

**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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October 11, 2018

This Sunday:

9:30 am - Sunday School - Mark 10:17-31 & James 2:14-25

10:45 am - Worship

Rev. Judith March Hardie preaching

Mark 10:17-31

Welcome Reception for Pastor Judith following the service in the Activities Center

Greetings from Judith!

Psalm 37: 3-5 Trust in the Lord and do good, and you will live safely in the land and prosper.

Take delight in the Lord, and God will give you your heart's desires.

Commit everything you do to the Lord.

Trust God, and God will help you.

Moving forward after any ending can be a scary thing; moving forward into a new beginning, even one of one's own choosing, can lead to unnecessary worry. And worry is a subtle sin, one that leads us to turn away from God in the slightest way. If the foe of worry besieges you, as it has me on occasion, I recommend three things: trust in God, pray for help, and do something helpful.

I was reminded today as I met with my new co-workers in the church office that there is no use in fretting about what I might need to do or say before the time comes. Once, I would have worried and fretted and struggled not only to try to predict what might happen, but also to figure out exactly what to do or say in order to maintain some sort of control over the situation. I am grateful that through my Christian walk, God cultivated a prayer group to surround and guide me, and that through the practice of trust, prayer, and helpfulness, I found a new part of my brain working to draw and stay near to God throughout the day.

Rather than projecting myself into the future, I have learned a way to live fully in each moment. Rather than dividing life into parts I can handle myself, and parts that require God's help, I've learned to rely on God in all things. My prayer today for each of us is that we can learn to even more fully trust in God; that we can individually go to God in prayer, seeking to discern the particular gifts we've been given, and to understand how we can turn and use these gifts to be helpful to our community. This practice will help each of us to turn from fear of inadequacy and rejoice instead in God's abundant providence and love for us. And, this practice will help God to cultivate all around us a loving community where all people can belong and be loved, just as they are.

No matter what endings you may be facing, a new beginning awaits. And even more importantly, trust me, you are not alone. God is near, and someone else has made it through a similar transition. That is the power of community--with God's help, we can be there for one another. I am grateful for the many ways this community is already growing up around me, and I pray that together we can discern how God has gifted us to be there for an even wider community. Together we trust, together we pray, together we serve; united, we love as Christ loves us! Grace and Peace, Judith



Church Picnic

Sunday, October 28

4 - 7 pm

Whitehall Park in Woodway

(note date change)

CPC 150th Anniversary

The 150th Anniversary Committee asks for your help!

Please send contact information for former members, friends & staff to:

patricia_tolbert@baylor.edu

Please place photos of church events and other memorabilia in the mailbox in the office marked "150th Anniversary Committee". Please label the participants and include your name also. Digital photos can be sent to: mrhoden1225@gmail.com



October 12 - Mission Crafters, 10:30 am, Garden Room

October 14 - Rev. Judith March Hardie's first Sunday; Reception following worship in the Activities Center

October 17 - Adult Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 pm

Children's Music, 6 pm

Adult Handbell Rehearsal, 6:30 pm

Bible Buddies/Youth Group, 6:45 pm

October 20 - Celebration of Life for Yvonne Pugh, 2 - 5 pm, Carleen Bright Arboretum - RSVP to jacque.pugh@gmail.com

October 23 - Presbyterian Women, 1 pm, Garden Room

October 26 - Casey LeVie's senior recital, 5:30 pm, Roxy Grove Hall at Baylor

October 28 - Church Picnic, Whitehall Park, 4-7 pm

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Prayers of thanksgiving for our new pastor, **Judith March Hardie**, and of care and concern for all in the path of Hurricane Michael.

Celebrating Birthdays

David Rodgers - October 12

Gail Hegar - October 14

Madison Rhoden - October 15

Bennett Richardson - October 15

Carl Carson - October 20

Rich Riley - October 21

Matt Bierwirth - October 23

Tricia Tolbert - October 27

Rene Boldt - October 28

Charlie Tolbert - October 30

(We are missing many birthdays in our database; please let us know yours!

We need the year to enter the date in the database, but will never print it!)



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