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Hosea: Love, Betrayal, and Reunion

A man marries a woman with a sordid past. In spite of his love toward her, she continually flirts with and goes out with others. They marry but her behavior doesn't change and he doubts that the kids they

have are even his. He continues to stay in the marriage until she leaves and wants a divorce because she is with another man who is abusive to her. He treats her awful and becomes her pimp as she willingly falls into prostitution. Despite the rejection and constant unfaithfulness, her ex-husband searches for her on the streets, finds her, and offers to pay an extraordinary amount so that she can

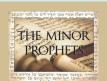
return home with him as his wife. This isn't the latest soap opera, although it does have all the elements of a great movie. Rather it is the story of God who is in love with an unfaithful people.

This week we will reflect on Hosea. I invite you to read the book before Sunday (or afterward if you need to). While it is 14 chapters long, we will focus on the first three which is the premise for the rest of the book. It is probably the greatest and saddest love story in history. A God who longs for an intimate relationship with humanity. People who continually look for love in all the wrong places.

As you read Hosea this week, ask yourself how you are like Gomer, Hosea's wife. In what ways have you been unfaithful to God? Where do you get your primary source of love from, your sense of belonging and identity? How does this book speak about the ramifications of sin? What does this book tell us about God...and us?

I look forward to exploring this book with you on Sunday as we come to terms with the seriousness of our sin, the nature and character of God, and God's deep desire for us to be reunited into a loving relationship once again. My hope is that we will fall in love with God all over again.

Grow Stronger, Shine Brighter, Love Deeper, Transform Your World, *Pastor Chris*



Minor Prophets With A Major Message: Repent, Return, Restore 2023 Winter Worship Series

When was the last time you read a Minor Prophet, other than when

referenced by the Gospels? These often overlooked books of the Bible contain some major messages for us today. They paint a picture of God's hatred of sin, God's great love for people despite their unfaithfulness, and God's desire for us to repent and return so that we may be restored into a right relationship again. Take some time to read each of these short books before the day of the sermon to gain a better understanding of their major message. This winter we will major in the Minor Prophets as we hear warnings, judgments, and the voice of God calling us back home.

February 5-Haggai: Priorities and Perseverance Haggai 1:1-9; 2:3-7

There was a lot of work to be done after the people of God returned from exile. They went to work building their houses and sowing their crops. But life was hard. Why? They had neglected to build God's temple. They had prioritized their own comfort over allegiance to God. When have been times we have done that: prioritizing our needs over the church or God's work in this world? A faithful few repented of their ways and started to rebuild the temple, but they got discouraged. It didn't look anything like the splendor of Solomon's former temple. God reassured them that their work and obedience would pay off. Have there been times when you wondered if your faithfulness was worthwhile or making a difference? What has been God's message to you in those times?

February 12- Jonah: The Reluctant, Disobedient, Angry Prophet Jonah 1:1-4; 2:1-2, 7-10; 3:6-10; 4:1-3, 9-11

This is a story about the mercy of God to a people who did not deserve it. It's about a prophet's struggle to understand how God could care for and love people who turned away. While we may want to limit God's grace to those whom we think really deserve it, God's love is wider and more universal than we can imagine. Jonah struggles with obedience when he's asked to do something he doesn't want to. Even prophets can be disobedient. Who are our Ninevites? Who would we like to see punished for their sin? When was the last time you didn't want to do something God asked you to? Are you grateful for second chances yet resent

others when they get them? Whatever happened to Jonah, anyway?

February 19- Malachi: Called to Offer God Our Best Malachi 1:6-9, 2:17, 3:5-18

After the prophet Malachi speaks, there is no word from God for 400 years. This is the final book in the Old Testament after which would come a deafening silence. Malachi lists a series of disputes that follow a predictable pattern: accusation, protest, response. Do you always have an excuse why you don't offer God your best? In what ways has God responded to you?



