

The Belltower

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Declaring and Demonstrating the Promises of Christ

Dear DPC Members and other Friends,

About a month ago, I caught the end of a TV sports news segment about NCAA basketball coaches and the fact that many of them never sit down during their games. The segment showed footage of several coaches so wrapped up in games that they were not only not sitting down, but they were actually standing out on the court, while the game was in progress. The newscaster posed the question, “Why do they even have seats for the head coaches?” The segment ended with game footage showing one particular coach running up and down the sideline, all game long, until he finally *collapsed* in his chair, right after his team hit a buzzer beater to win the game.

In Hebrews chapter 10:11-18, the writer of Hebrews is comparing it to that of the priests of the Old Testament.

¹¹ And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ^[a] had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” ¹³ and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. ¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

¹⁶ “This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds,”

¹⁷ he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

If you go through the pages of the Old Testament, you will find many descriptions of what the temple looked like. We know about the seven- branched *candlestick*. We know about the altar that held the *show-bread*. We know about the dimensions of the *altar* on which the animals were sacrificed. We know the composition of the walls of the temple. We even know what the *tassels* on the robe of the priest were made of and what they were shaped like. We read minute details about all the accouterments and the furniture in the Old Testament temple.

But there is one article of furniture that is never described in the Old Testament as appearing in the house of God. What was that one article that is never described in the Old Testament in the

temple? A chair for the priest. Why? Because the priest's duties were literally never finished. He could not sit down, because his work was not ever completed and only when the work was complete could he sit down. Sacrifices continued day after day, week after week, month after month, season after season, year after year. He literally never got to sit down. But then...

*“But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins,
“he sat down at the right hand of God,”*

May 10th is Ascension Day. In the Protestant tradition we actually celebrate Ascension Sunday on May 13th. For most of us, when we think of the Ascension we have visions of Jesus being mysteriously taken up into the clouds, and like the first disciples we await Pentecost, the coming of the Spirit. But this year, let us think about Ascension Sunday as not the day Jesus flew away, but about the day Jesus sat down. He sat down much like the Creator rests on the seventh day. With the work of creation complete, the Creator sits down. The final offering for our sin was complete, opening to us the grace of forgiveness, the hope that comes with being in a right relationship with God, so Jesus sat down- he rested. When Jesus sits, he signals and announces to us that all our efforts to bring the perfect sacrifice for our sins, to meet the obligations of the law are gone. When Jesus sits, he announces the fulfillment of the promise given to Jeremiah:

