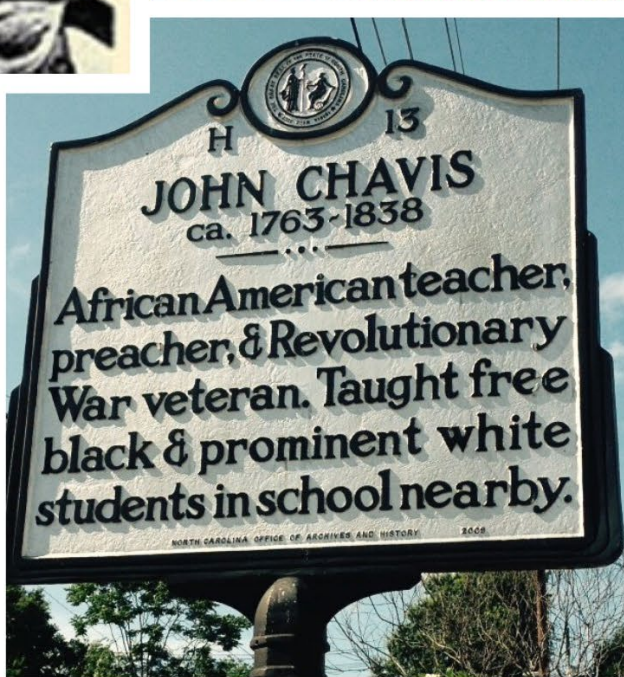


COMPLICATED CALLS

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF PEORIA
FEBRUARY 6, 2022



WELCOME!

As we gather, we remember our vision to grow & nurture followers of Christ in a welcoming community. As we worship we join our hearts with the entire extended community of United Presbyterian Church – those who are joining us from their home sanctuaries.

A few COVID-19 related things to note:

- 1) *For the time being we are worshipping online only, but if you are coming in the building during the week, please wear masks at all times inside the building and try to maintain social distance. We do this to show our care and concern for those with fragile health and those who have not yet been vaccinated.*
- 2) *As we move through the service, you are invited to join in as invited with the words of the prayers and the readings. Speaking and singing the words aloud will help deepen your worship connection.*
- 3) *Offerings can be dropped in the church during the week in the office. You may also send them in the mail, drop them off, or make your offering online.*

*As you worship, the words in **bold, italic** print are for all to read together.*

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Welcome

Introit

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Call to Worship

One: Great is the grace and glory of God.

All: We give thanks with hearts of joy.

One: Great is the strength and mercy of our creator.

All: We give thanks with hearts of hope.

One: Great is the courage and hope of our Lord.

All: We give thanks with hearts of faith.

One: Great is the mercy and compassion of the Holy One.

All: We give thanks with hearts of love.

Worship In Song

Come into God's Presence

Come into God's presence singing Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Come into God's presence singing Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord.

Praise the Lord together singing Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God.

Gather Us In

*Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.*

*Gather us in the lost and forsaken; gather us in, and make us your own;
call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

Invitation To Confession

Prayer of Confession

All: Dear God, You are great and awesome. Today we come to you with our confession. Hear us as we pray. We are sorry for the things we have done that hurt other people. We are also sorry for all the things we should have done but we didn't do. We ask for your forgiveness for the things we know about, and for other things we have done wrong that we don't even know about. Please forgive us. In your name alone we pray, Amen.

Please take time for personal reflection, bringing your prayers to our loving and forgiving Savior.

One: In Christ we pray,

All: Amen.

Response

We Are Forgiven

We are forgiven, we are forgiven, thanks be to God, thanks be to God. Repeat.

Stand as you are able in body or in spirit and turn to your neighbors across the sanctuary, repeating after Pastor Debra:

Assurance of Grace

One: God is just and forgiving.

All: God receives us as we are.

One: God lifts us up and calls us again to be people upholding justice and peace. Receive God's pardon and peace, knowing that all sins are forgiven

Sharing Christ's Peace

Please give a wave of peace to one another.

Responding to God's Grace

Alleluia

Time With Young Disciples

Pastor Debra

Song

This Little Light of Mine

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine! 3xs
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!*

*Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine! 3xs
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!*

Scripture

Isaiah 6:1-8

Luke 5:1-11

Sermon

It's Complicated

Prayers of the People with The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Response

The Doxology

Today we are singing new words to a familiar tune. We want to thank Josie Johnson for bringing this to us.

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;*

*Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.
Amen*

Offering Prayer

All: Loving God, you call us to share our treasures and talents, and the work of our hands. With hearts filled with hope, we praise you for our bounty. Forever shall we sing of your generous ways, Holy One. Amen

During the musical offering, any child is welcome to join Pastor Debra to help set the table for communion.

Song of Preparation

In the Silence of this Moment

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Gratitude

Closing Song

This Little Light of Mine
*This little light of mine. I'm gonna let it shine. 3xs
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*Everywhere I go. I'm gonna let it shine. 3xs
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

Benediction

Sending Music

YOU CAN ASSIST IN RECYCLING by placing used bulletins in the wooden crates as you leave.

