

# Welcome to Community of Faith Presbyterian Church!

Pastor: Rev. Sharon D. Carter

Music Director: Joanna Bailey

Musician: Roy Miller - Bass

Clerk of Session: Dawn Ramsey Farwick

Our purpose is to be a community of faith serving in the likeness of Christ. We aspire to servanthood in order to be faithful to our calling as Christians. We work both as individuals and in community to live faithful lives in response to that calling. We believe that we are saved by faith in order to speak the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord and do God's work in the world

**Sunday Mornings**—We welcome any visitors to our community today! Worship begins at 10:30 am; children leave for Sunday School after the anthem (except for Communion Sundays, when they stay for the entire service.) Visitors are invited to sign the guest book near the front door.

## In Our Prayers

Nancy Ziegler, Betty Murphy, Shirley Weigel, Ruth and Jack Roeber, The McDermott family, Johanna Willis, Nita Kleier, Inky Hall, David Weitzel, Joanna Bailey, Jean Jennings' family, Mary Lee Harrison, Emille Walden, Deborah Grover, Kelly Montana, Margaret Meyer, Lynda Jaeger, and Floyd Hastings.

## Sunday Schedule:

Fellowship 10:00am; Service 10:30am

## Contact us:

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Sunday, July 15, 2018

## Upcoming Events:

7/15: Discernment Team Meeting

7/22, 7/29, 8/5: Worship Service

7/16-7/17: Cornerstone Mission

## The Scriptures

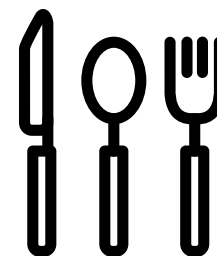
for Sunday, July 22

2 Samuel 7:1–14a

Psalms 89:20–37

Ephesians 2:11–22

Mark 6:30–34, 53–56



**Cornerstone**—Community of Faith will be serving at Cornerstone this month. We will prepare the food at COF on Monday, July 16 at 3:00pm. On Tuesday, July 17, we'll serve at Cornerstone. Meet at the church at 5:00pm on Tuesday if you would like to help serve.



**Discernment Team**—The Discernment Team will be meeting after this morning's worship service.



**Contact Us!**—Do you have information you would like to share in upcoming bulletin announcements or newsletters? Contact the church office at 859-331-3238 or communityoffaith@fuse.net.

## Reading Between the Lectionary Lines

We continue following Jesus through Galilee. Last week, if you remember, he visited his hometown of Nazareth, where his ministry was met with resistance and is unable to do many works of healing or power. Later, he leaves Nazareth and the power comes back, leading us to wonder why Nazareth was such a hard place for him to practice his ministry? He then is able to share his power with 12 disciples and sends them out to go before him to the surrounding area.

At this point we take a short break in the narrative about Jesus. Herod and his understanding of who Jesus is becomes the focus, we flash back to the story of how Herod came to kill John the Baptist. This is what we will focus on in today's sermon. The passage is another "Markan Sandwich", in which one story is inserted into another story, presumably as commentary on the surrounding story. The story of Herod and John the Baptist is inserted into the story of Jesus sending out the disciples and the return of the disciples; so the question we might ask ourselves is what one has to do with the other. In our passage for today Herod has become aware of Jesus and his ability to heal work various other miracles; he has also most likely heard how Jesus has been asserting authority that the religious leadership doesn't recognize. Herod then draws a conclusion about who Jesus is, and we are presented with the story of John the Baptist's beheading.

Reading this passage in its context highlights the way as Jesus' power and influence within the community increases, suspicion of him by religious and secular powers also increases, and the danger to him increases. It also highlights the different ways that Jesus aligns himself with the poor and oppressed in accordance with God's instructions to Israel to care for those who can't care for themselves. In doing so, Jesus implies that the religious leadership of the day, for all of their efforts to keep the law, are neglecting the main instruction God gives: to do justice and love kindness (and to walk with God rather than giving yourself the credit.)

Who does Herod think Jesus is?

Where else do we hear questions about who Jesus is?

Is Jesus threatening to the status quo? In what way?

How does this help us understand who Jesus is for us today?

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