

# Announcements 7/11/2021

**Hymnals and Bulletins** – There are several reasons that screens are a valuable addition to our worship services. As for hymn singing, having everyone looking up at the screens, rather than down into the hymnals, raises the volume of the music and gives it more energy. Several people have voiced a need to see the music that accompanies the lyrics in order to sing well. For those people we will offer hymnals that can be picked up in the Narthex and returned there following the service. Another benefit to having screens is that we need not print bulletins. This saves paper and copier costs. Looking at the screens for call and response liturgy has the same benefit that singing with head up has for the hymns. More volume and more energy. There are people who have voiced a need for paper bulletins because they cannot read the screens. For those people there will be a limited number of paper bulletins available in the Narthex. As with the improvements in our sound and video, we will continue our endeavor to make worship experiences at JMPC worthy of our desire to know, glorify and serve God.

**Sanctuary Screens and Sound:** Now that we are back in the sanctuary for worship, we have started to use the new equipment purchased and installed last summer. As with all new processes and procedures, there have been glitches, some small and some big. The worship team here at JMPC is doing its best to provide streaming worship with good quality video and sound to the scores of people who worship with us online as well as an enhanced sanctuary worship experience for those who come to the church on Sunday mornings. While the use of the new equipment has been challenging, we are committed to learning and instituting best practices for the use of the equipment and so eliminate these glitches. While we recognize that the problems are frustrating and annoying now, we believe that our new equipment will be an enrichment to our worship experience at JMPC. Please be patient with us.

**Apostles' Creed Sermon Series:** For most of our lives we have recited the Apostles' Creed during Sunday worship. We are asked to "affirm our faith" and so stand and start the recitation: "I believe....." There are three stanzas. First is our belief in God, the next is our belief in Jesus Christ, and finally our belief in the Holy Spirit. The words tumble off our lips a rote narration. But there are parts of the Creed that we claim to "believe" that – well – we are a bit skeptical about. This series will address some of the more troublesome statements in the Creed:

- The Trinitarian Godhead.
- Born of the virgin Mary.
- Descended into hell.
- Come to judge the quick and the dead.
- The catholic church.

Do we really believe these things? If so, what is it we are believing? Come and hear about it during August on Sunday mornings at 10am.

**Flower Chart:** The Flower Chart sign up poster is located on a wall in the narthex. The cost of an arrangement is still \$35.00 and is promised to one (1) family per Sunday on a first come-first served basis. Please pay prior to or the day of your flower request. Place your check in the offering plate or provide to the Office Manager. You may take the arrangement with you following the worship service. Please note "Flowers" in the memo line of your check.

**Book Club:** JMPC book club meets on the fourth Monday of each month @ 7:00. We begin our new season in September. Anyone is welcome to join us. Please email Pam Dobos @ [dob914@aol.com](mailto:dob914@aol.com) if interested in joining.

*The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett - September 27th

*The Spy and The Traitor* by Ben MacIntyre (nonfiction) - October 25

*The Glass Hotel* by Emily St. John Mandel - November 22

**Parking Lot Radio Broadcast:** We have a radio broadcast that reaches into the parking lot. Simply drive to John McMillan and tune your radios to **89.7 FM**. You can remain in your car and stay warm, while joining in worship with everyone else at the church. We will also continue to stream the services on Facebook Live.

**The Women's Breakfast Club:** The women will resume meeting for breakfast on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 8:30am at Eat 'N Park across from South Park Shops. Everyone is invited and can bring a friend! We have great fun and fellowship and look forward to seeing you.

**An important message from the Church Office:** The Church Office is now open. The hours are Monday through Thursday, 9am to 3pm and Friday 9am - Noon. Please be sure to wear a mask when entering the church.

**Session Worship and Building Use Guidelines:** As we gather to worship in the sanctuary for the first time in over a year, JMPC requests that we follow these guidelines based on the CDC recommendations.

- Enter the building and go straight to the sanctuary where you can take your seat(s).
- Masks are requested for those not vaccinated and optional for those fully vaccinated.
- Masks, if worn, are to be worn while in the church building and sanctuary until seated and put back on before leaving the sanctuary and building.
- Social distancing is requested while in the church building and sanctuary.
- Fellowship before and after church should take place outside the building.

The purpose of this policy is to support the vulnerable among us – those who are immunocompromised and those who have continuing contact with unvaccinated or immunocompromised people. These guidelines will be updated and modified as necessary and appropriate.



The flowers today were given to the Glory of God by Don & Lois Guinn in memory of Douglass & in honor of family.