



# Edgcumbe Presbyterian Church

## *Midweek Update*

**April 20, 2022**

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## **Worship in South Saint Paul**

This week Sunday, April 24, our congregation will join with the congregation of First Presbyterian Church–South St Paul (FPC-SSP) in their sanctuary for a joint worship service at 10am. Everyone is welcome to attend in person (masks are required) or to watch the livestream. The link to the livestream will be sent out to this email list on Saturday and also posted on our website, [www.epchurch.org](http://www.epchurch.org). Pastors Luna and Phil will be leading the service to fill in for the vacationing pastor of FPC. We will also hear a presentation from Miki Frost from the 8218 Truce Center (see below).

If you plan to join us in person, you can find [DIRECTIONS HERE](#), or go to their church's website at [www.fpcssp.org](http://www.fpcssp.org).

## **Christ Everywhere**

Our Easter refrain this past Sunday was, "Christ is risen: WE SEE CHRIST EVERYWHERE!"

Rather than try to convince you why you should see Christ everywhere, how about we take a moment to just do it.

- Let your eyes wander around the room you are in right now. Can you imagine Christ being in the furniture and flooring and paperwork and artwork of your daily life, supporting you in hundreds of big and little ways.
- Now take a look out of a window. The trees and the stones and the plants and the birds and maybe even the squirrels and the box elder bugs all proclaim the glory of God. Christ is the Word of Love that weaves all creation together. We see Christ everywhere!
- At the Last Supper, Jesus gave us the commandment to “Love one another.” Seeing Christ in other people is the highest form of this practice. Look at the people driving or walking past your window and see Christ in them. Bring to mind the people in life and take just a moment to see Christ in each one of them. Don’t try to control your attention. Let the Holy Spirit run the show, letting some faces flow past you quickly and others linger for a longer time. Family, friends, neighbors, old acquaintances, random connections. People you love and people who bug you. You don’t need words or even conscious thought. Simply see Christ in every person, and we will begin to experience the expansion of our heart and mind into the heart and mind of God. We will begin to experience what it means to be saved.

## scotland photos and conversations – NEXT WEEK, APRIL 27th

i announced this past sunday that i would be hosting a gathering tonight to share my experiences and photos from my scotland pilgrimage...but as i started working on the slide show, i realized i need more time (i got too caught up reading about historical scotland!!). please join me **next week wednesday, april 27th, at 7pm** (link on the epc website)



for photos and reflections! ~pastor luna

## April Mission: 8218 Truce Center

If the name 8218 Truce Center and Miki Frost ring a bell to you, it’s because we’ve gotten to know him and the Truce Center’s mission with kids from 8 years old to 18 years old (and beyond) over the past year. We first learned about Truce Center last May as part of our Pentecost offering local mission and then again this past fall as we gathered snacks and drinks for the youth who frequent the two Centers here in St. Paul – one on the corner of Lexington & Selby, the other on Payne & Case. Since we were first introduced, Maplewood Mall also approached Miki asking for his presence in their mall, and they opened the African-American Truce Museum last summer.



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Miki Frost will join us in person in worship on April 24 in South St. Paul and share more about their mission. You can also visit their website at [www.8218trucecenter.org](http://www.8218trucecenter.org)

Your donations will be given to Truce Center to help in their continued mission to reach our youth, show them a path of non-violence, and a path that will give them responsibility and worth. Donations can be made out to Edgumbe Presbyterian with "Truce Center" in the memo line. Thank you for giving!

## **Fake Emails and Texts**

Internet scammers have apparently found a certain level of success using pastors' information to get at congregation members. Over the past years, we have had several rounds of fake emails from accounts and names that look very much like mine or Luna's. Today Carol S. forwarded a phone text message that she received that looked like this:

*"Hi Carol, I have a favor to ask, please get back to me when you get my text, Pastor. Phil GebbenGreen"*

Carol noticed that it was not from my number, which was a good catch. All I can suggest is to watch your messages with some skepticism, double-checking the number or email address if you have suspicions. Thank you and sorry for the bother!