The music department at KGPC is adapting to the many changes of the past couple of months with much grace and fortitude. The musicians here from all age groups have shown their love of God and music in beautiful and inspiring ways. The upcoming weeks promise to remind us the Holy Spirit is working throughout the entire music ministry.

On February 5th, John Fritz will lead the children in sharing some songs they have been diligently rehearsing. The remainder of the month will include Chancel Bells, Sanctuary Choir, and the Praise Team bringing a variety of musical styles with poignancy that supports Chris's uplifting messages for the KGPC community. And the Ash Wednesday service on Feb. 22nd will be a time of reflection and peace as we begin our journey to the cross and resurrection Sunday.

If you are interested in participating in the music ministry here at Kings Grant, please connect with me. The music department has room for you.

Musically Yours, Dr. Tonya Holland t.holland@kgpc.org

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT KGPC:

Sunday, January 29 8:45 AM- Adult Faith Formation 9:00 AM- MS & HS Faith Formation 10:00 AM- Worship Service & King's Kids 11:00 AM- MS & HS Youth/JCOC dinner 12:00 PM- Lunch & Learn Small Group

Monday, January 30 9:00 AM- Trinity Pre-School 9:30 AM- Ouilters

Tuesday, January 31
9:00 AM- Trinity Pre-School
5:00 PM- Staff Mtg.
7:00 PM- Book Club

Wednesday, February 1
7:00 AM- Prayer Breakfast
9:00 AM- Trinity Pre-School
4:30 PM- Children and Youth Music
6:00 PM- Praise Team Rehearsal
7:30 PM- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 2 9:00 AM- Trinity Fine Arts Day 7:00 PM- Chancel Bells

Friday, February 3 6:00 PM- MS & HS Lock-In begins

Saturday, February 4
7:00 AM- MS & HS Lock-In ends

Click HERE for the Full Calendar

Click HERE for FEBRUARY Birthdays

Church Office Hours are 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM



KGPC will be hosting 60 guests

FEBRUARY 22 - MARCH 1

Would You Like To Be Part Of This Compassionate Mission?

LOTS Of Opportunities To Serve!
Check out this week's Connect Card
CONTACT SUZY FARLEY OR SUE MOONEY

It's that time of year again! Winter Shelter is approaching giving us lots of opportunities to serve our 60 guests from February 22 through March 1. Please sign up using the Connection Card or contact <u>Suzy Farley</u> or <u>Sue Mooney</u> if you wish to help.

Here is a brief overview of the program coordinated by the PIN (People In Need)
Ministry.

- -Help will be needed to set up before the guests arrive on 2/22. Air mattresses need to be inflated after they are dropped off by PIN sometime in the morning or early afternoon.
- -Greeters will be needed to welcome our guests and provide name tags for guests and volunteers (first names only). Guests will arrive between 6:10 and 7:00 in two shifts. Dinner will begin as soon as the first vans arrive, and the food is blessed. Dinner should be finished by 8:00.
- -We wish to offer a devotion/prayer time in the Connection Point each evening at 8:00. Bring musical instruments, devotions, puzzles, etc. to share from Thursday, 2/23 through Tuesday 2/28. This will be the start of LENT and the perfect time to share Lenten Devotionals. We will also be sharing reading material with our guests. If you have books you would like to donate, please drop them off at the Connection Point.
- -If you are dropping off food for the evening, please make sure it is at KGPC no later than 5:00.
- -Servers need to arrive by 5:15 to help plate food, dish salad or do whatever is necessary for the dinner.
- -Please make sure to sign the Volunteer list in the kitchen if you serve at any time during the week.

The Serve Team is very grateful to our Church Family.

We could not do this ministry alone!

May we truly show love and glorify God during this week!



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

Tuesday February 21, 2023 5:30PM-7:00PM in the Fellowship Hall

Donations Appreciated



Join us for a celebration of Shrove Tuesday!

We will be having an all you can eat Pancake Dinner. The youth are fundraising for summer trips, so come, eat, and donate to help send our youth to their trips.

