

A loaf of golden-brown bread is on the left, and a sheaf of wheat is on the right, both resting on a wooden surface. The text is overlaid on the center.

Welcome to
RESERVOIR VIRCH!


January 24, 2021



We'll get started at 10:03!

Grab your breakfast, your cup of coffee/tea/juice, your people, and enjoy some music until we get started!



A close-up photograph of a golden-brown loaf of bread on the left and several stalks of wheat on the right, all resting on a rustic wooden surface. The lighting is warm, highlighting the textures of the bread and the grain.

STORIES JESUS TELLS US



**Reservoir Welcomes
Guest Preacher
Rev. Carrington Moore
today!**



NEWS & INVITATIONS



Reservoir calendar at reservoirchurch.org/news-events/news

- **Steve's Letter to Reservoir this week**
<https://mailchi.mp/reservoirchurch/qlx68chr41-5316830>
- **Statement on Recent National Events**
<https://www.reservoirchurch.org/statement-on-recent-events/>
- **The Beloved Community Fund Provides Short-Term Assistance**
<https://www.reservoirchurch.org/reservoir-introduces-the-beloved-community-fund/>
- **Give Online to Reservoir**
pushpay.com/g/reservoirchurch or **text Reservoir to 77977**

EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

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Lent: What Is Most Important

Sunday, 2/14 - 4/4



This year we will read the Bible's minor prophets as we seek to reconnect with God and ourselves, grounded in *What is Most Important*.

Sermons, Bible guide, and weekly embodied spiritual practices.

Plus, *Lent in a Bag!* Stay tuned...

Members Meeting Save the Date!

Sunday, 3/28
11:00 - 12:00 pm



Save the Date for our next members meeting! This meeting will follow our online worship service, and be part of the culmination of the Lenten season of spiritual formation towards “What is Most Important.”

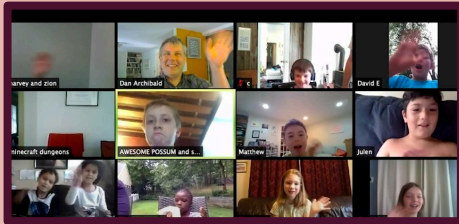
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Elem Virtual Kids Church Next Sunday

Sunday, 1/31
9:15 - 10:00 am



Exploring more stories from the Bible about people encountering Jesus. Ending promptly at 10 to join the Virch service led by Kids & Youth.

Email dan@reservoirchurch.org for his weekly email and links.

Kid and Youth Led Virch Next Sunday

Sunday, 1/31
10:00 - 11:00am



Our worship service next week will be led by the children and youth! They'll lead us in all the elements of our service: prayer, worship, spiritual practice, storytelling and benediction.

*Note: There is **NO preschool meeting** next Sunday before Virch.*

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Community Groups

ALL THE PLACES!



Now more than ever, it's important we get or stay connected. Whether you're new or been around Reservoir for years, we encourage you to join a community group this winter.

This form can get you started!

Beloved Community Fund



A new resource to support individuals

within Reservoir's community, for

- short-term financial assistance
- long-term networking in Reservoir and beyond.

<https://forms.gle/FMjNUgEMjvxcPBtA6>

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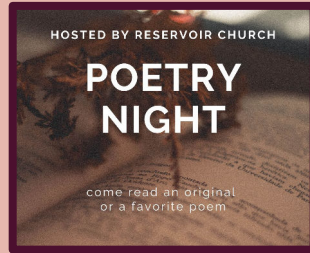
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Poetry Night

Sunday, 1/31

6:00 - 7:00 pm



First Poetry Night of 2021!

New Year = a new opportunity to jump in on Poetry Night. The theme is

“Transition.” Sign up to read an original or an old favorite - and invite a friend! Email

[**matt@reservoirchurch.org**](mailto:matt@reservoirchurch.org).

Generous Listening Class

Every Other Sunday

2/14 - 5/23

1:00 - 3:00 pm



An introduction to spiritual direction and the practice of 'generous listening.' If you've wondered how to deepen your relationship with God - and also be impactful in the world around you - this class might be for you! Commitment to attendance, readings and contemplative practices. Register at:

[**https://www.eventbrite.com/e/deepening-your-relationship-with-god-yourself-and-others-tickets-137721335221**](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/deepening-your-relationship-with-god-yourself-and-others-tickets-137721335221)

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Youth and Kid Led Service Next Week

Sunday, January 31

10:00 - 11:00 AM

Our service next Sunday will be led by the children and youth! They will guide us through the usual elements of our service: prayer, worship, spiritual practice, storytelling and benediction.

