

Dundee Presbyterian Church Newscaster

Loving God, Sharing Jesus Christ



October 2, 2011

World Communion Sunday

Choices: Rejection

Dr. Bob Jordan

Scripture Lesson:
1 Kings 11:42-12:17

WORSHIP & EDUCATION TIMES

9 am: Worship Service - Rejoice! Praise Team

10 am: Sunday School, CRASH, & Christian Education

11 am: Worship Service - Chancel Choir



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The reasons to reject God abound. The Bible is full of them: God consistently demands total fidelity. He insists on being glorified in everything. He requires his followers to be servants. He obligates his admirers to a tenth of their income and encourages them to increase their generosity to the level of sacrifice. God constrains his supporters to practice fidelity in marriage and chastity in singleness and increases the difficulty of this challenge by equating the act of lusting with adultery. God tests, judges, and even condemns. He bids his followers to “take up their crosses,” or in other words be willing to die for him. This death in some cases will be a physical one, but even when a physical death isn’t required, all of his followers are still mandated to die to themselves. As if God’s demands on how we respond to him aren’t enough, he also requires us to look out for the welfare of people around us. He emphasizes justice and insists on his people caring for the under-empowered and the disenfranchised in the world. For a kicker, God then tells us that in spite of our efforts to be nice to other people, the world will most likely reject us.

If you combine these divine stipulations and boundaries together with our tendencies toward pride, greed, envy, gluttony, lust, wrath, and sloth, it’s a wonder any of us chooses to align with God at all. It would be one thing if only the most prideful person or the one given to absolute slothfulness possessed the measure to reject God, but as it turns out a tablespoon of gluttony and just a token of greed go a long way. We like our appetites, and we pleasure in feeding them. The degree to which God requires us to set them aside only adds to our litany of reasons to set aside God instead.

If we did choose to reject God, we surely wouldn’t be alone. Thousands, even millions, and probably billions of people have rejected him. Included in this great company are individuals who lived at the very core of God’s identified people. The Bible describes kings of both Israel and Judah—the divided kingdoms of God’s people following the time of Solomon—who turned their backs on God. The often repeated description for these rejecters of God was, “He did evil in the eyes of the Lord.”

So why follow God? The short answer has but three parts to it: (1) In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth; (2) God demonstrates his own love for us in this: that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us; and (3) He is the beginning and the end, and to the thirsty he will give the spring of the water of life without payment. In other words, God is the Creator, the maker of creation; God is the Savior, the giver of salvation; and God is the Sustainer, the caretaker of his children. He possesses and wields both ultimate power and unconditional love. This God essentially invites us to be his followers, his sheep, his friends, and his children and promises to love the worst out of us and the best into us. Sure there are plenty of reasons not to follow God, but the reasons to follow God are less contingent, less selfish, less whiney.

What will you choose? Be careful to count the cost. God is dead serious about his boundaries and requirements. True, God does promise to help—and to help a lot, but he can’t stand duplicity, hypocrisy, and tepidity. God is an “all-in” kind of God. Of course, he’s shown his willingness to go “all-in” for us, too, which is probably reason enough not only to accept God, but to do so with all abandon.

-- Dr. Bob Jordan

October Congregational Meeting

The session has called a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing church officers, Nominating Committee members-at-large and alternates on Sunday, October 2 at 12 Noon.

Dr. Bob Jordan, Moderator, & Alta Greer Empeky, Clerk

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Betsy Conway
Matt Dougherty

2012 Nominating Committee At-Large

Denise Rasing
Harry Reyburn

2012 Alternates, Nominating Committee At-Large

Beverly Jensen
Regina Wilson

World Communion Sunday

Dundee Presbyterian Church will receive its annual Peacemaking Offering on World Communion Sunday, October 2. The offering was created in 1980 to support the efforts of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to live out a deeper commitment to peacemaking as part of our faithfulness to God.

Last year, nearly \$2 million was received nationwide through the Peacemaking Offering. Each year, 25 percent of the offering is used for ministries of peacemaking through Dundee Presbyterian Church. Another 25 percent is used by presbyteries and synods and the remaining 50 percent is used by the General Assembly ministries.

Peacemaking is the human response to God's gift of peace giving. On World Communion Sunday, October 2, make this year a time to renew our commitment to peacemaking as part of our calling as followers of Christ, who not only taught us the ways of peace, but who is our peace.

Save the Date

The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood! Members of the Dundee Deacon Outreach Committee will host a Red Cross blood drive on Saturday, October 29, 2011, in the Dining Room Annex from 7:30 am-1:00 pm. We need volunteers to donate life-giving blood! There will be sign up sheets during fellowship hour beginning Sunday, September 25th. You may also schedule your donation appointment online at www.redcrossblood.org. The sponsor code is 706.

Organ Recital

Dr. Wayne A. Kallstrom will be playing an organ recital as part of the Faculty Recital Series at UNO on Sunday, October 2 at 3 pm. The program is sponsored jointly by UNO and the College of Saint Mary. The ticket price for adults is \$5, \$4 for children and seniors. The congregation of Dundee Presbyterian Church is invited.

Christian Women's Fellowship Luncheon

The Christian Women's Fellowship luncheon will be celebrating the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible on October 7. All women of Dundee and guests are invited to lunch at noon and invited to stay for the presentation at 12:30 pm. Afterwards, there will be a short business meeting to update everyone on women's church activities.

