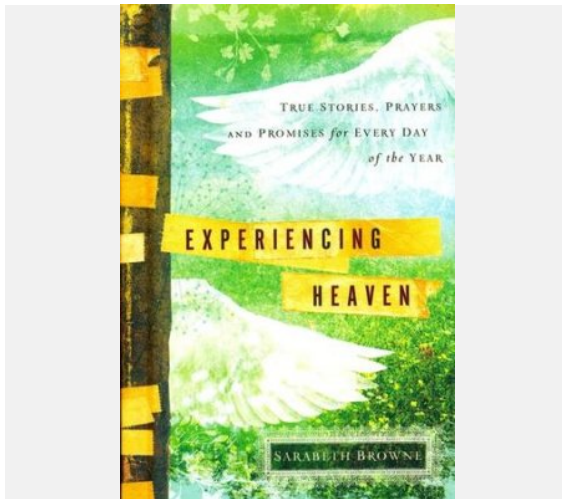




November 2, 2018

Get Lost in a Book



Sometimes we get so preoccupied with life's distractions that we fail to keep our eyes on the prize---heaven! Offering a reliable vision of eternity grounded in God's Word, Browne's inspiring collection of 365 daily readings, Scripture passages, prayers, and uplifting stories will help you regain your focus and sense of divinely ordained purpose. **(Click Image to Order!)**



The *Arts for the Soul*
Music & Fine Arts
Series is pleased to
announce the next concert of the 2018-19
season:

Concert in Remembrance of Victims of Violence

with
The First Presbyterian Choir
&
The UC Singers of Union College
with
Narrator Pippa White

Sunday, November 11, 2018, 7:00
p.m.
First Presbyterian Church

A Moment of Prayer...

We extend our
sympathy to
Rev. Jim
McNeal, pastor
of the Mission
Creek United,
Wymore United,
and the Steele
City churches,
whose brother
was killed last week in a pedestrian
accident.



Parkland, Florida; Las Vegas, Nevada; Orlando, Florida; Charleston, South Carolina; Newtown, Connecticut; Columbine, Colorado; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and sadly the list could go on and on...

We live in a time in which far too often we are confronted with reports of mass violence in our society. This concert uses timeless music and the spoken word to remember those who have been lost, not only through acts of violence, but also those we have lost to more natural causes; offering comfort, hope and healing for us all. In such times when words alone fall short, music offers a way to bring us all together as we look for a way forward.

This very special evening will include music from the Requiems of John Rutter, Gabriel Faure, and Andrew Lloyd Webber, as well as a musical setting of Psalm 23; readings from the words of Robert F. Kennedy and Leonard Bernstein; and poems by Dylan Thomas and Owen Sheers. Also included is a tribute to veterans and a special commemoration of WWI.

Ticket prices are: \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors, \$12 for OLLI members, \$8 for students, children 12 & under are free. For further information contact First Presbyterian Church at (402) 477-6037, or go to the church website at: <http://fpclincoln.org/> and click on **Arts for the Soul**.

Tickets may be purchased at the church Mon.-Thurs. from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. & Friday 8 to noon by check or cash, or online with a credit card or PayPal account. Also available at the door the evening of the concert if tickets remain

How would Jesus Vote?

by Rev. Gregg Gahan, Craig-Alder Grove Parish
I recall years ago, during my time in seminary, one of my classes required us to break up into smaller groups and have some discussion in an online virtual classroom.

As one particular election was rapidly approaching and there were no pending assignments, I posted a random question to our discussion group: "How would Jesus vote?" Only one student dared touch that one. His response (omitting the hot-button words) was, "I think Jesus would vote for (Party A) because even though they support (Issue X) and (Issue Y), that's better than supporting (Issue Z). Not me, though. I vote (Party B)."

So, in short, he likely would have voted against Jesus if he were running for office.

It can be confusing and rather frustrating at times trying to figure out how to vote, even during the midterms. But, as we approach Thanksgiving, we should be grateful that we have the opportunity to do so.

But, remember that no matter who wins any given election, what ballot initiatives pass or fail, or how messed up you believe things to be, that above all, God still has a plan for all of us. He has plans for us as individuals, as a city, state, nation, and world.

And because God is so good, we can rest assured that his plans for us are as well. Because God is omnipotent, or all-knowing, we can rest assured that his plans are bigger than we could imagine.

As Psalm 107:1 puts it, "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever." There is nothing we can do that would ever bar us from God's love. No mistake we could ever make, no sin we could ever commit, no vote we could ever cast, no judgment in which we could ever err...no amount of time could pass, no distance is too far—nothing will ever keep us from God's love. And that's saying something because we all have done things we're not proud of in this lifetime.

Doesn't that make you want to go out there and shout for joy? We have so much to be grateful for now and always. Remember that this season.

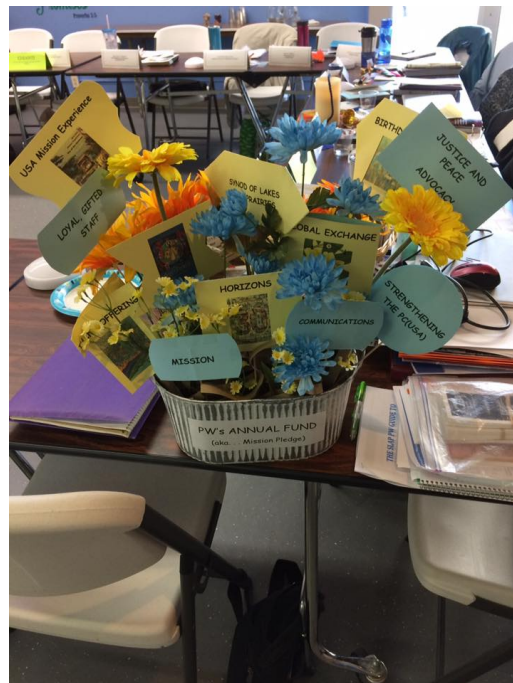
Gratitude and Graciousness

"We ought to give thanks for all fortune: if it is good, because it is good, if bad, because it works in us patience, humility and the contempt of this world and the hope of our eternal country."

-C.S. Lewis

Homestead in Pictures

Synod Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team meeting in Omaha PC Church of the Master. They came together to welcome new members as well as thank the service of those completing terms.



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