Serving in Worship Today, February 6, 2022

Pastor: Rev. Debra Avery

Director of Worship & the Arts: Alison Meuth

Worship Accompanist : Sue Hulin

Musicians: Tom Abbot, Pat Bensing,
Jerry Pilon, Anne Swanson, Jimmy Willis

Remember in Prayer

Remember in Prayer: Eunice Andrews, Victoria Best, Leah Bowen & baby, Penny Brower, Carol Hicks, Dwight Jones, Nancy Jones, Kim Murray, Stephanie Murray, Lori Olsen, Projeto Amar, Rykur Rowe, Jennifer & infant daughter, Allison Sleater, Dan Staley, Larry Stotts, Debbie Sullivan, Barbara Vale.

Pastoral Care: If you or someone you love is hospitalized and needs a visit from UPC, please make sure you contact us directly at 693-2002. Unless the hospital tells us you're in, our staff and deacons will not know to visit or reach out. We appreciate you filling in our knowledge gaps this way.

This Week at UPC

We continue to livestream on YouTube Facebook so that those who need to remain at home can continue participating in our service as well. You'll find the links in the Ringer or contact the office. You do NOT have to join Facebook to worship with us. You can go to our page and watch live or view the service at any time after 10AM. Do let us know you are there by saying "hi," commenting, & hitting the Like or Love buttons. We love to know you are watching!! You can also listen to the entire service on your car radio on FM90.5.

Opportunities for Ministry

Announcements: If you have an announcement for the bulletin or the Ringer send them to:
announcements@unitedpc.org.

Why We Celebrate Black History Month in the Church

(Adapted from the February 2022 Chimes article.)

In 1976 President Gerald Ford decreed Black History Month to be a national observance so that we could honor accomplishments of Black people which were often overlooked or ignored. But the quest to bring a national focus on Black History began in 1926 when Carter G. Woodson started Negro History Week. Dr. Woodson was both a historian and school principal with lived experience that demonstrated to him that Black people were underrepresented in the books and scholarly communication that had shaped American history.

From the beginning, it was decided that there would be a theme each year to focus public attention and study. Yet, despite these well-planned efforts, it became clear during the civil rights years that even the most popular American middle school textbook still mentioned only two African Americans. Since President Ford's decree, every president has promoted this celebration of the history of Black people.

In a 2019 sermon, Rev. Shanea Leonard, PCUSA Associate for Gender and Racial Justice, called the church to move toward the understanding that "being in communion with Black people is more than an idealized goal." She pointed out that it is deeper than agendas we might have about the recognition of identities or racialized agendas. "This is actually about the communion of one with another...being a person of faith, a Christian, beckons us to be a people called to celebrate the other as part of the whole that makes up the body of Christ."

Although the history Black leadership and the impact that Black people have had on the Presbyterian church is almost as long as the Presbyterian Church has been active on this continent, our knowledge of that history has been hidden. This month, we will focus on a different Black Presbyterian leader each Sunday.

February 6 - "Complicated Calls." Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8, Luke 5:1-11. Black History Focus: John Chavis, ordained and commissioned in 1800 by Presbytery of Lexington, VA

February 13 - "When Blessings Feel Like Curses." Scripture: Jeremiah 17:5-10. Black History Focus: Presbyterian Elder Katherine Johnson, NASA mathematician

February 20 - "Dos and Don'ts." Scripture: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40, Luke 6:27-38. Black History Focus: Rev. Henry Highland Garnet, abolitionist and Presbyterian minister

February 27 - Transfiguration Sunday and Matthew 25 Initiative Celebration and Kick-Off. Guest Preacher, Rev. Dr. Diane Givens Moffett, President and Executive Director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Black History Focus: Rev. Dr. Gayraud Wilmore, professor and justice activist

The Week Ahead

Sunday, February 6

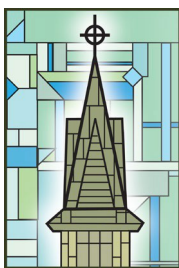
8:00 a.m. Chimes Info Due in Office
9:00 a.m. Online Adult Education
10:00 a.m. Online Worship Service &
*Livestream on Facebook &
Youtube & Zoom*

Monday, February 7

1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. Church Life
6:30 p.m. Properties

Tuesday, February 8

10:00 a.m. Coffee Talk, *Zoom*
6:30 p.m. Human Resources
7:00 p.m. Foundation



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Wednesday, February 9

5:30 p.m. Bells
6:00 p.m. Nature Connections
6:15 p.m. Worship Band
7:00 p.m. Preschool
7:30 p.m. Worship & the Arts

Thursday, February 10

10:00 a.m. Bible Study on Revelation

Sunday, February 13

9:00 a.m. Online Adult Education
10:00 a.m. Online Worship Service,
*Livestream on Facebook and
Youtube, Zoom*

Office Hours

Trish Deppermann, *Administrative Manager*
Monday- Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday – works from home

Alison Meuth, *Director worship & the Arts*
Monday-Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Keli Briggs, *Faith Community Nurse*
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Debra Avery, *Pastor*
Drop by office hours:
Tuesdays 9AM-1PM
Thursdays: 1-4PM
Other times by appointment.