



FIRST PRESS

Sunday, February 21st, 2021

SERMON QUESTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 21ST

1. Why is "It's the way we're made," a poor excuse for lust?
2. How is lust different than healthy intimacy?
3. Do you agree that giving in to lust perpetuates immaturity?
4. How do you understand the link between sinful lust and power?
5. How does respect for others act as a corrective or preventive to the sin of lust?

PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT IS DUE TODAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021



Per Capita Apportionment is the amount of money paid to the presbytery, synod and General Assembly by every Presbyterian Church to share in the cost of coordinating and evaluating mission. **Per Capita** is calculated on church membership, based on the assigned amount for **2021 of \$32.00 per active member** (active members include confirmed youth, as well as adults).

On **February 21st**, the **“Per Capita Special Offering”** will be received and you are invited and encouraged to participate by contributing the amount of **\$32.00** for each active member in your family. For each of us to give our per capita apportionment is a special gift to our church and contributes to its overall mission. Submit your per capita by choosing ‘Per Capita 2021’ on the donate page: <https://www.firstprescaldwell.org/donate>.

“TIME TO TALK” HOSTED BY THE RRC—WEDNESDAY, FEB 24TH

The Reopening and Revitalizing During COVID-19 Session Subcommittee (RRC) is hosting a “Time to Talk” (open house / drop-in format) via Zoom on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. A few members of the RRC will be present to hear any concerns or questions regarding reopening for in-person worship and/or revitalizing the church during COVID-19, or just simply to chat. **The fourth Wednesday of the month meeting time is from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm. The Zoom link for this Wednesday’s (2-24-21) Time to Talk from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82965137916?pwd=REhiSXpBTWtZWVhJmIk2d0EvTmsyZz09>**

Meeting ID: 829 6513 7916 Passcode: 627474

Hope to see you there!

*Please note that the time for the next 2nd Wednesday Zoom event (3-10-21) will be at the earlier time slot of 5:00-6:00 pm and a different link will be sent out for that event.

Check Out NEW Adult Ed Lenten Offerings

1) LET'S RESTART SMALL GROUP FUN! including STUDY Grow in Faith, Grow in Fellowship

- New from Adult Ed – Initiative to restart SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP
- Each meeting is part FUN and part STUDY
- These 7 WEEK LENTEN gatherings begin week of FEBRUARY 14 BUT...
Sign up continues until Monday, FEBRUARY 22nd (second week of gatherings)
- STUDY part based upon Pastor Bill's Sunday series "THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS"
- NO BOOK NEEDED – Just watch Sunday SERMON and use BULLETIN QUESTIONS
- **REGISTRATION** – Email adult.edu@firstprescaldwell.org Please include
 - Your Name
 - Your Phone #
 - Your TIME
 - LET IS KNOW IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS!

YOUR HOST WILL CONTACT YOU WITH A ZOOM INVITATION

SMALL GROUP TIMES

Saturday Mornings 9:00 – 10:30 am	Zoom host, Sandra Nathan
Thursday Evenings 7:00 – 8:30 pm	Zoom host, Duane Jacobsen
Wednesdays 3:30 – 5:00 pm	Zoom hosts, Barb Bruchac /Jeannine Archibald

YOUR HOST(S)

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2) JOIN PASTOR BILL'S STUDY - THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS & THEIR CORRESPONDING VIRTUES

What are these sins?

Do you think you already know all about them?

CONSIDER THIS

**You learned that Sloth was far more than simple laziness,
It can invade deeply the way we think and live our lives**

What about these other deadly's?

Shouldn't we really know more about them?

Shouldn't we know how to counter them?

EMAIL adult.edu@firstprescaldwell.org and we will send you the free articles for this study.

- Pastor Bill will be leading a full study of "The 7 Deadly Sins"
- Follows the order of each Sunday's sermon. FREE weekly readings provided
- Standard ZOOM Bible study, NOT a fellowship group
- WEDNESDAY EVENINGS – 7:00 to 8:30 pm
- **Study begins February 24th – the Wednesday AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY**
- **REGISTRATION DEADLINE – Monday February 22nd**

Email with your name and number at adult.edu@firstprescaldwell.org



SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

The pans are out and ready for pick up for our February soup kitchen. We are excited to announce a new day—Thursday. For more information visit <https://conta.cc/2NYtfpz> or reach out to Joyce McGrath, 201-738-6531. Thank you for your support!

VALENTINE COVID CONCERT

Enjoy some LOVELy music presented by some awesome and talented performers.