Why eat pancakes on Shrove Tuesday? In Christian traditions, the 40 days before Easter are known as Lent, and they mark the time that Jesus spent fasting in the desert. Traditionally, Christians would mark the period with prayers and fasting, abstaining from a whole range of foods, including meat, eggs, fish, fats and milk. The word 'shrove' comes from the old Roman Catholic practice of being 'shriven' – meaning to confess one's sins. The shriving bell would be rung on Shrove Tuesday to call people to church to confess.

Before Lent could begin in earnest, all edible temptations needed to be removed. This took place over a period of days known as 'Shrovetide'. Meat such as bacon would be eaten up on 'Collop Monday' (a collop is a thin slice of meat). And on Shrove Tuesday eggs, butter and stocks of fat would be used up. One of the easiest ways to dispose of these items was to turn them into pancakes or fritters, a custom which continued long after the Church of England separated from the Roman Catholic Church in the 16th century.



Join us this Lent

for a dinner & discussion class led by Pastor Chris

When:

March 1, 2023-April 5, 2023 6 PM-7:30 PM

Where:

Hybrid Class- Zoom & In the Fellowship Hall

What:

Dinner of Soup and Salad & Discussion on the Worship Series themes using Kate Bowler's Devotional "Good Enough"



Sundays at KGPC

8:45 AM: Adult Study- The Gospel of John: Part Two/Parlor

9:00 AM: Middle School & High School Session/HS Rm 104: Discussion & Donuts 10:00 AM—Worship and King's Kids: During Passing of the Peace, children may follow their teachers to and be picked up from:

• Pre-school — Room 118 • Elementary School — Room 104 12:00 PM: Lunch & Learn - A Bible Exploration/ at the Bread Box Café

Youth Fellowship

11:00 AM: Middle School & High School Youth prepare JCOC dinner

Friday, Feb. 3rd at 6 PM—Saturday, Feb 4th at 7 AM: MS & HS Lock-In



February

3-4- Lock-In 6:00 PM-7:00 AM

Due to popular requests, we will be having yet another all-night lock-in for both middle and high schoolers. We

will have events all night long and even enjoy an early breakfast together. Bring your sleeping gear, a water bottle, and a snack to share.

5-No Youth Group

12-Chili Distribution/No Youth Group 11:00-12:30 PM Meet in the Fellowship Hall to distribute chili. There will be no youth group tonight because of the Super Bowl.

19-Third Sunday Small Groups 6:30-8:00 PM Meet with your small group at your assigned location.

21 – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner 5:00 PM-7:00 PM We will once again be hosting the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner as a fundraiser for Youth Ministry. Meet at 4 PM (or as early as you can) to prep batter, cook bacon, and be a pancake flipper!

29 – Serving Dinner for Winter Shelter *Evening* Details to follow.

Sundays, Jan. 8 thru March 19, 2023, a study of the Gospel of John will be held at 8:45 AM in the Parlor.

February 5th Chapter 15 Jill Caynor
February 12th Chapter 16 Cindy Black
February 19th Chapter 17 Chris Andersen
February 26th Chapter 18 Amanda Pine





Our Women's Circles will be meeting on Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Elizabeth Circle meets at 10:00 AM in the church Parlor. Contact *Cindy Hiddemen* for more details.

Lydia Circle will meet at 10:00 AM at the home of Claudia Hudgens. Contact *Claudia Hudgens* for more details.

Eve Circle meets on *Monday, Feb. 6* at 7:00 PM in the Parlor. Contact <u>Pam</u> <u>Ponce</u> for more details.



Do you know of someone who is homebound, in hospital or assisted care who might appreciate Communion being brought to them?

Contact either Pollie Morison (pwmbuckeye@cox.net), (757) 409-5798 or John Morison (johnmorison@cox.net), (757) 434-9687.



Attention Compassion Sponsors!

Have you written to your sponsored children yet this year? Do you know that you don't have to wait until you hear from your child to write another letter?

