

# FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## *Baptism of the Lord*

*The Baptism of the Lord is closely related to Epiphany and should be considered in relation to that feast. Jesus' ministry to bring in God's rule was inaugurated in his baptism. As he came out of the water, the Spirit rested on Jesus and a sign of God's approval was heard. On this day, we celebrate not only Jesus' baptism but our own as well, for our baptism is rooted in Christ. Baptism joins us to Christ and his church, and with all of the baptized we are called to share in Jesus' ministry. In the waters of baptism we are buried with Christ, cleansed of our sins, and raised to share in his resurrection. The Spirit is given to us and we are declared the children of God.*

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# Order of Worship

Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 2022

*\*Congregation Stands*

**PRELUDE**

**“We Gather Together”**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**“Oh Magnify the Lord”**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**SELECTION**

**“Trust in You”** *by: Anthony Brown*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON**

**“The Needful Thing”** *Luke 10:38-42*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**OFFERING**

**SELECTION**

**“I’ll Just Say Yes”** *by: Brian Courtney Wilson*

**DOXOLOGY**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**“No Not One”**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WORSHIP with FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

We will be worshipping with First Presbyterian Church every 4th Sunday. Be sure to tune in to their TV ministry on channel 64 - WAXN on 4th Sundays.



### \*Ten Cents-a Meal

We Can Make a Huge Difference when ALL participate. Using the same passage Two and Five Cents-a-Meal has used since 1982.... *“Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of my brothers you have done it unto me.”* ..... –Matthew 25:45. Please consider a gift to Ten Cents-a-Meal every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday.

### MARRIAGE MONDAY:

**Meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month @ 7:00 pm (Next meeting February 7, 2022)**  
**Zoom Meeting ID: 889 2108 8270 PC: 769459**

### WAY FORWARD COMMITTEE

**Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month (Next meeting January 11, 2022)**  
**Via Zoom from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

### MINISTRY MEETING:

**Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month @ 12:30 pm (Next meeting January 16, 2022)**  
**Zoom Meeting ID: 869-4433 8861 PC: 422794**  
13017158592, US (Washington DC) 13126266799, US (Chicago)

### SINGLES LIFE GOUP

**Every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month @ 6:30 pm (Next meeting January 27, 2022)**  
**Zoom Meeting ID: 894 2502 2607 Password: 192275**

### MEAT EATERS

**Next Gathering - January 19, 2022 @ 7:00 pm**  
**Zoom Meeting ID: 862 5816 5203 Passcode: 113991**

### PW BIBLE STUDY

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday – **Next Meeting January 15, 2021 @ 11:00 am**  
**ZOOM INFO: ID: 891 6230 6589 Pass Code: 687083**  
**Call in: (Washington, DC) 1 301 715 8592**



# FUPC Stewardship Pledge Letter 2022

*“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup> Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup> These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. <sup>7</sup> Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup> Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>9</sup> Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.” Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (NIV)*

Greetings and Happy New Year in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! If you’re like many, it is hard to believe that a new year has begun. ‘Pandemic Standard Time’ seems to move a bit differently than what we’re accustomed to. Yet, the calendar pages remind that it is indeed a new year – a new year of hope and promise! And while we were never quite able to place the terms *COVID-19* and *pandemic* in our rearview mirrors like we wanted to in 2021, we remain prayerfully optimistic as people of faith that 2022 *will be* a year of healing, health, and restoration. The referenced scripture from Homecoming 2021 reminds us to consistently holdfast to the commandments of God. First United Presbyterian Church has a rich *legacy of faith*, persevering in times of challenge. With God’s hand always leading us, we are assured that the best is yet to come!

This letter signals the beginning of our **2022 Stewardship Campaign**. As we consider God’s favor, we remain in awe of the immense goodness and blessings that have been bestowed upon our ministry. Despite the challenges of the previous year, our church has been blessed in so many ways. Through our ongoing partnership with First Presbyterian Church, our ministry has had the opportunity to grow in ways previously unimagined. In addition, we have been blessed to continue our participation with the Cleansing Waters Shower Ministry and our ongoing partnerships with Roof Above, First Ward Elementary, and Niner United Campus Ministry. We look forward to the continuance of these ministries, as well as the development of new and exciting opportunities, in 2022.

