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BEACH CHURCH
Pensacola Beach · Florida

Serving as a Beacon for Christ
Following Jesus' Call to Love
God, Neighbor and Self

A Season for Seeing Jesus

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Worship 9:00 am

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THE BEACH CHURCH PODCAST

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 20, 2022

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER:

(inspired by 1 Samuel 17:1-58, Matthew 5:38-42)

Strength is commanding the wind and sea to obey,
Strength is wielding a slingshot in the face of a raging giant.
Strength is accepting vulnerability from inside the boat,
Strength is standing in solidarity with the powerless.
Strength is turning a cheek,
Strength is loving an enemy.
We come to worship a God who redefines our vision of strength.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 6:27-38

6:27 "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 6:28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. 6:29 If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. 6:30 Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. 6:31 Do to others as you would have them do to you. 6:32 "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 6:33 If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 6:34 If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. 6:35 But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 6:36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. 6:37 "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; 6:38 give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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SERMON "The Sin Stops Here"

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORDS PRAYER

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.

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BENEDICTION

This Week's Lectionary Readings:

Monday, February 21, 2022: Psalm 38; Genesis 33:1-17; 1 Corinthians 11:2-16

Tuesday, February 22, 2022: Psalm 38; 1 Samuel 24:1-22; 1 Corinthians 11:17-22, 27-33

Wednesday, February 23, 2022: Psalm 38; Leviticus 5:1-13; Luke 17:1-4

Thursday, February 24, 2022: Psalm 99; Deuteronomy 9:1-5; Acts 3:11-16

Friday, February 25, 2022: Psalm 99; Deuteronomy 9:6-14; Acts 10:1-8

Saturday, February 26, 2022: Psalm 99; Deuteronomy 9:15-24; Luke 10:21-24

Sunday, February 27, 2022: Transfiguration Sunday

Christlike Forgiveness

"Jesus never expected us simply to turn the other cheek, go the second mile, bless those who persecute us, give unto them that ask, and so forth. These responses, generally and rightly understood to be characteristic of Christlikeness, were put forth by him as illustrative of what might be expected of a new kind of person – one who intelligently and steadfastly seeks, above all else, to live within the rule of God and be possessed by the kind of righteousness that God himself has, as Matthew 6:33 portrays. Instead, Jesus did invite people to follow him into that sort of life from which behavior such as loving one's enemies will seem like the only

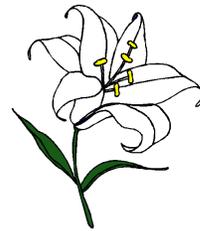
sensible and happy thing to do. For a person living that life, the hard thing to do would be to hate the enemy, to turn the supplicant away, or to curse the curser... True Christlikeness, true companionship with Christ, comes at the point where it is hard not to respond as he would."

— Dallas Willard

Easter Lily Order Form

Easter Sunday, April 17, our sanctuary will be decorated with beautiful Easter lilies, adding to the joy and beauty of this special day. You may order in MEMORY or HONOR of a loved one.

Cost is \$20.00 per plant. (We have preordered 30 plants)



DEADLINE TO ORDER IS SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022

Make your check payable to Pensacola Beach Church, marked "Easter lilies", and turn in with your order form. Payment must be submitted with order form!

Number of plants: _____ Total cost: _____

In Honor or Memory of:

Plant(s) presented by:

Phone number:

FAMILY CORNER

Luke 18:1

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.

David Livingstone was one of the greatest missionary doctors who ever lived. But when he was struggling on his expeditions, he didn't look so great. His exploration of the River Zambezi was a failure—the river could not be navigated. He kept trying to find a way until the British government ordered him home. After that, no one wanted to give him more money to return for more explorations.

After a while, he somehow found the money to return to Africa. Once he got there, no one heard from him for six years. Many thought he was dead, but he was not. Although he was seriously ill, he was determined to stay in Africa until his mission was complete. He stubbornly continued to explore. Finally, he died, and his friends carried his body a thousand miles to the coast so that he could be returned to England and honored with a proper burial (although his heart is in Africa...literally; it's buried under a tree!).

At the time he died, many people thought Livingstone's whole life was a failure. But now, many years later, we know he traveled 29,000 miles in Africa, and that he made important geographical discoveries for Great Britain, such as Victoria Falls and four important lakes. He explored Central Africa so missionaries could go there. He was honored by African chiefs. He spoke out against slavery. And others who knew him were inspired to build schools to educate African children. Much good has come of his life.

One of the things Livingstone said was, "I determined never to stop until I had come to the end and achieved my purpose." That means he decided he would never give up, and it explains a lot about who he was. It also helps us understand that we must not give up praying for whatever it is we want and need from God.

Dear Lord, First help me know what I should pray for, and then make me determined never to stop praying and talking with you. Amen.