Compassion sponsored children typically write their sponsors two letters per year if they are not receiving letters, but write a lot more if they are, so the more often you write to your sponsored child, the more often you will hear from them!!

This year, the Serve team wants to encourage sponsors to write to their kids more often, with the goal of writing once every 45 days. To get everyone off to a good start, we will have a Valentine's photo op every Sunday in February where you can take a selfie or have someone else take your picture to send to your child (sponsored kids LOVE getting pictures of their sponsors!!)

On February 12 after church, we will also have people in the Connection Point to help you set up letter writing through the Compassion App or Compassion website, which allows you to send letters more quickly and easily include pictures, as well as to answer any other letter writing questions.





This scholarship is in honor of the dedication and leadership of Janet S. Phelps of the Music Ministry at King's Grant Presbyterian Church. The Scholarship is established to encourage men and women to prepare for and/or continue with music-related vocations and/or to further education opportunities for students of music performance, teaching, and related music expenses.



Award:

- Up to five (5) scholarships may be awarded
- The minimum amount of an individual scholarship is \$1,000.00
- The scholarships awarded shall be applied to the tuition expense of a college, university, or other accredited institutions of higher learning, or applied to other related expenses

Eligibility:

Applicants shall be either:

- Current and former members of Kings Grant Presbyterian Church and their immediate family (children and grandchildren)
- City of Virginia Beach Resident
- Current and former students of the Virginia Governor's School for the Arts

Click HERE for the Application

Happy New Year!

Trinity would like to give a big shout out to KGPC for their continued support of the preschool. There are several church staff and members of the congregation that use their gifts to bless the school. Chris and Amanda lead chapel, the GROW team provides helping hands, and the members of the church who are also on the Trinity Board give their time to nurture the preschool with decision making and sometimes substituting. Both Pat and Jill in the office, as well as Roger Crider, Pete Lothrop, and Daryl Mitchell all volunteer their gifts behind the scenes. Also, let us not forget our faithful prayer warrior Miriam Callahan- she may be retired, but she never stops caring for this school.

So far this year, the preschool has been able to participate in KGPC service projects like Operation Christmas Child and PIN Ministry lunches. These opportunities between the church and the preschool help our students learn the gift of serving others- becoming the hands and feet of Jesus. Thank you all for helping our students grow, shine, and love.

Your continued support is making God's light shine brighter and is a blessing to the families we support. Please pray for our students and their families, as well as our staff. May they each feel God's love every time they enter this church and carry it out into the World when they leave.

With great thanks,

Ali Scott

Director of Trinity Preschool



January Session Highlights

- 1) A congregational meeting will be held after the 10:00 worship service on 2/12/2023 for the following purposes:
- a) to elect nominating committee members from the congregation that will work with session members Karen Pleas and Chris Andersen
 - b) to approve the pastor's compensation package
 - c) to hear the annual Clerk of Session report
- 2) A committee will be formed to plan events surrounding KGPC's 60th anniversary. Volunteers will work with Chris Carrasco, Bruce MacCall, and Pollie Morrison.
- 3) The Ash Wednesday service will be at 6:00 on 2/22/2023.
- 4) KGPC will have three Easter Sunday services:
 - a) 7:00 am (sunrise service)
 - b) 8:45am (contemporary service)

DECEMBER 2022 SESSION SUMMARY KGPC FINANCIAL REPORT PERIOD ENDING: December 2022

MONTH OF December

Cash Income \$89,003 Cash Expenses (\$66,726) Surplus(Deficit) \$22,277

YEAR-TO-DATE COMPARISON

2022

ACTUAL INCOME: \$629,840 ACTUAL EXPENSES: (\$619,752) DIFFERENCE: \$10,088

2021

\$607,517 (\$630,131) (\$22,614)

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A Note from Generosity...

Your Generosity matters!

Thank you for your generous support! Your financial gift helps King's Grant Presbyterian Church to live out Christ's commands to "follow me...feed my sheep...take care of my sheep...go and make disciples in all nations". Your giving enables this church to "abide in Christ; sent to grow, shine and love". None of this happens without your support!