The King James Bible has been called "the greatest piece of English literature" and the video presentation brings to life the times and viewpoints that shaped this work. It was directed by award-winning director Jerry Griffith who puts this living document into today's perspective. It is a beautiful documentary. Please have lunch reservations to Joan Angotti (402-391-6426) by October 1. Nursery care available by appointment and can be reserved by calling Christine Benedix at 402-558-2330.

Why Are You Calling Me...Again?

The One Body, One Spirit ministry team is at it again. Their job is to call all the members of our church once every six months simply to check-in and see how the members of our church are doing. The sole purpose of these calls is to care for our church family. Remember our vision statement? Everyone a Caregiver. This fall, the team will resume making semi-annual calls. When they call, feel free to share prayer requests with them, comments and questions for church staff members, or ways the church can be serving you. We are eager to hear how we can care for you and your family.

Mariners Meeting

The Dundee Mariners will be meeting on Saturday October 8 in the dining room. We will meet at 11:00 for a pot luck brunch. Please make note of the meeting time since it is a change from our usual evening meetings. Todd Murphy, a member of Dundee, will present the program entitled "How Far Does Nebraska Reach?" Everyone is welcome. Please call Lois Holmberg at 402-551-6892 with your reservation.

Church Record

Love and comfort to Deb Brower and family on the death of her mother Gerri Coe and to the family of Bill Gresham as they cope with his death.

Dundee Church Calendar

Sunday, October 2 - World Communion Sunday

- 7:00 a.m. · Rejoice Praise Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 8:15 a.m. · Prayer Walk – Sanctuary
- 8:15 a.m. · Weekly Prayer Group – Parlor
- 9:00 a.m. · **Rejoice! Worship**
 - *Kids' Own Worship* (age 3 - 2nd grade) – Room 304
- 10:00 a.m. · Café Connection - Sanctuary Annex & Narthex
- 10:00 a.m. · CRASH (7th - 12th grade) & Christian Ed.
- 10:00 a.m. · *A Look at Dundee* - Dining Room Annex
- 10:00 a.m. · Prayer & Healing Ministry – Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. · **Traditional Worship**
 - *Kids' Own Worship* (age 3 - 2nd grade) – Room 304
- 12:00 p.m. · Café Connection - Sanctuary Annex & Narthex
- 12:00 p.m. · Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. · Prayer & Healing Ministry – Sanctuary

Monday, October 3

- 8:00 a.m. · Low Impact Exercise Class - Sanctuary Annex
- 6:00 p.m. · Toastmasters - Dining Room Annex
- 6:00 p.m. · Court of Honor - Boy Scouts - Dining Room
- 6:30 p.m. · Troop 42 - Underground

Tuesday, October 4

- 7:30 a.m. · Women's Bible Study - Paradise Bakery in Regency
- 10:00 a.m. · Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 4:00 p.m. · Boy Scouts - Troop 17 - Room 312
- 5:00 p.m. · Endowment Committee Meeting - Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. · Deacons Board Meeting - Sanctuary Annex
- 7:00 p.m. · Deacons Meeting - Parlor

Wednesday, October 5

- 1:15 p.m. · Bible Study with Dr. Jim Eckman - Dining Room
- 4:30 p.m. · Toastmasters Presentation & Dinner - Dining Room
- 5:15 p.m. · Kids Choir - Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. · Wednesday Dinner - EVERYONE WELCOME - Dining room
- 5:30 p.m. · Rejoice Praise Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 5:59 p.m. · Junior High Youth Group - Youth Room
- 6:00 p.m. · FISH and Club 456
- 6:00 p.m. · Gospel of John Bible Study - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. · Dundee Ringers
- 7:31 p.m. · Senior High Youth Group - Youth Room

Thursday, October 6

- 6:30 a.m. · Men's Bible Study - Rockbrook Garden Café
- 6:00 p.m. · Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 8:00 a.m. · Retired Men's Bible Study - Village Inn
- 8:00 p.m. · AA - Underground

Friday, October 7

- 6:30 a.m. · Men's Bible Study - Rockbrook Garden Café
- 6:30 a.m. · Women's Bible Study - Wheatfields
- 10:30 p.m. · Christian Women's Fellowship Board Meeting - Parlor
- 12:00 p.m. · CWF Luncheon - Dining Room

Saturday, October 8

- 7:30 a.m. · Men's Bible Study - Parlor
- 11:00 a.m. · Mariners - Dining Room

For more information on events, please visit www.dpcomaha.org

Monday Women's Bible Class

The Monday Women's Bible class will begin the seven-week study, "Attending the Bride of Christ – Preparing for His Return," on Oct. 10. **Please note a change in the starting date! It has changed from Oct. 3 to Oct. 10.** This study will encourage you to grow in spiritual maturity and to see the church as Christ sees her. There are two opportunities for you to attend this class: Mondays, 9:30 - 11:00 or 1:00 – 2:30 in the dining room annex. Please contact Julie Hertzler at 402-397-5673 or juliehertz@cox.net if you would like to purchase a study guide. The cost is \$9.00. Childcare will be provided.

CRESCENDO!

The first *Crescendo* Concert of the season is October 16th. As is customary, the Omaha Symphony Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of Thomas Wilkins, will open the season with a diverse repertoire by Edward Elgar, John Rutter, Ottorino Respighi and several other composers. The concert begins at 7:00 pm. Your free tickets are available by calling the Dundee Church office at 402-558-2330 or by mailing a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the church with your request.

Fellowship Servers: 11 am: Mariners

Ushers: 9 am: Dennis Riekenberg; 11 am: Scott Knudsen

Prayer Team: 9 am: Susan Mathers, Julie Hertzler
11 am: Dave and Lois Balsillie

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