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MESSENGER

SUNDAY SERVICE

February 18, 2018
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
10:30 AM

Rev. Dr. Roger Verse

Scripture readings:

Psalm 25
Genesis 9: 8 - 17
Mark 1: 9 - 15

Sermon: "*The Rainbow Connection*"



Christ in the Wilderness,
Ivan Nikolaevich
Kramskoi, 1837-1887

In the 1st chapter of the book of Mark, we learn of Jesus' travel from Nazareth to Judea, his baptism by John in the Jordan River, and the powerful voice from heaven saying "*You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.*"

From verse 12, "*And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.*"

The following are excerpts from this week's POSTS FROM THE PRESBYTERY, in preparation for the season of Lent:

"Lent has become a season of preparation for Christians. It is an annual setting aside of time in order to prepare, discern, and repent.

This Sunday marks the First Sunday in Lent... The season of lent is 40 days long

from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday. (If one just sits down with a calendar and counts the days, there are 46 days. The Sundays in the season are not traditionally counted as part of the penitential season.) The 40 days of lent become a way of marking time and helping us to remember who we are.

40 days. It is reminiscent of the 40 days of deluge of the flood. That number 40 reminds us of the 40 years of wandering in the desert for the people in pursuit of the Promised Land. They were wandering not because they could not find their way on the map, but because it took that long for the generation to rise and fall and form them as a people whose identity was no longer Egypt, but a covenant people.

40 days of flood. 40 years in the wilderness. 40 days of temptation. Mark tells us plainly: *"He (Jesus) was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him."*

It is that 40 days that we now rehearse—we try them on again. We do them again. We put ourselves into the story and movement of scripture. It is an opening of our lives to what God will do among us in this time. Lent becomes this liminal space where we have this opportunity to make a deliberate choice to turn our attention towards God's tearing open the heavens to be near us."

30 Minutes with God

A LENTEN LUNCH-TIME CONCERT SERIES

On each Wednesday during Lent, at noon, the Sanctuary will be open for prayer and meditation. Our Minister of Music, **Brandon Glick**, and some other local musicians will provide music selections appropriate to the Lenten Season.

This music and meditation series began on Ash Wednesday with piano selections played by Brandon Glick, and guided meditation led by Dr. Verse. The series will continue as follows:

February 21 Featuring Daniel Lu, violinist

February 28 Featuring Amy Wiseman, vocalist and Doug Wiseman, cellist

March 7 Featuring students from the Music Division of Hobe Sound Bible College

March 14 Featuring Selma Verse, organist

March 21 Featuring Dr. Randall McElwain, pianist

March 28 Featuring the Gunter String Trio

Each session will be followed by fellowship time in the social hall with coffee and cold drinks provided for those who bring their lunches or who just want a little refreshment before returning to the work of the day.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

The topic for this Bible Study is "The Holy Book for Unholy Times. How the Scriptures, now over 2,000 years old, still speak to us during Lent 2018."

Study began on Ash Wednesday, February 14, at 10:45AM, and will continue at the same time each week through Lent. It is being team taught by **Dr. Roger Verse and Rev. Spencer vanGulick** and meets in the office conference room.

This topic provides for very timely study and discussion. You are welcome to come to any or all of the sessions and learn how God speaks to us through scripture about current concerns.

Last Sunday **Minister of Music Brandon Glick** performed an organ concert at **Holy Redeemer Catholic Church**, in Palm City, FL



The Organ repertoire included a Phantom of the Opera medley and the famous Toccata by Widor.

Special guest artists were **vocalist, Kerry Rocks** and **violinist, Daniel Lu**.



Vocalist, Kerry Rocks



Violinist Daniel Lu

A very well deserved standing ovation was given at the conclusion of the concert by a large and very enthusiastic audience.

On Tuesday, February 13, the **ENYART STRING QUINTET** performed at 7:00

pm in the Church Sanctuary. This talented group of musicians entertained a very appreciative audience with a variety of musical selections, from Tchaikovsky and Mozart to Elvis Presley and Nat King Cole.



Ben Enyart, Dr. John Enyart, Johnny Adams, Jann (Enyart) Adams, and Erick Lora.

Additional concerts dates are coming up fast. These concerts are offered free of charge to our members and the surrounding community. A free will offering will be received at the conclusion of each concert to help support the HSCPC concert program.

South Fork High School Carillon Choir.

Sunday, March 4, 4:00PM

The Church courtyard will ring out with the beautiful voices of this talented 60 member choir.



Instrumental concert, featuring flute, oboe and piano.

Tuesday, April 10 at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary.

Amy Clark on flute, **Carrie Fox** on oboe and our own **Brandon Glick** on piano will join together to fill the church sanctuary with beautiful music.

Coffee hour following the worship service on February 11 was hosted by **Holly Pratt** and **Mary Wilburn**, who presented a beautiful array of **Valentine treats** to be enjoyed during fellowship time.



Thank you **Holly** and **Mary** for such sweet and delicious Valentine treats.



FAITH AND THE FINE ARTS WEEKEND February 23, 24, & 25th

This February weekend in Hobe Sound offers events expressing the Divine in Art and Music. It celebrates the unveiling of the newest Hobe Sound Mural which will be painted on the Youth Building at the First United Methodist Church of Hobe Sound. The mural depicts the theme "**Flowing Rivers of Faith**".