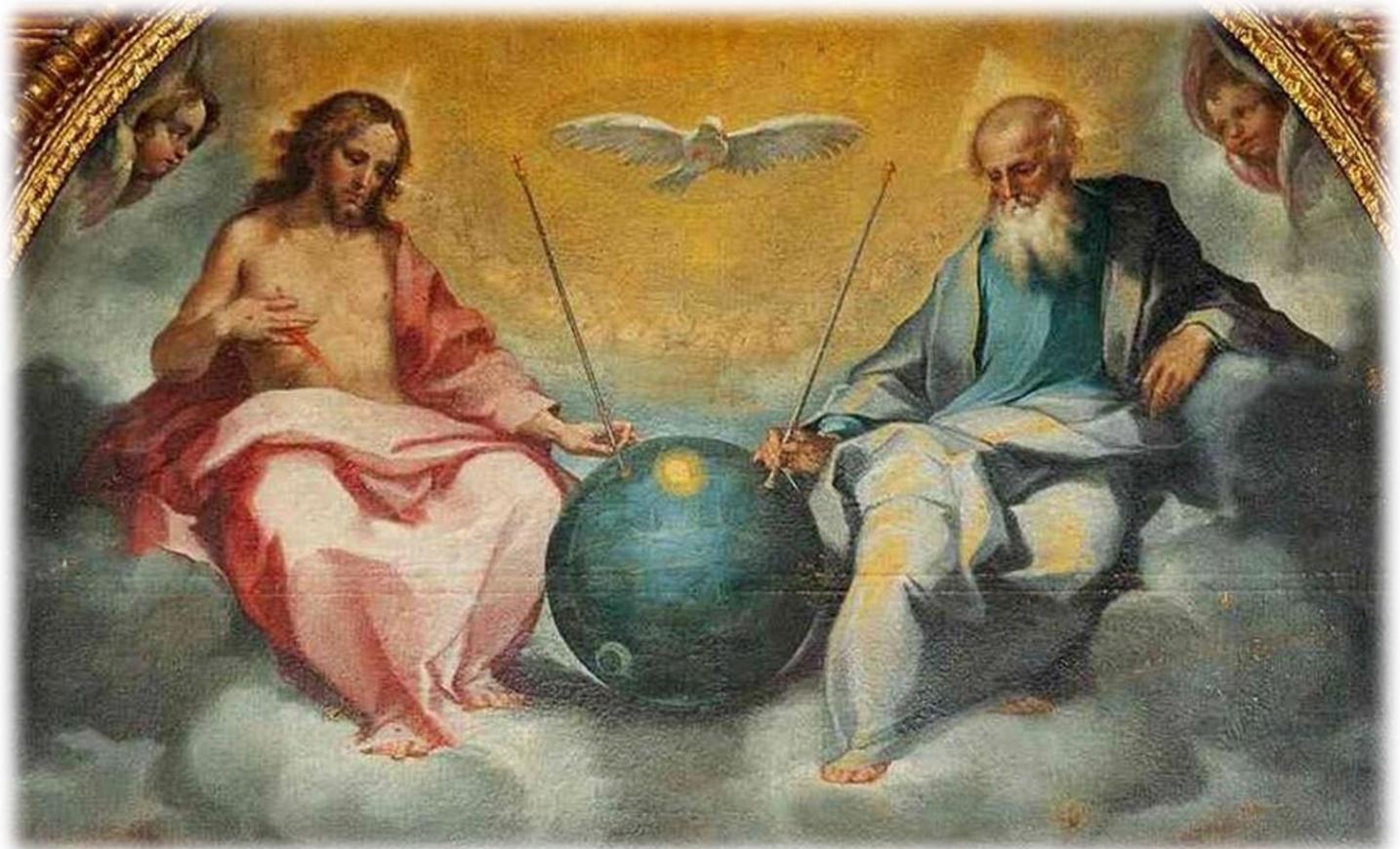
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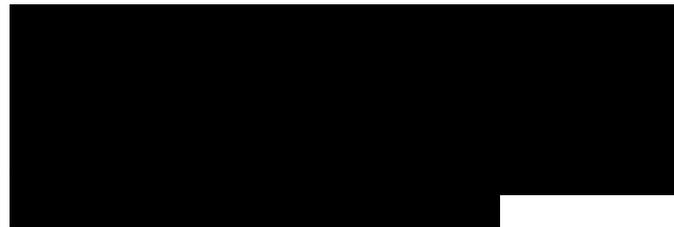
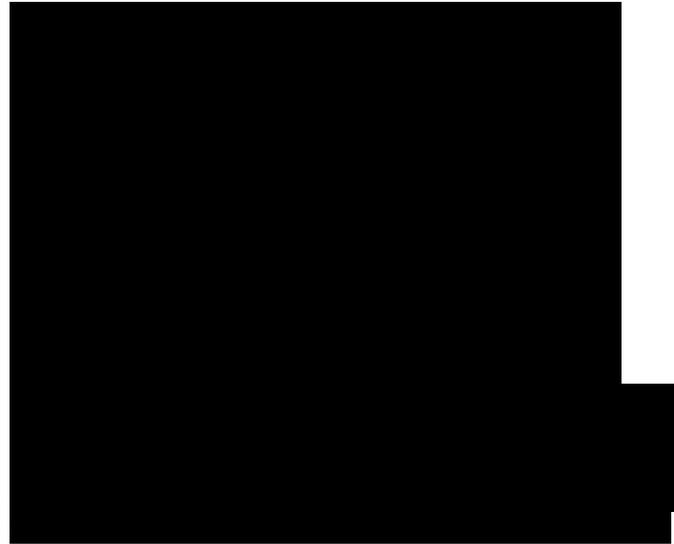
So as we gather for worship on the 13th as thankful people, remember that Christ sat down, and it means everything to us!

Pastor Jeff



Treasurer's Report

Results for MARCH:



To-Do List: how to get closer to God (from the God Squad printed 4/21/18). Micah 6:8: "... what doth the Lord require of thee: to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God".

Justice is impossible unless we believe all people are equal. Safe, secure and free of fear.

Mercy is helping someone who has no claim on our help.

Humility is not thinking less of ourselves, it is thinking of ourselves less.

Until He returns or takes us home,
Craig Henry

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

April 22, 2018

Larry and Carolyn G.
Ronald "Ron" and Judy S.

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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If you have any changes to your address, phone, email, or family data, please call the office or email your changes. Thank you for keeping our records updated!

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Dunnellon Presbyterian Church Congregation, Our family would like to thank you so much for your generosity. Your help with Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter was awesome. Thank you just seems "not enough".

I am a Grandmother raising seven grandchildren, so I greatly appreciate ALL that you have done for us.

On Christmas day I heard a couple of times "this is the BEST CHRISTMAS EVER!!"

I just really wanted to thank you for choosing our family. GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!

Thank you so much,

*James and Beth S. and children: Annika, Jaiden, James, Garret, Hunter, Bryson, and Faye
Thank you again and God Bless You All.*

Thank you Note to the Mah jongg Group that meets on Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall.

