



# The North Hill Christian

Spokane, WA

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## Flurries from Chris

I have found myself reflecting on how we have been a worshipping congregation over the past year. It was in early February of 2020 when we had the vandalism that broke the heating for the sanctuary. Since then we have been a congregation that has not known normalcy in the ways in which we have always done worship. But I would contend that is not necessarily a bad thing in itself.

Sometimes we get stuck doing the same thing, and always doing things the same way that we have become comfortable with. But over the past year I have found joy in the flexibility of our service that has allowed Riley and I to adjust the service from week to week by offering a wider range of hymns and special music pieces. We have been able to offer more flexibility to our order of worship as the season and themes call us to do something new or different.

I have also been considering how some of the broader changes that we have taken on during this pandemic will open the door to making more of our volunteer opportunities more accessible to a broader range of our congregation. I am also excited about the possibilities for us to create our new normal in the post-pandemic era. What do our times of worship mean to each one of us and how can we better prepare our space and our service to reflect what worship means to each one of us? For me worship is a communal experience where we have the opportunities to look at each other, share of ourselves, and serve one another as we praise and glorify the divine who has brought us all together.

So, as we continue to prepare for the post pandemic era I would ask you to send me messages of what worship means to you. Send me an email, a text, a postcard, or even a letter letting me know what worship means to you.

Peace in Christ,  
Chris Snow

## Weekly Events

### **Attitude Adjustment**

Weekdays: noon, & 5:30 p.m.  
Sat. 9:00 a.m.  
Potluck: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of month  
Temporarily out of the building

### **Citizenship Preparation**

Being conducted remotely

### **1<sup>st</sup> Ukrainian Baptist Church**

Worship: Sun. 2-6 p.m.  
Study & Choir: Tues. 6-9 p.m.



### **Meals on Wheels**

Meals on Wheels has moved back into their building on 2<sup>nd</sup> downtown. They are trying to get things unpacked and set up. Seven frozen meals are still being delivered each Friday. Please call or email Kathy Riley to sign up to help deliver (509-599-0183 or [haverile@msn.com](mailto:haverile@msn.com)). If you want to help with a donation, contact Meals on Wheels at 509- 862-6367.

## Lent and Easter

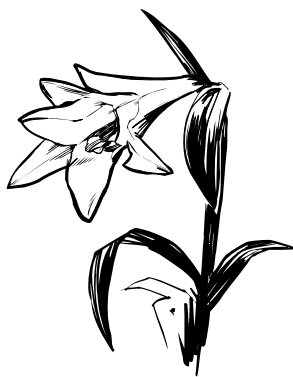
While it feels like Christmas was just a few weeks ago, the season of Lent and the celebration of Easter are just around the bend. The season of Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, which falls on February 17<sup>th</sup> this year. As we continue to depart from the norm of various traditions we are going to try something new for our Ash Wednesday service this year. We are going to gather at **noon on the 17<sup>th</sup>** for a day time service and weather permitting we will gather outside for this service as we burn the palm fronds from last year and meditate on those things that have separated ourselves from the divine.

The rest of the schedule for Lent through Holy Week and Easter are as follows:

Palm Sunday—March 28<sup>th</sup>

Maundy Thursday—March 31<sup>st</sup> (Service time TBA)

Easter Sunday—April 4<sup>th</sup>



## AN ILLUSTRATED RESURRECTION SET

There has been a donation of an electronic illustrated resurrection set. This is a printable file that allows all who wish to share their creativity and artistic flair to engage in the Easter story in a different way. If you would like to receive the pdf file or a hard copy please let pastor Chris know ASAP. Below you can find a brief description from the creators of this set.

Easter is a time we celebrate Jesus' resurrection and new life. *An Illustrated Resurrection Set* is convenient to add on to your other Easter plans or use as an easy stand-alone craft. Simply add color to the pieces of your set and have some conversation about each of the characters and their roles in the story as you cut them out. Select any of the gospel passages to help you retell the story of Jesus' resurrection.

We have illustrated the characters with different expressions on each side of the character piece. This allows you to use them to both tell the portion of the story before the resurrection and then have the character's expression show their joy and bewilderment upon seeing the risen Christ.

### Prayer Concerns for

- Patt Hooker is in Avalon, recovering from surgery on her knee.
- Pray for the family of Dee Liedke. She passed away.
- Prayers for regional church, and 1st Christian Church in Bellingham
- Natasha requesting prayers for Her friend Marsha and her husband for the loss of her pregnancy.
- Continued prayers for Arlene Pandellis, recovering from a broken shoulder.
- Madaline received her second vaccination and is hoping to be able to come back to church soon.
- Prayers for Central Christian Church in Billings, MT.

### Joys

- Vaccine approved, there is light at the end of the tunnel.