Friday, Feb. 23, 6-9pm. Hobe Sound Bible college, Gospel with the Heath Brothers.

Saturday, Feb. 24, 7-9pm. Saint Christopher Catholic Church,
The Ebony Chorale of the Palm Beaches.

Sunday, Feb. 25, 3-6pm, First United Methodist Church
Art Extravaganza in the courtyard.
Music Performances and Special Guests.
Unveiling of new Hobe Sound Mural

Donation opportunity: The organizing committee offers an opportunity to make a donation to this project, in the form of \$25 for a can of paint. It can be donated in memory of honor of someone you love. The name(s) will be placed in the river flow in the mural. **Donation deadline is this Sunday, February 18, and payment must be made at that time. If you wish to make such a donation, Brandon Glick will have donation forms available for your use.**

Attention Artists: Judeo-Christian art works will be showcased during the "Flowing Rivers of Faith Weekend". All local artists and craftspeople are invited to

submit appropriately themed work for the Sunday Art Extravaganza. If you are an artist and would like to have your work displayed at this event, contact **Cynthia Cooper**, at frameryartiste@gmail.com or call 772-546-3424.

HSCPC ANNUAL MEETING

The **Annual Meeting** of the Hobe Sound Community Presbyterian Church will be held on **Sunday, February 25, 2018** immediately following the Worship Service. At this meeting the activities of the past year will be reviewed, the budget for 2018 will be approved, and new Ruling Elders and Deacons will be elected, as well as the 2018 nominating committee. Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting, but only active members are eligible to vote.

Copies of the **2017 Annual Report** will be available this Sunday on the church porch. Please take one per family and review it before attending the annual meeting the following week.

INVITATION TO JOIN THE CHOIR

Music is an integral part of a Christian worship service, and here at HSCPC we are blessed with our very talented and versatile **Minister of Music, Brandon Glick**. The music he provides on both piano and organ each Sunday morning truly enhance the peace and joy that we find in worshipping together.

Brandon and the choir would love to welcome new choir members for the winter season. The only requirement is a love of music and the ability to carry a tune. The choir practices on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30pm, and on Sunday mornings at 9:30am. See Brandon or a choir member for further information.

CLASS FOR NEW MEMBERS

Dr. Verse is preparing a series of classes for people interested in joining our Church. If you are considering becoming a member of HSCPC please contact Dr. Verse for further details. A time will be determined that is convenient for all.

DR. VERSE'S OFFICE HOURS: Dr. Verse's office hours are **Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9AM until Noon**. He would love to have you drop in for a visit if you are in the area. However, if you have a special need to speak with him it would be best to call ahead to see if he is available; often meetings or pastoral visits will necessitate his being out of the office at times during his scheduled hours.

OCCASIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

If you would like to volunteer to teach Sunday School when needed, please contact Karen Kienzle, 561 379-7900, or karenkienzle@hotmail.com, or personally at church on Sunday.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR PART-TIME JOB OPENING

HSCPC is looking for a Part-time Children's Ministry Director. Are you looking for a fulfilling opportunity to work with the children of our church? or, do you know someone who might be interested and qualified to fill this part-time position?. This position would be perfect for a person with a CE or educational background who wants to stay active in CE work but is unable to commit to a full-time position.

Please see the ink below (posted on the Presbytery website) for Job Posting, <http://www.tfpby.org/administration/employment/> and/or send your resume to church@hscpc.org

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 5 - Kathy Oldham
February 5 - Madeline Marx
February 5 - Rachael Higginbotham
February 8 - Emily Albrecht
February 8 - Elliot Philips
February 9 - Billy Bowman
February 14 - George Rausch
February 19 - Jim Norrish
February 24 - Ales Albrecht
February 25 - Judy Doverspike
February 25 - Lloyd Howard
February 26 - Paul LaPrise
February 27 - Karen Kienzle

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

February 4 - Joseph and Audrey Ruggier
February 6 - Patti Drolet
February 10 - Michael and Linda Byrd
February 15 - Steve and Ruth Jubb
February 21 - Todd and Linda Croyle

(If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know so you can be included here for the rest of the month.)

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Alex Lopez-Estrada
- Josephine Scricca
- George Mulleneix
- Hisa Clark
- Beverly Little
- Deborah Hobson and family
- Bill Carlson
- Marilyn Garrabrant
- Doug Hollender
- The family of Peg Layton

- John Kienzle
- Gary Shriver
- The family of Jim White
- Bill Hehli
- Bob Kehres
- The family of Pat West
- Audrey Ruggier
- Terry McClory
- Skip Barlow
- Diane Atkisson
- Maureen Dalton
- Joyce Spengler
- Betty Marshall
- The family of Mary Campbel Call
- Lee and Lloyd Howard
- Judy McCloy

Names will be removed from this list after three weeks unless a request is made to keep them on. This request should be made to Diane Atkisson in the church office. Phone – 772-546-5043, email – church@hscpc.org

WHEN YOU WANT TO MAKE A PRAYER REQUEST: To request prayers through the Prayer Circle, for yourself or someone else, contact Jan Norrish, 772-486-5514, jannorrish@hotmail.com, To have a prayer request included in the Church Sunday bulletin and the MESSENGER, fill out the prayer request card found in the Church pews or contact Diane Atkisson in the church office. Phone – 772 546-5043, email - church@hscpc.org

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