



Park Presbyterian Church

January 21, 2021

Weekly Park Branches

This Weeks Sermon

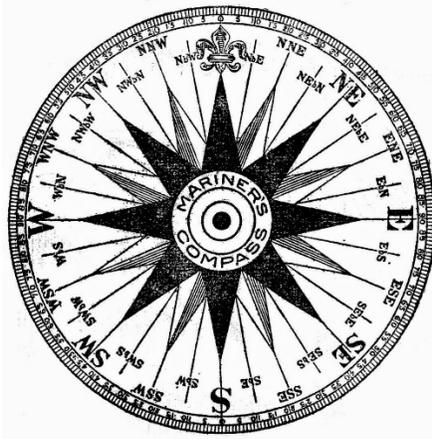
“Which Direction is Up?”
Rev. Bob Goossen

Scriptures

[Jonah 3:1-5, 10](#)
[Mark 1:14-20](#)

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Dear Park Family & Friends,

What are you yearning for in these days? It's a question well worth our pondering, and well worth giving lots of space, both place and time, to rumble around in before we blubber out the first thing that pops into our head. Yearning is a concept that goes deep and wide, far beyond the hope for a perfect fried egg and good coffee in the morning. Yearning stretches us outside the 'just let me get through this day without anyone yelling at me' wish of harmlessness.

A number of years ago we did small group conversations across the churches I was serving and the responses to the question, 'what are you yearning for...' were inspiring. Yes, there were the expected 'we'd like more people in the pews' sort of responses. But in a real way there were deep yearnings for healthy relationships, broad and significant connections, learning and service opportunities that embolden meaning in our daily lives.

As Sunday approaches we will explore two Bible stories that are quite familiar—Jonah in Nineveh and Jesus, at the seaside, calling his disciples to join his fishing expedition. In these days may we give gracious space and place for exploring who God yearns for us to be.

in the joy of our journey, pastor bob

Return to Hybrid Worship

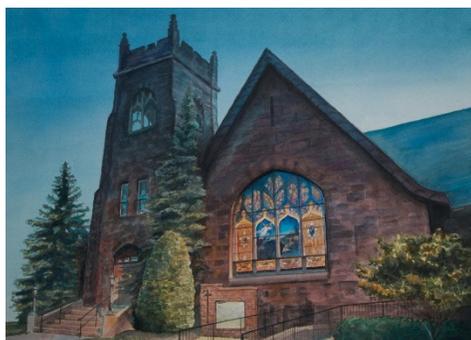
If you have been longing to return to the church to worship in person, then good news! We are once again offering our hybrid worship services. The in-person service will begin at 11:00 am and the livestream will be available as usual. For the in-person service, please note that all protocols—including wearing masks, social distancing, and temperature taking—will still be followed. If you do not feel comfortable returning to worship and prefer to remain at home, we encourage you to watch the service online.

Sunday Worship as Park Apart

The live worship video will be available on Sunday starting at 11:00 am, and you can continue to find us anytime thereafter at <https://www.parkpres.org/swl-sunday-worship-live>. The bulletin for the service can also be found on the [Sunday Worship page](#) of our site. If you have announcements or prayer requests, please send them to Pastor Bob on Sunday morning via email: revgoossen@parkpres.org or call/text 724-464-4032.

Special Note on Covid-19

If a person who has been in attendance at a church activity has received a positive Covid-19 result, the congregation will be notified as to who that person is and what activity they attended.



Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, January 31

Our annual congregational meeting to receive all reports from 2020 will be held in person and via Zoom following worship on the last Sunday of January. We'll be sending a Zoom link out the Thursday prior so watch for that as the time approaches. As we give thanks for God's sustaining grace in all that 2020 held, this is a simple annual meeting to reflect on the year with no business items to vote on.

2021 Giving Envelopes Available

2021 giving envelopes are in the Gathering Area for you to pick up. These will not be mailed out due to the high cost of postage. If you need yours delivered, please contact the church office and we will make every effort to deliver.



GIVING
what we can

2020 Giving Statements

FYI: 2020 year end giving statements have been mailed out this week. If you do not receive one, please contact the church office and we will see you get one. Also, all Elders and Deacons, your statement is in your mailbox to save on postage.

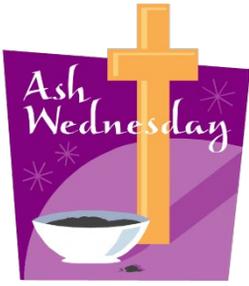
Thank you,
Finance Committee

Warmest Thank You

I would like to thank my Park Church family for the prayers, cards and phone calls after my hip replacement. The Lord was by my side through pre-op, post-op and now recovery. Your caring meant so much to me. Thank you so much.

Lucy Flynn





Presbyterian Writers Guild announces 'Ash Wednesday' writing contest

To support and encourage Presbyterian writers, the Presbyterian Writers Guild is sponsoring a writing contest, with the theme of "Ash Wednesday." Winners will be named in three categories: (1) Personal Essay/Reflection, (2) Poem, and (3) Litany/Prayer. There is a 500-word limit for all entries. **The deadline for entries is February 5.**

One Grand Prize winner of the "Ash Wednesday" contest will receive a \$100 cash prize. The winner in each category will receive a complimentary, yearlong membership renewal in the Guild. The PWG will publish all winners on its website and will attempt to place winning entries in other Presbyterian media.

Only electronic submissions will be accepted. Please email submissions no later than Friday, February 5, to Jerry Van Marter, PWG secretary, at jerryvanmarter@gmail.com. Paste your submission into the body of your message or attach it as a separate Word document. Include your name, Presbyterian affiliation, and the category in which you are submitting. There is no entry fee for Guild members. Non-members are asked to remit \$25, which entitles you to a year's membership in the Guild.

For instructions on how to remit the \$25 annual membership dues, visit the Guild's [website](#) or contact PWG treasurer, Bill Lancaster, by [email](#) for a PayPal invitation.



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Hello Partners in the Gospel,

I wanted to thank all of you for your support over the past few weeks, especially the prayers. They are truly palpable! While we will continue to grieve Cory, we know with all of our hearts that this mission has always been the Lord's and His alone. He has continued to show His faithfulness through even this. In the past two weeks I have trained several new volunteers, our interns and volunteer teams have stepped up in amazing ways, and new partnerships are being formed. Our board of directors

has taken on even an even greater role and is working tirelessly to ensure The Center will continue to be a strong presence of His love and grace in the community. God is moving His mission forward!

We have developed a strategic re-opening plan and will be fully open the first week of February. Always, we treasure your partnership. Please continue to cover us in prayer, as we will you. Thank you so much again!

Jen Miller

Executive Director

The Center

www.midland.center

HELP WANTED: Favorite Bible Verses

The Membership Involvement Commission is sponsoring a project for some of our less mobile members but we need your help! Please email one or two (or more if you'd like) of your favorite Bible verses that give you hope, inspiration, or comfort to ginny.flick@gmail.com. Thanks in advance for your help with this and stay tuned for the unveiling of the finished product!



**Celebrating Birthdays
this Week:**

Savannah DePietress	21
Jan Pasuit	23
Florence Zielinske	26
Ginny Flick	27