All are also welcome to join our post-service “wave” and breakouts: themed on **Exile and Return.**



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Schedule for PreK and Elem Next Sunday

For Sunday, January 31

With our kids and youth leading the service next weekend, we'll have some special planning for kids:

- Elementary Kids meet as usual at 9:15, end promptly at 10
- Preschoolers and kindergarteners **OFF** next Sunday, join the Virch Service at 10 AM so that everyone gets to hear the Godly Play story together about the Exile & Return.

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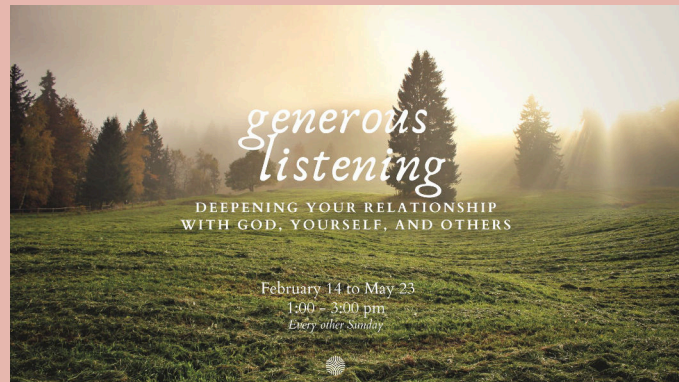
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Generous Listening: Deepening your Relationship with Yourself, God and Others

Every Other Sunday: Feb 14 - May 23, 2021



An introduction to spiritual direction and the practice of 'generous listening.' If you've wondered how to deepen your relationship with God - and also be impactful in the world around you - this class might be for you!

Commitment required: attendance, readings and contemplative practices.

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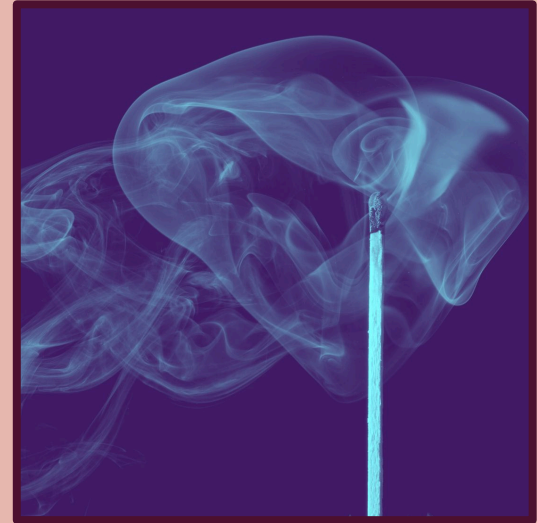
Lent: What is Most Important

Sunday, February 14 - Sunday, April 4

This year we will read the Bible's minor prophets as we seek to reconnect with God and ourselves, grounded in *What is Most Important*.

Included: sermons, a daily Bible guide, and weekly embodied spiritual practices. Plus, *Lent in a Bag!*

More details and instructions in the weeks ahead...



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Want to Get Plugged In?

Take a step forward and connect more at Reservoir!

- Ask for personal prayer from our team: [**steve@reservoirchurch.org**](mailto:steve@reservoirchurch.org)
- Try one of our 30+ community groups: start with [**this form**](#).
- Give financially: **text Reservoir to 77977** or [**pushpay.com/g/reservoirchurch**](https://pushpay.com/g/reservoirchurch)
- Keep up with online platforms like Cambridge Reservoir Church (Facebook), @reservoirchurch (Instagram), or [**www.reservoirchurch.org**](https://www.reservoirchurch.org).
- Fill out a [**“New or Feeling New” form**](#).

LUKE 15: 11-32

FROM THE BIBLE'S NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION

11 Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them.

13 A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living.

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14 When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. 16 He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything.

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17 But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! 18 I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’

20 So he set off and went to his father:



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But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.
21 Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

22 But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.'

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23 And get the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate;
24 for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

25 "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. 27 He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf,

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because he has got him back safe and sound.' 28 Then he became angry and refused to go in.

His father came out and began to plead with him. 29 But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends.

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30 But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!

31 Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32 But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"