Events for the Week of September 23

Today

10:00 a.m., Worship 11:00 a.m., Fellowship

Monday, September 24

12:00 Noon, Lectionary Study Group w/Pastor Bob

Tuesday, September 25 9:30 a.m., Leta's Legacy Quilters

Wednesday, September 26

9:30 a.m., Session 10:00 a.m., Yachats Arts Guild

Thursday, September 27

9:00 a.m., Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m., Hand Bell Rehearsal 10:30 a.m., Coffee with Pastor Bob 6:00 p.m., Yachats Big Band Rehearsal

Friday, September 28

6:00 p.m., Families Together

Sunday, September 30

10:00 a.m., Worship 11:00 a.m., Fellowship

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Welcome to YCPC!!!

We are an inclusive, welcoming, come-as-you are, Christ centered community of faith. As such, we recognize that those who worship with us come from many different faith traditions, and some from no tradition at all. Accordingly, our worship is fairly informal and we encourage you to engage with it in whatever way you feel comfortable.

We are a spiritual community of different minded believers, sharing one heart. We strive for justice and peace among all people, and bring support and hope to those that Jesus called the least of his sisters and brothers.

We invite everyone to join in our worship, our communion, and our community. "Everyone" includes believers and agnostics, conventional Christians and questioning skeptics, LGBTQ and straight, females and males, Jews and Gentiles, the despairing and the hopeful, and any other descriptor that may fit you.

We extend a special welcome to all who are visiting. Please sign our guest book in the narthex. If this is your first visit, please select an agate from the basket. Please also print your name and mailing address in a red attendance book located in each row of the sanctuary.

Large print bulletins are on the east and west tables in the narthex. Personal PA receivers for the hearing impaired can be obtained by speaking with one of the ushers.

Join us for fellowship immediately following morning worship. This is a time for coffee and conversation.

We're glad you're here!



Rev. Bob Barrett, Pastor Jeannine Janson, Administrative Assistant Milo Graamans, Music Director, Organist/Pianist John Waide, Pastor Emeritus

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

tember 23, 2018–18th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

A Time of Centering

Earth's crammed with heaven, And every common bush afire With God: But only he who sees takes off His shoes; The rest sit round it and pluck blackberries.

Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Introit

Call to Worship^ (Responsive)

Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?

We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.

Who among you is seeking God's bright and holy truth?

We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.

Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?

We long to live lives of holiness and light.

God grants God's wisdom generously to all who ask.

Come near, people of God!

Let us worship in wisdom and truth.

Opening Prayer^

God of holy wisdom,

we are seekers on the way to a deeper wisdom and a wider vision. Our lives are full of information and opinions,

but in the midst of it all we long to hear the voice of wisdom – Your wisdom, God –

cutting through the noise and teaching us how to live.

God, we have come here this morning to learn wisdom from your Word, from your Holy Spirit, and from one another. We have come so that wisdom may call us out of the darkness

we have come so that wisdom may call us out of the darkness and into the light. We have come to have the deeper, richer, wisdom-filled life that you have promised to each of us.

O God, make us ready to hear the Words spoken to our hearts this morning. Call us to hear your wisdom and grant us the courage to respond.

Hymn #70.....What Does the Lord Require of You?

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Reconciliation (in unison)^^

O God,
we live our lives as best we can—
dealing with difficult relationships and situations,
putting failures and disappointments behind us,
and moving into each new day
with as much energy, goodwill,
and optimism as we can muster.
But here, right now,
we seldom have the right answers,
we seldom seek your higher wisdom in our lives,
we just move ahead.
Forgive us for not asking for your insight.
Fill us with your wisdom,
that we may live lives
of goodness and peace. Amen.

(silence)

The Assurance of Pardon (responsive)^^

When we come before God in humility and honesty, God draws near to us with forgiveness and renewed blessing.

Thanks be to God!

Sharing the Peace

As God has forgiven us, so we ought to forgive one another...

Anthem.....Love Grows Here

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson................................James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayer of Commitment^^^ (inspired by Mark 9:33-37)
God of unsearchable mystery and light,
your weakness is greater than our strength,
your foolishness brings all our cleverness to naught,
your gentleness confounds the power we would claim.
You call first to be last and last to be first,
servant to be leader and ruler to be underling of all.
Pour into our hearts the wisdom of your Word and Spirit,
that we may know your purpose and live to your glory.
Amen.

The Offering

Offertory

Response #608.....*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Prayer of Dedication

Call to Prayer #466.....Come and Fill Our Hearts

The Community Prays......In Thanksgiving For Ourselves, For Others

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

Sending Song #839.....*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!* **Benediction**^^^

Go out, clothed in strength and dignity. Submit yourselves to God and resist the devil. Delight in the Lord's teaching, open your hands to the poor, and let your actions arise from the wisdom of God.

And may God draw near to you and strengthen you; May Christ Jesus teach you the ways of simplicity; and may the Holy Spirit fill you with wisdom and make your fruitful in peace and righteousness.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

<u>Ushers</u>: Pam Luderitz

Worship Assistant: Doris Gardenhire Flowers: Sue and Jim Finlayson Refreshments: Sue and Jim Finlayson

Pray for: Stan Pomeroy, Jan Pomeroy, Karl Evans, Sheryl Young, Gerald Stanley, Cicely Bernard, the family and friends of Jack Hunderup

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hand Bell Rehearsals beginning Thursday, September 27, 10:30 a.m., right after choir practice. Do you play the English hand bells? Or do you want to? Join us and read through a couple of new hand bell arrangements, which might be performed at a church service sometime in October. The ability to read music is useful, but if you don't, you'll be able to pick up your part by rote with a few rehearsals. Come and join the group and make some beautiful music on English hand bells.

Lectionary Study Group resumes tomorrow (Monday), September 24, 12:00 Noon. Upcoming Lectionary is Proper 21B; texts for discussion are: Esther 7:1-10, 9:20-22; Psalm 124; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50. Bring your lunch!

Coffee with Pastor Bob on Thursday, September 27, 10:30. Join us every Thursday at 10:30 us for an informal discussion on a variety of subjects of interest to our congregation, our church and our world.

For individual get-togethers with Pastor Bob, there is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

Families Together Resumes . . . Friday, September 28, 6:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

Special Mission Giving for the month of September is the Deacons' Discretionary Fund. Envelopes for your gifts are in the bulletins. Contributions to the Deacons' Discretionary Fund make it possible for the Deacons to help church and community families with one-time assistance for rent, electric and water bills, and even car payments, health insurance and the purchase of medical equipment. See the board in the narthex for more information about the Deacons and their Discretionary Fund.



The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Cents-Ability Program is a small first step in the battle against hunger and poverty. YCPC members and friends of all ages are invited to put a few cents in the Cents-Ability cans (on the

Fellowship Hall tables) whenever you are enjoying food in the Fellowship Hall. This simple act is a commitment to share with others in response to Jesus' command, "You give them something to eat."