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From the Pastor's Desk

If you turn to book of Psalms you will notice that beginning with Psalm 120 through Psalm 134 there is a little subtitle under each of them, “A song of ascents.” These were psalms that the people of God used on pilgrimages to Jerusalem, as they ‘ascended’ up to Mount Zion. Each of these psalms contain themes about our journey with and to God. Psalm 122 starts with these words, “I rejoiced with those who said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord.’”

It feels odd not to be able to be with all of you and to worship together. I really miss it. I wonder what we, as a church family, will miss in our “Stay At Home” time.

I know I miss the worship music. We have such wonderful musicians. I tried to sing, “Amazing Grace” this morning during my time with the Lord. As I listened to my voice, I really hoped that it won’t wake Ellie up. She might think I was in some kind of pain. It certainly was painful for me to listen to. I was thinking about my singing and it felt like a pretty feeble offering to God, but then it occurred to me that the quality of my singing was not really what the Lord was interested in. Sure, I should do the best with what I have been given, but really the condition of my heart is what is important to our Lord. In fact, worshipping God should not just be about us offering to God our ‘best’ but also offering to Him the less than spectacular aspects of ourselves. Could it be that that is part of what He is showing us in this time? He loves you and I even when we don’t have a lot to offer Him or even especially when we don’t have a lot to offer Him.

When I thought of what I miss the most I was reminded of a picture that I saw the other day. A pastor had put photos of the people in his congregation in little stands and set them out in rows on a table. As he stood in front of the table and looked out over the pictures they were arranged like pews. I know what I miss most... maybe that is part of what the Lord is teaching us about what is truly important.

Blessings,

Pastor Paul



We miss you church family!



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Stay connected...

*Our new website has launched-we are doing our best to keep it updated www.prosserpres.org

*Facebook-pre-recorded sermons will be available starting at 10am Sunday (we are working to have these messages available on our website too)

*Email blasts-we are sending out emails to our church family with any changes/updates and prayer requests

*Weekly mailings-we are providing family worship outline and study guide that are being mailed weekly

*The staff is available during the week for any concerns/prayer requests, errands you need help with, or if you just want to talk (cell numbers are listed)

*Our church family is being covered in prayer by staff and your Elders-we are in this together!

RENOVATE Giving: \$392,096

(thru end of March)

RENOVATE Commitments: \$479,980

RENOVATE Projected Cost: \$618,000

RENOVATE Estimated Shortfall: \$138,020

if you are interested in looking through our RENOVAE information packet they are available in the office

Do we have your email address? We have a great email program that we use for prayer requests, upcoming church events, volunteer needs, and weekly updates. If you want to be added please call Bonnie.

Social media platforms to keep connected:

Instagram: [prossercovenantpres](https://www.instagram.com/prossercovenantpres)

Twitter: [@PCovenantPres](https://twitter.com/PCovenantPres)

Church website: www.prosserpres.org

Find us on Facebook too!

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January-March 2020

Actual Budgeted Income: \$ 91,100.97*

Actual Budgeted Expenses: \$-75,067.59
\$ 16,033.38

*includes a 3 pledges fulfilled for the year

In 2 Corinthians 8:1-2 the Apostle Paul shares the churches in Macedonia had been generous in though they were in difficult circumstances, “Brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches.² Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.” In a similar way, we are in a time-limited season of uncertainty. The Lord has begun a good work in us and we need to continue that work. Staying current with our giving will give us the best opportunity to do so. Additionally, we can already see that because there are individuals and families who are not receiving a paycheck during this time we will have some significant needs and ministry opportunities in the near future. We need to be prepared for this. If you are able, please continue in generosity and even prayerfully consider growing in generosity. Below are some ways we can stay consistent in our generosity during this season.

Thank you, Pastor Paul

Giving options:

- * mail your check (we have a secure, locked mailbox)
- * set up bill pay through your bank
- * go to our website www.prosserpres.org and look for the giving tab (can use your paypal account or debit/credit card)
- *if you are on a walk you can drop your check in the secure, locked mailbox (staff will be checking it often)

Thank you for your commitment to our church family.
If you have questions please call Bonnie at 832-0682.



I SAW JESUS WHEN....

I was doing some last minute shopping at the Richland WinCo and I stopped to chat with an elderly gentleman who was, like me, disappointed in our quest for potatoes. As we talked about the people who were hoarding, he gently touched my shoulder and shared that the day before he had been in to shop and at check out the young man in line behind him had paid for all his groceries. The gentleman assured me that most people are good and to not lose faith. Jacki McNair

About a week ago a friend of ours donated an undisclosed amount of money to a local restaurant so they could keep their business going. He went so far as to say if we would mention his name our dinner would be paid! A very unselfish act in these times. Ross & Linda Thomas

My niece in Fresno set up a Zoom meeting with her aunts, her mom, and her nana plus some cousins. The meeting was hilarious as most of us were new to using Zoom. We all tried to help each other and finally got nana set up on just one of her devices (she had multiple devices going). But it was our way to connect, pray for each other, and SEE each other. We laughed and enjoyed each others company and were able to catch up all at once. We are thankful for technology even when it doesn't work right (operator error). Bonnie

If you have an story to share please email Bonnie at bonniea@prosserpres.org



YOUTH INFO

zoom

Youth Group is meeting on Zoom
Sundays at 11:30am-Meeting code 905-694-158
Wednesdays at 3pm-Meeting code 371-474-470

Zoom meetings can be from your phone if you get the app or you can use your computer/laptop and just sign in to Zoom website with the above codes.