Of course, for our ministries to continue to flourish and thrive, we need your help. We are asking each member to prayerfully consider your annual stewardship pledge for 2022. Many of you have already completed your pledge for our *Legacy of Faith Capital Campaign*. We thank you for your faithfulness and diligence, as our capital campaign will not be successful without the support of our entire membership. Is it now time, however, to focus our attention to the **annual pledge**. As in years past, this pledge enables us to prepare our annual operating budget for the year ahead.

We invite you to use either of the following methods to make your financial pledge for 2022. Regardless of the method chosen, you are requested to complete and return it to the church by **January 16, 2022**:

- Completion of the pledge form mailed to you
- Online completion, found at **[www.fupcc.org](http://www.fupcc.org)**

As you complete your pledge, we are asking that you consider the many ways God has blessed you, carefully discerning how much you are willing and able to give in response to God’s continued work at First United Presbyterian Church.

Thank you for your continuing support for the ministries of our church. Your contributions of time, talent and financial resources will allow First United to not only survive, but also thrive, as we build upon the “Legacy of Faith” spoken of during our 2021 Homecoming Celebration – to God be the Glory!

Yours in Christ,


Stewardship Ministry Team




# Book Discussion Group

# JUSTICE AND PEACE

 DISCUSS THE BOOKS WITH OTHERS VIA ZOOM  
• The J&P Book Discussion Group is open to all!

 DISCUSSION GROUP MEETS EVERY OTHER MONTH  
• Read and discuss any or all books that appeal to you. Registration will be needed to join the discussion on Zoom.

 RECEIVE STUDY GUIDES TO INFORM YOUR READING  
• Questions for discussion or reflection will be sent with your registration confirmation.

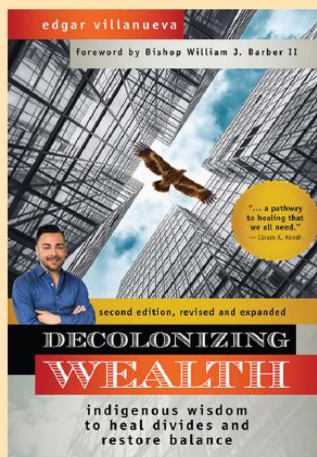


To register, scan the QR code with your smart phone or go to [presbyterianwomen.org/justice](http://presbyterianwomen.org/justice).

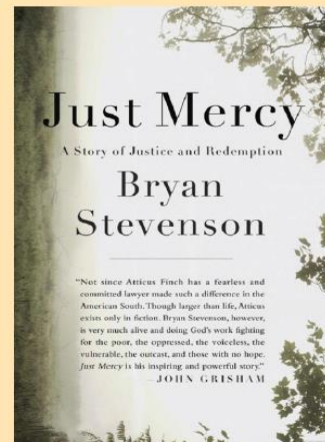
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(6:30 PM – 8:30 PM Eastern Time)

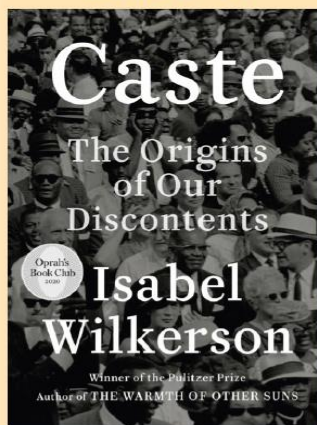
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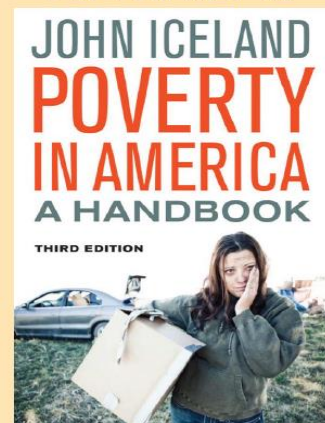
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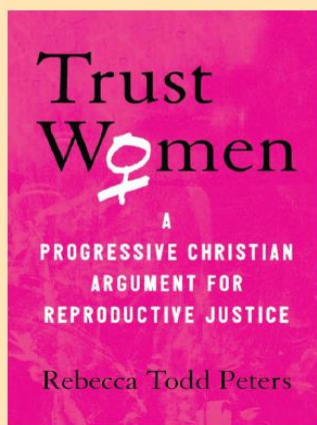
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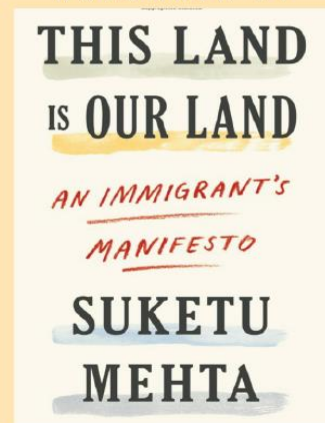
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NOVEMBER 14