Hello All,

Thank you for your donation to the Path on 03/05/2018.

Sincerely,

The Path of Citrus & family

Presbyterian Men

May Men's Breakfast

Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 8:00 am

The May Men's Club meeting will be held at the Purple Sage Café at 8am on Thursday the 17th. Please notify Don K. by Monday the 13th if you plan to attend. Call 352-489-2682.

Presbyterian Women

A Note from the PW Moderator "Game Day"

Just an update on our Game Day. As I said in the April Belltower, we (all women) are members of the Presbyterian Women of Dunnellon Presbyterian Church and we your need to help get ready for our Game Day. We changed the day to the first Saturday of December. It isn't too early to start asking for gift certificates from your hair dresser, nail tech, or a restaurant you frequent a lot. Just explain that that they will be used for a Chinese Auction to make money for our mission for the children of Dunnellon. You can give the certificates to Barbara Larsen. If you aren't good at asking, start thinking about making a basket. It can be a pet basket, filled with things for pets, a kitchen basket with gadgets or linen for the kitchen, etc. Please help, we cancelled the flea market due to the lack of help so let's make this a success.

Carolle Carlton, PW Moderator

PW Circles

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

1:00 pm Pat McDowell Circle

7:00 pm Lydia Circle

PW Coordinating Team

Wednesday, May 16th at 10:00 am.

PW Quilt Circle

Tuesdays, May 8 & 22, 2018

at 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

The women of our circle will meet on May 8 and May 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. We are working on lap quilts that will be given to members of our congregation to brighten their day.

Any questions, call Jean K. at 489-2682.

MUSIC

Sunday, May 27th, Trinity Sunday, will be the last Sunday the Chancel Choir will be together until September. During the Summer months, if anyone would like to sing a selection or play an instrumental piece for special music on any Sunday, please contact Sue Koppler or leave a message at the church office for follow-up.

We would like to start up an acapella gospel-style quartet which would sing every once in a while, not only in the summer but also throughout the year. If you are interested in participating, please let Sue know. This will entail extra rehearsal time and auditioning as we want a good "blend" in sound.

A big thank you to all the choir members who so generously give us their time and talents to bring music to our services. We have had a wonderful year and I personally want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to each every one of you.

Have a blessed summer everyone!

Sue K.

Director of Music Ministry

MAY CONCERT SERIES CANCELLED

Sunday, May 20th at 3:00 pm

Due to unforeseen circumstances the May Concert scheduled for May 20, 2018 of the Dunnellon Presbyterian Church Concert Series has been cancelled until May 2019.

Renée Deuwall-Williams

DPC Community Activities

MAY FAMILY NIGHT DINNER

Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at 6:30pm

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Hosted by the Presbyterian Women,
Barbara C., Jean K. and Joh L. will prepare
a spaghetti dinner
to raise funds for

Summer Camp Scholarships.

A donation of \$10 will be appreciated.

Please sign up in the Narthex or call the
church office at 352-489-2682.

Carrot Cookies

From the kitchen of Rosetta K.

Preheat oven to 375°.

Cream together:

1 cup softened butter
¾ cup sugar

Add:

1 Egg, beaten
1 ½ cups grated raw carrot
½ teaspoon vanilla

Sift:

2 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon salt

Blend Wet and Dry mixtures and drop by teaspoons
on greased cookie sheets.

Bake 10 minutes

When cool, Mix 1 cup confectioner's sugar with the
grated rind of 1 orange and the juice.

Spread on top of cookies and enjoy with a cup of
tea.

*"This is an old country recipe and it is
Larrapin Good!"*

*These cookies were a special treat at the Smith
Reception in April. Enjoy!



MOVIES WITH MEANING

Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 1:00 pm

The May Movie With Meaning is a 2017 R-rated film which won Academy Awards for Best Actress and Best Supporting Actor and was nominated for Best Picture and another Best Supporting Actor, as well as best original screenplay, music score and film editing.

Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri, which stars Frances McDormand, Woody Harrelson, and Sam Rockwell, will be shown at 1p.m., May 5th.

"When law enforcement fails to make headway on the months-long hunt for her daughter's killer, Mildred Hayes takes the drastic step of putting up three large signs questioning the motivation of the town's widely-respected police chief."

The movie will, of course, be accompanied by popcorn and drinks, and discussion will follow. Show up at 1 p.m. and bring friends or snacks if you wish.

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MEMORIAL GARDEN

Thanks to all who contributed to beautify the sanctuary for Easter, we now have flowers to plant in the garden for summer. Come take a stroll along the walkways of the garden, remember those whose names are engraved on the bricks and/or the walls. Call Jean Kennedy at 352-489-4757.

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Day of Pentecost

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Acts 2:1-21 NRSV