



WPPC is now worshipping in person at 10:00am while also providing a Zoom connection for those who cannot attend on any given Sunday.



Joyful Return of Exiles

"See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with children and those in labor, together, a great company, they shall return here, with weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble."

Jeremiah 31:8-9

Yesterday I heard the news that Gustavo Gutierrez passed away. For those of you who don't know him, he is known as "the father of liberation theology," after his defining work was published in 1971, "A Liberation Theology." During college and seminary years I came across his many books such as "The Power of the Poor in History," and "We Drink from Our Wells," and many others. His writings shaped my theological outlook and made an impact in my ministry. I even had the privilege of meeting him and listening to his lectures during classes when he came as visiting professor at Princeton Theological Seminary and at Drew University. All to say, his passing gave me pause to reflect and remember the relevance of liberation theology today, or more accurately, liberation *theologies* with a plural with many voices from the margins, or what he would call "preferential option for the poor!"

This coming Sunday we hear from the prophet Jeremiah, his call of the exiles' return, a promise from God that they shall return with great joy of tears. It is the return from the margins from the far north, south, east and west; people who were displaced as refugees. It is a message of "preferential option for the poor," the powerless, dehumanized people of the world who are forgotten and expendable, "collateral damage" women and children of war and violence. In the gospel reading for this coming Sunday, there is a name, and his name is Bartimaeus, a blind beggar! His name simply means "Son of Timaus." It is unusual that the beggar is named at all in the scriptures; so this says something of significance, that the gospel restores his rightful place as a human being who merits the unmitigated love of God. The question I want to reflect with you is this: how do the promise of God in prophet Jeremiah and the story of Bartimaeus speak to us today in our lives and the world we experience? Come, let us worship God who gives us hope and restores our souls. Come Sunday, I have good news for you and for all of us. Indeed the exiles shall return with great joy! Amen.

Pastor Dae

Looking Ahead to the Feast of All Saints - November 3

One of the most important days on the liturgical calendar is the Feast of All Saints' Day. This day has great meaning for us as we remember those who have completed their earthly pilgrimage in death and have received God's promised rest. Having received the promise of their baptism, these saints have joined the great company of all those who share in Christ's glory. In keeping with tradition, we will remember those who have died in the last twelve months.

If you wish to have your loved ones included in this remembrance, **please submit their names**, relationship to you, and date of death **by Sunday, October 27th to Rochelle in the Office.**

Part of WPPC's tradition has been to make use of liturgical art for this Sunday. Once again, this year we will make use of our Tree of Life triptych (three-paneled art) which draws up scriptures from Ezekiel and Revelation. These paintings are on permanent display on the west wall in the library but are brought into the sanctuary for use in this service.



2024 Stewardship Potluck Luncheon Sunday, October 27 immediately following worship (Coolers & ovens will be available)



A potluck is a communal gathering where each guest or group contributes a different, often homemade, dish of food to be shared. Other names for a "potluck" include: potluck dinner, **pitch-in**, shared lunch, spread, **faith supper**, carry-in dinner, covered-dish-supper, **fuddle**, **Jacob's Join**, bring a plate, and fellowship meal.



New Membership and Outreach Task Force

It's with great joy that we are in need to create and restore our Outreach Task Force to welcome visitors and new membership. If you would like to be part of this, please come see me and we will have our first meeting and plan how we can grow our membership.

Pastor Dae



With thanksgiving, we were
joined by these people on ZOOM on
October 20, 2024

Darlene Meineke, Rob McLain,
Dennis Hayman, Al Baume,
Brenda Hoffman,
David and Judy Mack,
Don Eichenberger

This week's hospitality is sponsored by Mike and Becki Williams in celebration of Kinsman's and Lucy's birthdays.



This week's flowers are given to the Glory of God by Kara Sughrue in celebration of Kinsman's 15th birthday.



Prayer Concerns-

Week of October 27, 2024

Don Kiser, a long time member of WPPC, passed away on Friday, October 25. Please keep the entire Kiser family in your prayers. (10/25)

Former member, Lori Waters Corbin, passed away on the morning of Tuesday October 15 of heart failure after a year of ill health. Pray for peace during this time of grief for her family, especially husband Marc and sister Lesa Ille, and all her nieces and nephews who loved their aunt Lori. (10/16)

Remembering in our Prayers

Those with special needs:

Tom Koch, Bill Prouty, Katie Perrin, Marjorie Strong, Dennis Hayman, Michael McCaffrey, David Mueller, Kristin Booth (Judy Dardaganian's daughter), Nancy Stevens, Jim Kimery



Plano PD Active Shooter Event

Plano Police Department will be presenting a free, 2-hour CRASE program and the public is invited to attend.



What:	CRASE (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events)
Date:	Tuesday, October 29, 2024
Time:	5:00-7:00pm
Where:	West Plano Presbyterian, 2709 Custer Rd. Plano TX 75075
Who:	Open to the public
Cost:	Free, no registration required
Presenters:	Sgt. Babb & Det. Dudeck, PPD

This 2-hour class CRASE is a course developed by Texas State University through the ALERRT program (Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training).

It includes the psychology and physiology encountered during disaster response and goes into detail about how to apply the defense strategies of Run, Hide, and Fight.

Following the class there is a 20-30 min window for people to ask questions.

Upcoming Events at WPPC

Sunday, October 27	Sunday, November 3
<i>Stewardship Witness</i>	<i>All Saints Sunday</i>
10:00 am Sunday Worship	10:00 am Sunday Worship
11:30 am Stewardship Congregational Meeting and Lunch	
	Monday, November 4
Monday, October 28	<i>Dae Out of Office</i>
11:00 am Kindful Hospice (building use)	5:30 pm Boy Scouts
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	Tuesday, November 5
Tuesday, October 29	<i>Dae Out of Office</i>
5:00 pm CRASE training	
	Wednesday, November 6
Wednesday, October 30	<i>Dae Out of Office</i>
11:00 am Lectionary Study	<i>No Lectionary</i>
7:00 pm Choir	7:00 pm Choir
Saturday, November 2	Thursday, November 7
10:00 am MS Support Group	<i>Dae Out of Office</i>
4:00 pm Girl Scouts	6:30 pm Plano Photography Club
	Friday, November 8
	<i>Dae Out of Office</i>
	4:00 pm Girl Scouts