### Birthdays

2/2 Karen Stewart  
2/7 Bill Phipps  
2/14 Deanne Miller  
2/23 Bobbie Belton  
2/25 Bill Jennison

*Please note: When applicable, birthdays include the first week of the next month.*

## SECOND SATURDAY LEARNING OPPORTUNITY



The Northern Lights Region is gathering the second Saturday each month, online, **from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm (Pacific)** for a time of learning and growing together. Each month focuses on a different topic. The February Second Saturday session will be **“Winter Talk” on Saturday, February 13.**

Winter Talk is a conversation on the Christian Doctrine of Discovery (DOD). Together we will spend time considering the DOD’s impact on Northern Light Disciples and our structure and theology. Winter talk is a space of accountability to the Native American voice and how that voice is heard when exploring the past, understanding the present, and visioning the future. The discussions will be led by Jon Ghahate and Nathan Hill. Jon, the Museum Cultural Educator at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico, will lead us through an Indigenous understanding of the Doctrine of Discovery. Nathan, pastor of University Christian Church, Hyattsville, MD, will help us understand the Doctrine of Discovery’s impact on our lives and the church.

If you would like to be a part of this conversation, let Chris know. If three or more of us from North Hill register together, a donor has agreed to pay the \$25 fee. If you would prefer to register on your own, registration is \$10 and is available until the close of business Friday, Feb. 12. Once you have registered you will be sent a Zoom link for the session.

Plan to deepen your understanding of this important issue for the life of the church by being a part of the Second Saturday Winter Talk.

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The Week of Compassion offering is used to help those in need around the world. It is the mission fund of the Christian Church (DOC) that supplies relief, refugee and development funds. Week of Compassion is there when it is needed...during 2020 they supplied funds to Alaska for Wildfire Long-Term Recovery and in Washington and Idaho for COVID-19 relief. Our regional neighbors in Oregon received funds to aid in fire and storm, COVID-19, and flood relief. In 2020, Week of Compassion responded to more that 100 requests from all around the world to give relief from hurricane, fire, flooding, earthquake and COVID-19 relief along with empowering women and offering support to refugees. Week of Compassion is an important part of the ministry of the Christian Church (DOC) and your financial gifts allow you to be a part of taking care of those in need. We will be taking a special offering for Week of Compassion on February 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your check or envelope to indicate your gift to this important mission of our church.

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## VIRTUAL REGIONAL YOUTH GROUP MEETS SUNDAY February 28th

There will be a virtual regional youth group meeting on Sunday, January 31 starting at 6 pm PST via Zoom. This is a chance for youth to come together in fellowship and spiritual growth. Breakout rooms will be used to allow for various groups to gather for age-appropriate discussion and activities. A Zoom link will be provided to participants the week of the meeting. If you are interested, check with Chris for more information.



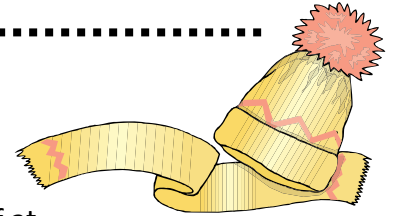
## Citizenship class

As of December 1, 2020, the United States Customs and Immigration Service has changed the criteria for the citizenship test. There are now 128 questions, up from the previous 100. Besides the additional material, some of the original questions have been altered and answers are now more specific. Furthermore, student will now have to answer 12 of 20 random questions, rather than 6 of 10. No new workbooks or study materials are available at this time.

On a positive note, two of our remote students achieved citizenship in October, before the rules changed.

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## Transitions Says “Thank You”



The warming tree in the back of the sanctuary during the holiday season was full of 17 stocking caps, 3 scarves, 34 pair of socks and 17 pair of gloves. The staff at Transitions was very happy to receive these gifts from North Hill. Although it was a beautiful delivery day, we know that those snowy, wet, and cold days are still ahead. These will be distributed to enable families to better come through those days. This portion of our mission statement was well responded to and well received. “Thank you” to all who participated.

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January Financial Information - Budget Figures

	January	YTD	YTD Budget
Income	\$ 17,320	\$ 17,320	\$ 10,647
Expense	\$ 9,976	\$ 9,976	\$ 13,393

The income includes an annual donation and income from 4 estates and 5 Sundays



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**February, 2021 --- Serving Schedule**

	Feb. 7	Feb. 14	Feb. 21	Feb. 28
Count	Linda Alexander Patty Morris	Sheila McCrea Sally Deranleau	Bob Tibbetts Patty Morris	Michele Fleck Sam Selley
Diaconate	Nathan Burford	Patty Morris	Linda Alexander	Michele Fleck
Elder	Jerry Klein	Janie Selley	Dan Stewart	Bill Jennison
Lay Leader	Nathan Burford	Jenn Snow	Sheila McCrea	Debbie Jennison
Power Point	Jenn Snow	Debbie Jennison	Catlin Bourquin	Jenn Snlow
Sound	Michele Fleck	Bill Jennison	Jenn Snow	Ben Greene
Sanitation	Michele Fleck Sheila McCrea	Bobbie Belton Linda Alexander	Sally Deranleau Janie Selley	Patty Morris Bobbie Belton
Greeter	Sarita McReynolds	Sam Selley	Bill Phipps	Sarita McReynolds