! See you then.**

~~February  
20~~

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to the following individuals with birthdays in **February**. We wish you many more years of God's blessings.

**4 - Joyce Koehn**

**11 - Brenda Schmidt**

**14 - Shira Gui**

**20 - Daryl Schmidt**

**23 - Mike Heppe**



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

to the following couple who is celebrating their wedding anniversary in **February**. May the Lord bless you and keep you for many more years to come!

**12 - Daryl and Brenda Schmidt**

**HELP THE ENVIRONMENT AND FPCR'S BUDGET ...**

**REQUEST AN ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER**

Please email **FirstPresbyofRichfield@gmail.com** with your preferred email address so we are able to send you an electronic copy of this newsletter rather than a paper copy.

*Thank you*

**Elaine Schoeni** for your careful proofreading of this newsletter each and every month!

**Jean Zeller** for the thoughts/sayings gleaned in reading devotionals on your Kindle. We appreciate their truth as well as the smile they bring to our faces.

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**JANUARY/FEBRUARY SLINGER FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

**BIBLE FUN FACT**

Did you know that the book of **Genesis** covers more history than ANY of the other books in the Bible. Genesis covers 2500 years! It covers more time in history than the rest of the old testament combined. Genesis begins with the creation story and ends with the "children of Israel" in the land of Egypt. The Israelites become a numerous population. Chapters 1-11 of Genesis alone cover a couple thousand years and a couple thousand miles!

**WHAT IS GOD'S WAY OF SAYING  
"LIGHTEN UP"?  
BY SENDING A SUNRISE!**