

Responding to Belief Without Borders in Waco

A reading and implementation project of the program staff at First
Presbyterian Church of Waco Texas

Membership Question #1

Membership Questions are a part of our Book of Order. The traditional membership questions are found in W4.2003.

a. Do you profess faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

It may be appropriate to modify and enrich the questions while retaining the spirit of what is in the Book of Order.

a. Is it your intent to faithfully continue in your spiritual growth, exploring who Jesus Christ is for the world and for you in particular?

Membership Question #2

b. Do you renounce evil and affirm your reliance on God's grace?

b. Will you seek to understand the relationship between the evil and the good and participate in the good even as you rely on God's mysterious grace?

Membership question #3

c. declaring their intention to participate actively and responsibly in the worship and mission of the church. (W-3.3603)

c. Are you willing to share your strength and resources with this church and are you willing to affect and be affected by this congregation?

Prayer of Confession....to

Prayer of Confession and and Aspiration -

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God of our Lives, we confess that the beliefs and customs of our ancestors can become the beliefs and customs to which we adhere. We confess that even the legacies and truths we are given can feel like weighted burdens. How shall we sort out treasures from curses? We confess in the midst of belief there is doubt and in the midst of doubt there is belief. How can we trust fully in the midst of such tensions? How can we understand ourselves and your will for our lives in the mix of certain uncertainty? How we long for a sense of confidence and purpose in the faith. Grant that in our partnership with you, it may be so. Amen.

(silent prayers)

Prayer for:

Hebrew Scripture: Deuteronomy 11:18-21

Gospel Lesson : Matthew 4:27-29

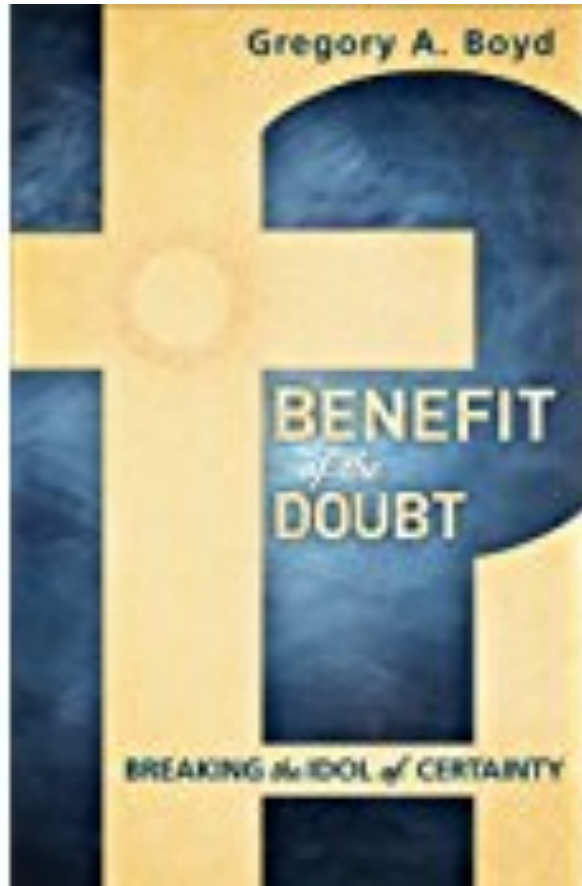
Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

Creator God, we confess that we are most accustomed to solid ground. We prefer familiar terrain that has been trod, settled and domesticated. And yet, you are not only the God of township and city, you are also the God of all that shifts, rolls and moves in waves. You are the God of deep energy and strength. And so we aspire to ride the waves of wonder and mystery that rise up within us. We aspire to navigate through disordering winds of cultural change. We aspire to live well amid uncertainty. Hear our confession and our longing as we pray in and through Christ who kept calm upon the Sea of Galilee. Amen.

Prayer written for:

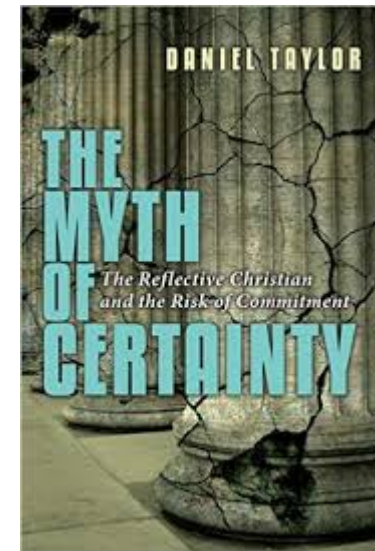
- Epistle Lesson James 1:5-8
- Gospel Lesson Matthew 14:28-33

Pastor's Bible Study



Christian Education –
Bible/book Study – with
the pastor

DOUBT



Ecumenical work
for SBNRs –

Taking Lenten
Lunches on the
Road



MARCH 15 | JONATHAN TRAN
MARCH 22 | AMBASSADOR LYNDON OLSON
MARCH 29 | VIVIAN RUTHERFORD
APRIL 5 | BOB DARDEN

12:15 – 12:45PM
AT THE WACO HIPPODROME

COME ENJOY LUNCH WHILE HEARING MEANINGFUL STORIES DURING THE SEASON OF LENT. RECEIVE 10% OFF THE HIPPODROME MENU DURING THE EVENT!

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Sacrament of Holy

Questions to Parents and Congregation

Brian and Laura, on this the 21st Day of June 2015, is it your desire to reaffirm your faith and to have your child receive the Sacrament of Baptism?

Does the congregation of First Presbyterian Church promise to love and support Bennett in his journey with Christ?

Consecration of the Parents

Brian and Laura, I touch your eyes with this baptismal water that you might never lose sight that you are the parental trustees of your child, who is God's special treasures for you and for all who know him.

I touch your mouth with this baptismal water that you might always speak the words of life and faith to your child.

I touch your hands with this baptismal water that you might be strong, but not too strong, as you guide and protect your child.

I sprinkle this baptismal water upon your feet, that you might always walk in God's right path rejoicing in God's providence.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Bennett Reed Full, I baptize you in the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

May Bennett always be in the arms of the church and know the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is now my privilege to present to you, Bennett Full, child of the Kingdom.

Rev. Dr. Leslie King

Baptism

Baptismal liturgy
for the parents
written by Rev. Dr.
William E. Murphy
of Rolling Hills
Presbyterian in
1990s now
honorably retired.