Featuring: Rae Gabrielle de la Cretaz, Micki Hardenberg, Erin Bogert, Scott & Michele Westenberger, Tyler Santarsiero, Malcolm Haddad, Emily Wynne, Paul Salierno and friends, Sarah Solie & Courtney Sappinton and Katie Kreil.

What is the theme - why LOVE, of course! We hope that you enjoy this special offering: <https://youtu.be/OgQRj0h442M>.



ASH WEDNESDAY PRE-RECORDED SERVICE

Our Ash Wednesday pre-recorded service is available to watch here: <https://youtu.be/GDi5QWCJF4A>

MASKS AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

The church has received a generous donation of disposable surgical masks from Sean and Kristen Glasser through Sean's company Blue Track, Inc. This donation was made to assist members of our congregation individually, as well as being a resource for the church when we are able to safely resume in person worship. If you are in need of masks, please call the office at 973-228-0310 to arrange a pick up time.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Thank you to those of you who have already submitted your pledge to the work of Christ through FPC for the year 2021.

As of Wednesday, February 3, 2021, we have received 82 pledges totaling \$316,022.06

For the 2020 year, there were 124 pledges received, totaling \$414,057.11.

[CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT YOUR 2021 PLEDGE ONLINE](#)

Abundant Life



Joyous Generosity



CELEBRATE A SPECIAL OCCASION WITH FLOWERS

A donation to the flower fund is an opportunity for members to publicly express their special concerns and share their generous support. Our congregation benefits from this offering in special ways. Of course, worshippers appreciate the beautiful reminder of God's work on earth. Also, these floral arrangements are separated into smaller bouquets which are then presented to individual church members to recognize their personal joys, sorrows and accomplishments.

During this time of virtual worship, we are not consistently decorating the sanctuary with fresh flowers as we have previously. However, there are many families who enjoy honoring loved ones, past and present, with flowers to commemorate a special date. That opportunity is still available. During those special weeks we will arrange to have a fresh arrangement in the sanctuary for Sunday worship, to honor special family members or friends. Simply complete the flower memorial order form. Mail or drop off your form, along with a check to the church. You may also make your request via telephone call to the office with the details, and pay on-line.

A suggested offering of \$40.00 can be made Payable to the First Presbyterian Church. Please write FLOWER FUND on the memo line.

YOUR NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____

Your Envelope # _____

The enclosed donation to the First Presbyterian Church Flower Fund is given:

() **In Memory of:** _____

() **In Honor of:** _____

() **To Celebrate:** _____

() **Other:** _____

These flowers should be placed in the sanctuary during the month of _____

() First Sunday () Second Sunday () Third Sunday

() Fourth Sunday () Fifth Sunday

****Please note—in 2021 there will be no flower memorials on:
April 4 (Easter); November 21st or 28th (Thanksgiving); December
12th, 19th or 26th (Christmas Poinsettias)**

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Amount Paid \$	_____
Check #	_____
Cash	_____
Date Paid	_____

WORDS TO PONDER FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY

"Happiness is not a goal; it is a by-product."

Eleanor Roosevelt

To find out more about this caring, listening, confidential ministry call the confidential line at 973-228-0310 ext. 235, or speak to one of our pastors.

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.



OUR STAFF

Rev. Bill Schram, Interim Pastor/Head of Staff

Rev. Barbara Jo Piercy, Minister of Music

Noel Piercy, Associate Director of Music

Kaitlyn Heun, Interim Director Youth Ministries

Susan Jones, Interim Director Children's Ministry

Scott Westenberger, Worship Leader

Lauren Restaino, Youth Ministry & Communications Coordinator

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prospecthillcemetery@firstprescaldwell.org

One of the implications of suspending public worship is that our regular offering isn't being collected. As it



is essential to pay our staff and meet our current obligations, we ask if you are able, please mail your offering to the church or submit online at www.firstprescaldwell.org/donate. Knowing that our income could be impacted, we invite those with extra resources to consider making a special gift.

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, February 21st

- 9:30 AM Worship Service, Livestream
- 10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom Meeting
- 11:00 AM Illuminate Service, Facebook Livestream
- 5:00 PM Youth Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal, Zoom Meeting

TUESDAY, February 23rd

- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Room 120
- 7:00 PM Worship Committee, Zoom Meeting

WEDNESDAY, February 24th

- 8:30 AM RRC Meeting, Zoom Meeting
- 6:30 PM "Time to Talk," Zoom Meeting

THURSDAY, February 25th

- 6:30 PM Chancel Handbell Choir, Sanctuary
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir, Zoom Meeting

SUNDAY, February 28th

- 9:30 AM Worship Service, Livestream
- 10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom Meeting
- 11:00 AM Illuminate Service, Facebook Livestream
- 5:00 PM Youth Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal, Zoom Meeting