Selections are recommended reading by the Justice & Peace Committee of PW's Board of Directors.

## CARES AND CONCERNS

Hello Church Family,

Below were the final arrangements for the Homegoing Service that was prepared for **Elder Eugene "Gene" Stitt**.

### Friends Viewing & Visitation

- **Day/Date:** Thursday, January 6th, 2022
- **Time:** 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- **Location:** Grier Funeral Home, 115 John McCarroll Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28216

### Family Visitation & Homegoing Service

- **Day/Date:** Friday, January 7th, 2022
- **Time:** 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm / 1:00 pm
- **Location:** First United Presbyterian Church, 406 North College Street, Charlotte, NC 28202

### Interment

- **Day/Date:** Friday, January 7th, 2022
- **Time:** Immediately following Homegoing Service
- **Location:** Oaklawn Cemetery, 1615 Oaklawn Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28216

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to any of the following:

- Livingstone College Alumni Association Scholarship in Honor of Mr. Eugene Stitt
- First United Presbyterian Church Capital Campaign in Honor of Elder Eugene Stitt
- The Stitt Family in loving memory of devoted father and husband, Mr. Eugene Stitt

Other cards, condolences, and well wishes can be sent to the following:

Mrs. Renea Stitt and Ms. Candace Stitt  
2838 Southwest Boulevard  
Charlotte, NC 28216

The death of our dear faithful member and friend has filled our eyes with tears and our hearts with sorrow. As we extend care and concern to this family, remember to wipe away our tears and stand in the assurance of the glorious victory of our Savior Jesus Christ. And as we mourn with this family, we thank God, through Jesus Christ, for holding this family up and bringing them through these difficult times.

#YoursInChrist

**Participating in Worship today:**

Liturgist: Elder Natalie Beard  
Offering: Etta Lynn and Gail Walker-Farmer  
Ushers: Meredith & Chauncey Champion

## ❧ SICK AND SHUT-INS ❧

### **AT HOME**

Mrs. Darlene Brown .....9632 Stonebridge Mint Hill, NC 28227  
Mrs. Louise Ezell ..... 1850 Magwood Dr. #212, Charleston SC 29414  
Mr. Marvin Grigsby ..... C/O Linda G. King, 103 Black Angus Run, Cary, NC 27513  
Mr. Samuel Reid ..... 3040 Cricketeer Dr., Charlotte, NC 28216

### **SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES & HOSPITALS**

Mrs. Naomi Davis ..... CARRINGTON PLACE REHAB CENTER  
600 Fullwood Ln, Rm 314B, Matthews, NC 28105 (704) 815-3384  
Ms. Beatrice Pagan ..... ACCORDIUS HEALTH OF CHARLOTTE  
5939 Reddman Road, Rm #203, Charlotte NC 28212 Phone: (704) 536-1928  
Mrs. Thelma Smith ..... C/O Jackie Mburu  
2500 Foxtrot Road Raleigh, NC 27610 Phone :(910)590-2195

### **PRAYER LIST Email: [prayer@fupcc.org](mailto:prayer@fupcc.org)**

Barbara Cannon (recuperating at home)  
Ronald Mullen (recuperating at home)  
Caryle Blakeney-Bennett (progressing)  
Abby Flanders (progressing)  
Stephanie Davis (recovering)



*Bringer of hope to the nations, glory be to you. We pray that nations may heed the word of peace that Christ proclaims. Be with all that suffer as a result of human hostility, and through Christ, break down the walls that keep us apart. Fill leaders with wisdom; bring humility to rulers. Make us effective witnesses to the hope of Christ's salvation, and give us firm resolution to proclaim him Redeemer of all. Amen.*