

Connections

March 2022

[Imperfect] Lives with Perfect Peace

Corey Laughary, Pastor

We live in times where truth is unclear to many. What is true? Who can we trust or believe? I've heard these questions hundreds, if not thousands, of times during the last two years.

Here are two things I know to be true:

1. Human lives, all of us on earth, are imperfect.
2. We humans long for a perfect peace that we can't seem to find on our own.

We are going to use the Season of Lent to reflect on the "perfect peace" that God offers to us. How can God get perfect peace into our imperfect lives? How do you and I, as imperfect people, seek to live at peace with others when there are all kinds of things we disagree on?

Our sermons, podcasts, and soup suppers all will be directed at helping us turn our thoughts to God, helping us to trust Christ more deeply to have His peace, and to live His peace in our real communities.

Looking forward to this journey with you,

Pastor Corey



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You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you! Trust in the LORD always, for the LORD GOD is the eternal Rock.

Isaiah 26:3-4
New Living Translation

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Ash Wednesday | March 2

Ash Wednesday is a time set aside to reflect on our mortality. We receive a mark of ashes on our foreheads that reminds us that from the dust we came, and to the dust we shall return. The gift of life is precious, fragile, and our time on this earth will one day come to an end. Christ is our hope to defeat death. In order to appreciate His gift of new life and life everlasting, it is important to reflect on the fragility and mortality of human life.

Consider participating in one of our Ash Wednesday services to begin your season of Lent with a deep reflection on the gift of life, the reality of death, and the real hope we have in Christ.

Drop-In Coffee & Ashes | 6 - 8:30 AM
Church Parking Lot

Ash Wednesday Service | 6:30 PM
Church Sanctuary

Mission Northwest

Mission Partner Update

Who is Mission Northwest and why do we support them?

PFC supports Mission Northwest as a missionary agency in our annual budget. We thought it would be good to share with you who they are and how they help serve God's Kingdom.

Mission Northwest's mission is: "Resourcing and developing churches that connect people to Jesus Christ."

They accomplish this mission through "4 Landmarks"- they are:

Leadership (Training and development of ministry leaders - lay leaders and professionals.)

Church Transformation (Helping churches revitalize, through assessments, vision development, and more.)

Connection (Supporting pastors, helping churches find new pastors, support during interim seasons, support for conflict resolution, accounting, and more.)

Church Planting (Starting new Gospel proclaiming churches throughout the Northwest.)

Rev. Dr. Charles Revis is the Executive Minister of Mission Northwest, and has visited PFC many times. He helped us with an assessment in 2010, and with vision casting that led to our current mission statement and values.

Mission Northwest is headquartered in Post Falls on the Ross Point Camp property, though they are separate entities.

According to Pastor Corey:

"Charles Revis and his team have been a priceless resource to me over the years. They are the ones that connected PFC to me in the first place. They've helped us through different challenges in ministry. But, they also connect us with other churches, good trainings, and call us to be part of the larger work God is doing in the Northwest. I feel good about our church supporting Mission Northwest."



Palouse Food Pantry

March 23

**1-2:30 PM & By Appointment
Calvary Chapel of Palouse**

Order Online: palousefoodpantry@gmail.com

Or Call the Pantry: (509) 595-3048

In-person pick up, or delivery by request.

Bible Study Schedule

In-Person and Zoom Options Available

Sundays

7 PM - Young Adults

Tuesdays

5:30 AM - Men

10 AM - Mixed Group

Wednesdays

10 AM - Ladies

6:30 PM - Spiritual Growth Guide Study

Thursdays

9 AM - Ladies

Youth Activities

Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6-8)

Wednesdays | 6:30 - 7:30 PM

High School Bible Study (Grades 9-12)

Sundays | 4:30 PM

Soup Supper Wednesday Nights

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What does it look like to live in small towns and rural places, with all of our imperfect-lives, and yet try to seek to have the perfect peace of God in our midst?