YOUTH CONTEST:

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I will put details out on our Facebook page as well as our website. If you don't have internet access text, call or email me and I will send out a packet to your family. As part of the contest we are memorizing scripture so encourage your youth to dig deep into God's Word during this season.

If you need to contact me for any reason my cell is (509) 833-8851. If you would like to talk face to face we can set up a private meeting via zoom. Be safe but remember Matt 6:25-35 God knows where we are at.

Shane

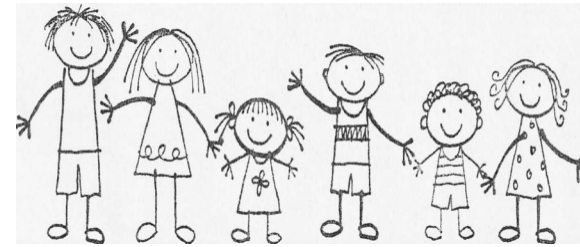


FOOTSTEPS 4 JESUS CLUB



Our afterschool ministry at Whitstran Elementary School had to end a few weeks earlier than we had hoped. We had a wonderful season sharing the love of Jesus through snacks, prayer, worship songs, memorizing scripture verses, creative crafts and engaging Bible lessons from the Old and New Testament.

*Thank you to our Jesus loving, creative, dedicated, big hearted Team!
You are making disciples and changing hearts every Tuesday!*



MARKET STREET KIDS

Kids to Jesus Kids to Kids Kids to Adults

Our Market Street Kids season has come to an end a little sooner than we had planned on. What a season we had - snacks, games, and crafts, wonderful times of worship, creative and innovative Bible lessons, tasty dinners with spirited conversation at each table, and each evening ending in prayer and quirky competitions! The entire MSK Ministry

Team will definitely miss
serving Christ and the kids on Wednesdays.

Thank you to the MSK Ministry Team -to the Activity Leaders, Worship Leaders, Bible Time Teachers, Kitchen Crew, Dinner Dean, Table Parents, Clean-up Crew, and everyone who prayed for us during the season!



In the weeks to come we will be encountering greater needs in our church family and in our community. I, as your pastor, am already having people needing money for groceries because of the lack of work. Ellie and I decided that when the checks from the government arrive, we will be tithing (10%) of that and giving it to the church's "emergency fund" which is used for things like when people need help with groceries, rent, bills, and other necessities of life. I and the staff are approached about these kinds of needs and it is kept confidential. The fund is down to \$600 and we will be needing far more than that. Please prayerfully consider giving to this fund above and beyond your normal giving. Thank you.

Pastor Paul



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Lifetouch has canceled all of their photography dates through August. We will have our new photography dates to you this summer. We will offer all the same ways to sign up and we apologize for any inconvenience.

FLOURISH

In a commitment to your own growth and maturity in Jesus Christ and ours as a church family, join us for the "Flourishing" series. "The premise of this series is that flourishing churches are led by flourishing leaders who are themselves flourishing disciples." We will watch a short video broadcast followed by small group discussions led by staff members. It will be a total of an hour at most; lunch will be served and nursery care is available. Please join us!

****will postpone Flourish until Sunday, May 3****



**Be strong in the Lord
and in the strength of His power.**

Eph. 6:10



**In the quest for the King's Armor, Vacation Bible School
Knights will "armor up!" with Truth! Justice! Peace!
Faith! and Salvation!**

**We will keep everyone posted on when the epic quest will
take place. It's going to be a shield shaking adventure!**

Dates will be chosen once the school year ending date has been decided.



Happy Birthday

April Birthdays

4/01 Zach Renollet
 4/02 Diana Martin
 4/04 Susan Nelson
 4/05 Tom Quaresma
 4/08 Susan Reams
 4/14 Jesse Candanoza
 4/14 Skylee Weaver
 4/16 Sandy Robertson
 4/16 Heidi DeVriend
 4/17 Nicole Jansen
 4/19 Sandra Richman
 4/22 Jeanice Schmick
 4/24 Lindsey Andrews
 4/25 Carol Elder
 4/25 Georgia Rogers
 4/25 Jacob Schnellbach
 4/26 Anna Don
 4/29 Layne Padelford

May Birthdays

5/01 Donna Greenough
 5/02 Jacob Rainer
 5/05 Kendra Hemming
 5/05 Jon Don
 5/05 Nicole Fredericks



APRIL 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 3p Youth Group (Zoom)	2	3	4
5 10a Worship on Facebook/Website 1130a Youth SS on Zoom PL on YouTube	6	7	8 3p Youth Group (Zoom)	9	10	11
12 10a Worship on Facebook/Web 1130a Youth SS on Zoom PL on YouTube	13 Team/Session Meeting via Zoom	14	15 3p Youth Group (Zoom)	16	17	18
19 10a Worship on Facebook/Web 1130a Youth SS on Zoom PL on YouTube	20	21	22 3p Youth Group (Zoom)	23	24	25
26 10a Worship on Facebook/Web 1130a Youth SS on Zoom PL on YouTube	27	28	29 3p Youth Group (Zoom)	30		



we will stay connected with any updates or changes to the calendar