

The Praying Project for Lent created by the youth of Fellowship and First Presbyterian Churches.

Using the daily lectionary, our youth group worked in small groups to study, reflect and then write prayers for each Monday and Friday in Lent. We ask that you join the youth in studying, reflecting and praying this Lent and that you use this resource to help your discipline. The photo of the youth who worked on each day is included so you might also pray for each of them.

Monday, March 11, 2019



Youth pictured: Noemi Galeano, Abigail Cleveland, Glenn Laird (advisor), Mason Becker, Jaret Kidd and Casey Keating

John 2: 1-12: The Wedding at Cana

2 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. **2** Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. **3** When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." **4** And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." **5** His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." **6** Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. **7** Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. **8** He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. **9** When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom **10** and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good

wine until now.” ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

¹² After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples; and they remained there a few days.

Prayer: *Lord Jesus, after reading this story of your miracle at the wedding, I feel in awe of your power. I can't imagine how your disciples must have felt to know the man they were following could do such things.*

Jesus, to me you are: caring, merciful, all-powerful and your love transforms me.

As we begin this year's journey to Holy Week, help me to marvel in the small miracles you perform in my life, and in the lives of others, daily. Amen.

Friday, March 15, 2019



Youth pictured: Grayson Polhemus, Sebastian Bradley, Fungai Mumba (advisor) and Bryce Codrick.

John 3:22-36: Jesus and John the Baptist

²² After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he spent some time there with them and baptized. ²³ John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim because water was abundant there; and people kept coming and were being baptized ²⁴ —John, of course, had not yet been thrown into prison.

²⁵ Now a discussion about purification arose between John's disciples and a Jew.^[a] ²⁶ They came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, the one who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you testified, here he is baptizing, and all are going to him." ²⁷ John answered, "No one can receive anything except what has been given from heaven. ²⁸ You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, 'I am not the Messiah,^[b] but I have

been sent ahead of him.’²⁹ He who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom’s voice. For this reason my joy has been fulfilled.³⁰ He must increase, but I must decrease.”^[c]

The One Who Comes from Heaven

³¹ The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks about earthly things. The one who comes from heaven is above all.³² He testifies to what he has seen and heard, yet no one accepts his testimony.³³ Whoever has accepted his testimony has certified^[d] this, that God is true.³⁴ He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure.³⁵ The Father loves the Son and has placed all things in his hands.³⁶ Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever disobeys the Son will not see life, but must endure God’s wrath.

Reflection: *Jesus was performing miracles and baptizing people in the country. A rabbi questioned John the Baptist about why he was doing this, and John explained that Jesus was the Messiah, and that his authority came from God.*

Prayer: *Lord Jesus, after reading this passage in John’s gospel, I feel a sense of understanding. Like the people in the passage, I sometimes have doubts. Unlike the people, I know what Jesus had to do.*

Lord Jesus, to me you are brave and mighty. As we move closer to Holy Week, help me to show who you are to others. Amen.