At our Lent Soup Suppers this year, we will be real about life and death matters, as we discuss how to best live a life of “peace” - as individuals and as a “real community” church. For our “[Imperfect] Lives with Perfect Peace” soup suppers, we will be starting with Romans 12:14-18...

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

What does Christ want a “real community” church to offer its neighbors?

A “real community” church comes alongside neighbors in times of mourning and rejoicing (Rom. 12:13).

A “real community” church seeks to live in harmony, whenever possible, with our neighbors (Rom.12:16).

Christians should seek to be humble honorable neighbors, who are seeking to make peace with others.

Here’s our current lineup for Soup Suppers:

- March 9 - Grieving and Death - “Mourning with those who mourn” (starts on p. 133 in Spiritual Growth Guide)
- March 16 - Funeral/Memorial Pre-Planning (starts on p. 149 in Spiritual Growth Guide) Advance Care Planning (starts on p. 146 in Spiritual Growth Guide)
- March 23 - Living in Harmony with one another... (Romans 12:16a)
- March 30 - Live Honorably Seek Reconciliation (Romans 12:17-18)
- April 6 - Humility Reflection (Romans 12:16)



Soup Supper Schedule

6:30 PM - Dinner
7 PM - Devotion
In-Person in the church Fellowship Hall

Devotion Available Online by Zoom at 7 PM



Spring Youth Retreat

Theme: Reset Again
 Grades 6 - 12
 March 4 - 6
 \$83

Women’s Retreat

Theme: Beautiful Mess
 March 18 - 20
 \$ Varies

Register online at: rosspoint.org

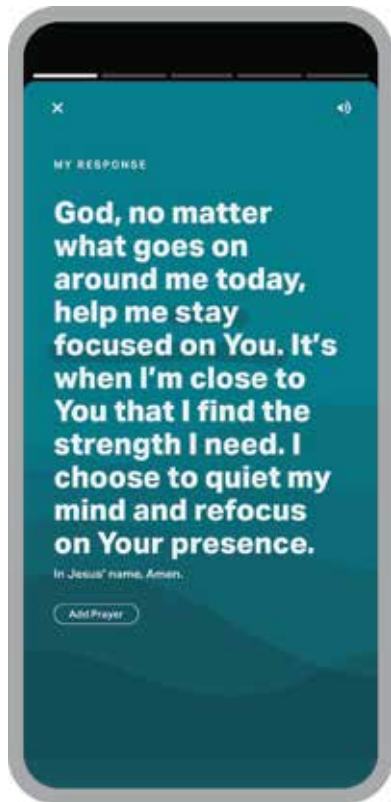
Scholarships available as needed. Contact Brenda Cook or Pastor Corey for more information.



Sunday School classes resumed Feb. 27 for kids age 3 and potty-trained through 5th Grade. Meet us downstairs for class every Sunday from 10:15 - 11 AM. We are following the book of John and we hope to see you there!

Is There a God?

Kenneth L. Pearce, Palouse native and Ussher Assistant Professor in Berkeley Studies at Trinity College Dublin, has gifted the church with a copy of his book, “Is There a God?” In the book, Pearce and philosopher Graham Oppy engage in a fruitful dialogue between a theist and an atheist, addressing the key arguments in the contemporary debate on the existence of God. Check it out today!



Lent Sermon Series: [Imperfect] Lives with Perfect Peace

Check out the scripture schedule below for upcoming sermons and Bible studies.

March 06 | [Imperfect] Lives with Perfect Peace: Distress & Anxiety | Psalm 18:1-6 & John 16:33

March 13 | [Imperfect] Lives with Perfect Peace: Lies That We Believe | Matthew 4:1-11

March 20 | [Imperfect] Lives with Perfect Peace: Twisting of the Good | Matthew 4:1-11

March 27 | [Imperfect] Lives with Perfect Peace: Jesus' Prescription for Self-Care | John 14:27

Consider joining a YouVersion Bible App reading plan this month. Pastor Corey will be leading a 50+ day plan that starts on Ash Wednesday and goes past Easter. Contact Pastor Corey if you would like to join the Lent reading plan, or if you need help finding a plan that works for you!



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