

Sermon Series: "Journey to Joy"

Life is a journey, sometimes we simply have to keep going. Jesus walked into Jerusalem on purpose, and with a purpose: our redemption. To secure the certain victory of the resurrection, He traversed the treacherous path through Calvary. Stay with Him, as He does with us, and we will be over comers! Joy awaits!



"The Way Up is Down"

Phil 2:1-11

Rev. N. Stan Hankins

Introduction:

1. Jesus journey for our joy lead to the Empty Tomb via Calvary.
 2. Who likes Humble pie?
 3. Humility: better seen than heard.
 4. In Christ: marks of true humility
- I. Jesus Steps D _____ from His own Rank
 - v6 "did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped"
 - Is 53: 2-3
 - Eating crow is bitter when...
 - "The Way Up is Down"
 - II. Jesus Steps B _____ from His own Rights
 - v7 "emptied Himself...bondservant"
 - Jn 13:12-14
 - Surrendering rights: including the right to...
 - "The Way Up is Down"
 - III. Jesus Bows D _____ to His own Responsibility
 - v7 "obedient"
 - Two ways to obey...
 - Brought to our knees: up to us what we do....
 - "The Way Up is Down"

Conclusion:

1. Passage pivots. God exalts.
2. Indisputable "The Way Up is Down". Choice.

Announcements



We at FPC are extremely concerned for our senior members during the Covid19 spread. We are in the process of contacting our members who may need assistance with grocery delivery, prescription pick up, etc. If you need assistance please call the church office, 609-7729 x10, and Melanie will get the message to the proper place. If you are interested in helping with phone calls and/or other needs, please contact Jill Rodriguez, jill@firstprotestant.com, 609-7729 x13 or 512-665-3762.

Executive Minister Reverend Phil Brown is on sabbatical leave until July 19th. Please lift him in prayer for this season of professional growth and personal renewal. The staff stands ready to serve the congregation in ministry.



We have begun sending out regular Updates about the church services and activities. We're working on updating our member emails, so if you're not receiving this, please call Melanie in the church office at: (830) 609-7729 X 10 or email: melanie@firstprotestant.com

Calendar and Daily Bible Reading

All mid-week activities are cancelled this week. Please check the website, www.firstprotestant.com for updates.

Mon 4/6/20 ~ Deuteronomy 29:1-30:20; Luke 11:37-12:7; Psalm 78:1-31; Proverbs 12:19-20

10:00 am Staff Devotion/Prayer/Staff Mtg - Conf. Room

Tues 4/7/20~ Deuteronomy 31:1-32:27; Luke 12:8-34; Psalm 78:32-55; Proverbs 12:21-23

Wed 4/8/20~ Deuteronomy 32:28-52; Luke 12:35-59; Psalm 78:56-64; Proverbs 12:24

Thurs 4/9/20~ Deuteronomy 33:1-29; Luke 13:1-21; Psalm 78:65-72; Proverbs 12:25

Friday 4/10/20~ Deuteronomy 34:7-Joshua 2:24; Luke 13:22-14:6; Psalm 79:1-13; Proverbs 12:26

Saturday 4/11/20 ~ Joshua 3:1-4:24; Luke 14:7-35; Psalm 80:1-19; Proverbs 12:27-28

Sunday 4/12/20 ~ Joshua 5:1-7:15; Luke 15:1-32; Psalm 81:1-16; Proverbs 13:1

If you would like to print out the One Year reading program in large print, go to: https://www.oneyearbibleonline.com/readingplan/oneyearreadingplan_month_per_page.pdf

No Public Worship Services
Live Streaming on our website:

www.firstprotestant.com

9:00 Traditional Service

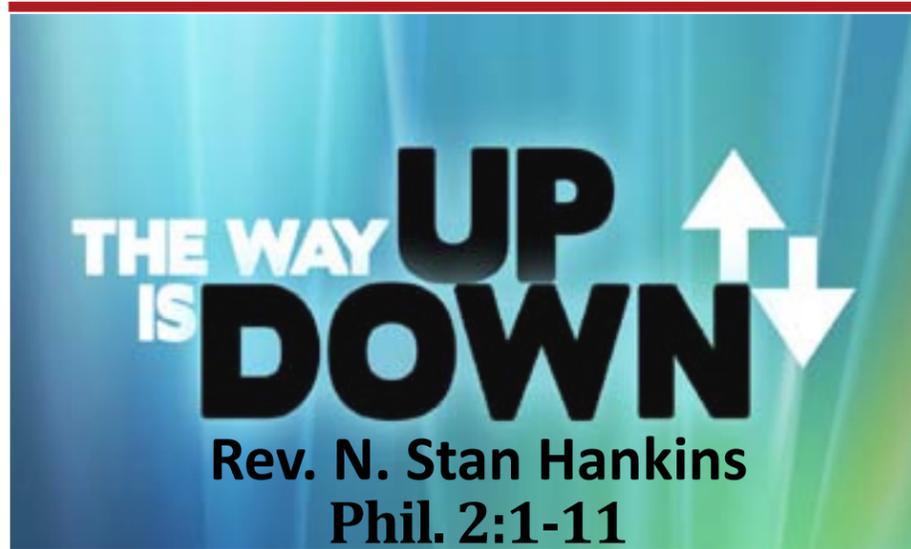
10:30 Contemporary Service

This Sunday

This week's radio broadcast is given in loving memory of Doyle Krueger by his wife, Roxolin and family.

Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020

Live streaming is available on our website, www.firstprotestant.com, 9:00am Traditional and 10:30am Contemporary. Click on the Traditional or Contemporary Stream button. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office, 609-7729 X10. The Church Office remains functional and the ministry staff available in the current Covid-19 protocol. Feel free to phone the office, leaving a voicemail. Such is processed in real time.



2 Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? **2** Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose.

3 Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. **4** Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

5 You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

6 Though he was God,[a] he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.

7 Instead, he gave up his divine privileges[b]; he took the humble position of a slave[c] and was born as a human being.

When he appeared in human form,[d]

8 he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

9 Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor

and gave him the name above all other names,

10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11 and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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*Where Everybody is Somebody
And Jesus Christ is Lord*

*April 5, 2020
Contemporary Service
10:30 am*