By now you should have received your 2022 Annual Giving Statement either through email or regular mail. If you have any questions or concerns please contact our Financial Administrator, *Jill McNulty*.

Your giving is greatly appreciated and absolutely essential to engaging in God's work in this world. The leadership of KGPC is very grateful to you... your generosity matters!

THANK YOU!



The 2023 Flower Calendar is posted in the hallway across from the Connection Point.

Be sure to sign up early...ESPECIALLY if you have a special date you would like the Sunday Worship Flowers dedicated to. *Please put your full name AND the best way to contact you.*

Due to rising costs, the price will increase to \$50.00.

Contact <u>Sandy Christensen</u> with questions or special requests.



Click HERE for this week's Wired Word

Word Share Prayer is a monthly scripture reading/reflection that Session and the leaders of ministries use to start their meetings. We will include this in the monthly ENews for you to use



throughout the month to read and meditate on.

Philippians 2:1-4

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing

in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.



From Molly Western:

I'm a student coordinator for a charity 5k for CHKD! Princess Anne High School, in

cooperation with Frank W. Cox High School and Floyd E. Kellam High School, is hosting the 19th Annual Love Run/Walk on February 11, 2023, as well as virtually from February 4, 2023, to February 11, 2023, in order to raise money for the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters (CHKD).

Participants can run/walk anytime between the date allotted if done virtually. If participating in person, the race will be held at 9:00 AM at Thalia Elementary School on February 11, 2023.

This is a 5km (3.1 miles) race, and the course goes through the Thalia neighborhood. There will also be a 1-mile fun run/walk for our youngest participants! Our combined goal is to raise \$20,000\$ for CHKD.

This is the LINK to Register



The next set of seminars with Lilly Bradley at Lynnhaven Presbytery Church are:

Saturday, February 18, and March 18 (the third Saturday of the month for the next three months)

Each one starts at 3 pm.

The Scriptures are Matt 20:1–16 and Luke 15:1–32.

Looking forward to seeing everyone Saturday, February 18 at 3pm!

LOOKING AHEAD...





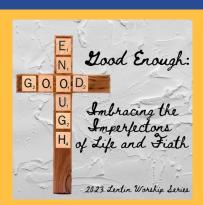
WORSHIP



Our livestream is available Sundays on YouTube and also on Facebook! Use the links below. The links will also be in the Sunday Morning Worship email.

Click HERE for our 10:00 AM Worship Service Click HERE for this week's Worship Guide

WORSHIP SERIES



Good Enough: Imbracing the Imperfectons of Life and Fiath 2023 Lentin Worship Series

We live in a culture bent on definitions of a good life as continuous upward mobility-climbing ladders of success with increasingly fabulous experiences that we can post to ever-more-likable social media accounts. Perfection is a multi-million dollar industry sold to us in self-help sections, prosperity gospel preachers, pills, products, and infomercials. But life

happens, right? Most times we are not moving upward but trying to repair the rung we've just slipped from. Welcome to a Lent of affirming a faith in which we are blessed, regardless, and where we can lean into imbracing our imprefect and "good enough" lives.

February 22- Ash Wednesday Prefection is impossible. Transfromation Isn't. Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Jesus used the word "hypocrite" to describe those who put on airs in public to make people believe they were holier-than-thou, that they were...well... perfect. But their hearts were seeking approval, not God. Perfection was a mask they hid behind to live their "best life now." Sometimes it is life itself that robs us of our dreams for the perfect life we had planned for ourselves. A diagnosis. A broken heart. A lost opportunity. This Lent, rather that trying to better ourselves, we will cease striving for perfection and surrender to transformation. Transformation reshapes us from the inside out, beginning with out hearts.

