

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 9, 2025

- **WELCOME!** Please sign in on a fellowship pad, located at the end of your pew. Provide your email to be added to our e-newsletter list.
- Place your **prayer requests** in the basket on the table at the rear of the sanctuary. They will be collected five minutes before the start of worship.
- **Hearing assisted devices** are available from the sound board operator. These transmit the sound from the microphones directly to your ears. **Magnifying sheets** are available on the table in the narthex by the office.
- Please **silence your cell phone** before worship starts. Thank you!
- **We are livestreaming worship** on Facebook and YouTube.

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- A ten-week discussion of the book ***The False White Gospel: Rejecting Christian Nationalism, Reclaiming True Faith, and Refounding Democracy*** by bestselling author Jim Wallis (the Archbishop Desmond Tutu Chair in Faith and Justice at Georgetown University) continues today at 11:30 am in the multipurpose room in the back wing of the church. Pastor Bill leads the discussion. Today: Chapter 1: "The False White Gospel."
- Starting today there will be a book study on ***The Gifts of Imperfection*** by Brene Brown. "This book is an invitation to join a wholehearted revolution. A small, quiet, grassroots movement that starts with each of us saying, 'My story matters because I matter.' *Revolution* might sound a little dramatic, but in this world, choosing authenticity and worthiness is an absolute act of resistance." Please contact Michelle Mackey if you would like to join or have a copy of the book.
- The **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** will take place following worship on February 23. The Nominating Committee will be nominating one more Deacon, in addition to the congregation receiving the annual report.
- We continue to receive **applications for an additional musician** who can play the organ and provide service music. Please keep praying!
- Mason Community Services is offering **VITA—Volunteer Income Tax Assistance**. If your household income is \$67,000 or less, call 313/591-0822 and schedule a time to come in!
- **Jess Weber (our Financial Secretary) is now keeping office hours** on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 to 11:00 am, or by appointment, in her office on the lower level of the church, near the elevator. She can be also reached at jess@masonpresbyterian.org.

- The Deacons are beginning a new **collection for the Mason Food Bank**. Items currently need: macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, chicken noodle and tomato soup, hearty/chunky style soups, hamburger helper, baked beans any size, and small packages of pancake mix. Please bring donations to the table in the Memorial Room. Thank you!
- **Still missing: label maker from the church office**. Someone borrowed the label maker and we need it back! Thank you!
- **Reminder to All Committees:** At your first meeting of the year, please have a discussion/election about who will chair your committee this year, and report that to Session. Thank you!
- Please send **submissions for the weekly announcements** and the monthly *Cornerstone* newsletter to Nancy Sue MacDonald at nancy@masonpresbyterian.org. Weekly announcements should be brief.
- **Name tags are back!** We are inviting you to pick up your name tag from the table in the Memorial Room, wear it on Sunday, and then store it in one of the two name tag racks. There is a name tag rack at each of the entrances to the Sanctuary; please store your name tag at the entrance you use more frequently. Please do not return your name tag to the table in the Memorial Room. If you would prefer to use a lanyard rather than a clip, a supply of lanyards is available on the table. For safety reasons, we are not making name tags for anyone under the age of 18. Thank you!
- **The January/February issue of *The Upper Room* daily devotional** (regular or large print) is available at each entrance to the sanctuary. (Free!)
- **Need a good book to read?** Come check out our library!

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Ongoing opportunities

- Join us for **dinner each Wednesday night** at 6:00 pm in the Dining Room! Dinner is open to the whole church and you don't need to bring any food. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated to help cover the food expenses; the cost to hold these dinners has increased. Thank you!
- To join the church's telephone **Prayer Chain**, contact the church office.
- On Wednesdays from 10:15 to about 11:00 am, volunteers pack **sack lunches to be delivered to Advent House**. New helpers are welcome!
- **Prayer Fellowship** is on Wednesdays at noon in the Chapel. This is a rich time of guided prayer in company with others. All are welcome.