February 26- The Temptashun of More Luke 4:1-13

How much is enough? We crave more. More achievements, more honors, more praise, more money, more security, more once-in-a-lifetime moments (ironically), more joy, more love, more peace, more hope, more positivity. We find ourselves hungry for more of what we believe will bring us

more satisfaction. The devil lays a bet that Jesus will jump at the chance for glory, fame, and the quick fix. Who wouldn't? What are the temptations of more that catch you ear, singing out promises that your life should be more than it is? What if our lives are already good enough? What if ordinary life is already enough just as it is?

March 5- The Illusion of Controll Luke 13:31-35

Even Jesus got frustrated when folks didn't behave as he would have liked. He acknowledged his own limitations and dashed hopes in a world that doesn't always go our way. Yet, we somehow have bought into the idea that if we just try hard enough, do the right thing, and are good enough, I've will always go our way. We run around in so many directions trying to herd the chicks into so imagined semblance of perfect formation (have you ever tried to herd chicks?). What if we could let go of our need to control our future and everyone else's? What if we grieved what might have been and what could have been so that we can move forward with what is? What is we dared to peak behind the curtain of the illusion of control?

March 12– The Need to Bee UNproductive Luke 13:1–9

It's baked into our DNA: Productivity. The Protestant Work Ethic. Being busy as a bee. It's lauded by society, encouraged by the Protestant faith, and the key to value and worth. We wear being overscheduled and ultra busy as a badge of honor. After all, we must live up to our full potential! But what if our DNA also needed to be UNproductive? What if, like the gardener, we realized that there are times we need to slowly nurture ourselves, soaking in the manure all around until we can get the good stuff out of it. Lying fallow and getting fertilized with laughter and tears is sometimes exactly what we need in order to produce in the future.

March 19- Failure is Par for the Coarse Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

We are told not to be the prodigal son. But despite our best efforts, good intentions, self-discipline, and spiritual striving, we find ourselves walking in the shoes of the prodigal. We have failed. We can be pretty hard on ourselves when things don't go as planned. Guilt, shame, and fear can leave us wallowing in the pig pen. Our delusions of a perfect life keep us disappointing ourselves. So we practice our repentance speech and nervously approach our Father hoping for acceptance. To our surprise, our extravagant failure is met with extravagant love and grace. Truth is, life is a big ole risk every sign day and facing whatever each day holds is not only good enough, but worthy of love and grace.

March 26- Shhh...Dont Talk About That John 12:1-8

It's the elephant in the room: death. It's going to happen. To all of us. Yet, when the time comes near for us or a loved one, we often avoid the topic hushing up those who dare to speak the truth about the fragility of life. But Jesus didn't. He speaks the words no one wanted to admit: he was not always going to be around. Neither will we or those we love. Perhaps speaking about it makes it too real, making us uncomfortable. The indescribably pain we know we will one day face invades our senses to the extent we can no longer avoid or ignore it. What if we stopped denying the limited nature of our lives and breathed in our vulnerable mortality?

April 2 – Palm/Passion Sunday Who Are Your Cloke-Throwers? Luke 19:28-40

Jesus orchestrated a parade into a city where he knew his days were numbered. "Get me a colt," he directed. A crowd gathered and his friends started some loud chanting of encouragement that ticked off the religious leaders. When life is hard, we all need friends, sometimes big, loud, praying ones that will not be messed with. We are created for interdependence. We are not an island. All our pretending that we are "perfectly fine" on our own just won't work. Get on the donkey when you need to and let people lay down their cloaks for you and make

some noise of encouragement. You know you'll do it for them when they mount their donkeys.

April 6- Maundy Thursday/Good Friday A Good (Eenuf) Friday John 18:1-19, 42

Some days or seasons of our lives are just lousy, to say the least. In the 13th century, the Friday commemorating Jesus' death was called "good" as a way to denote a time of holy observance. What if even on our lousiest days when we die a thousand little deaths, we could experience a holy observance of the reality that this is life? Perhaps the "good news" in the midst of the devastation is that God is buried with us in our deepest pain, wrapping us, holding us, until we an move through that birth canal once again into renewed life.



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8:45 & 9:00 AM - Faith Formation

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