

WORSHIP + 2

Attend worship + 1 spiritual growth opportunity + 1 service opportunity

WINTER/SPRING 2018 - UPDATED: January 12, 2018

Opportunities for Worship

PRAGUE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

INTERNATIONAL CONGREGATION

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meets for worship on Sundays at Malonstranská Beseda,
Malostranské náměstí 21, Praha 1.

Congregational Prayer: 10:30 / Worship Service: 11:00

WINTER SERMON SERIES (January 14th - April 15th)

"PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS: JOY THAT TRANSFORMS"

- January 14th - "Thick Skin, Tender Heart" - Philippians 1:1-11
January 21st - "The Indomitable Servant" - Philippians 1:12-20
January 28th - "Ready to Die, Able to Live" - Philippians 1:21-26
February 4th - "Gospel Commitment" - Philippians 1:27-30
February 11th - "God Emptied Himself" - Philippians 2:1-11
February 18th - "Sanctification 101" - Philippians 2:12-18
February 25th - "Examples of Humility" - Philippians 2:19-30

ALL CHURCH RETREAT - Herrnhut, Germany - March 2-4

- March 4th - "Unspeakable Joy" - Philippians 3:1-3
March 11th - "The Great Change" - Philippians 3:4-9
March 18th - "Running Hard for Home" - Philippians 3:10-21
March 25th - "Conflict Management" - Philippians 4:1-5
April 1st - **EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION** - Jesus is Risen!
- Potluck lunch shared together after the worship service.
April 8th - The Peace of God - Philippians 4:4-9
April 15th - "Content in Crisis" - Philippians 4:10-13
April 22nd - "Gratitude, Glory, and Grace" - Philippians 4:14-23

SPRING SERMON SERIES (April 29th - June 3rd)

"PAUL'S LETTERS TO THE THESSALONIANS:

PERSEVERANCE IN DISCIPLESHIP"

- April 29th - "Be Imitators of Us and the Lord" - 1 Thessalonians 1
May 6th - "The Work of Discipleship" - 1 Thessalonians 2
May 13th - "May the Lord Strengthen Your Hearts" - 1 Thessalonians 3
May 20th - "Live to Please God" - 1 Thessalonians 4
May 27th - **PENTECOST CELEBRATION**
June 3rd - "Don't Quench the Holy Spirit" - 1 Thessalonians 5
June 10th - "Perseverance in Trials" - 2 Thessalonians 1
June 17th - "The Man of Lawlessness" - 2 Thessalonians 2
June 24th - "Follow Our Example" - 2 Thessalonians 3

TOPICAL SUMMER SERMON SERIES

July 1st - August 26th

WHO WE ARE

Our community is the English-speaking congregation of a larger Czech body (Křesťanské společenství) and is made up of Christians from many countries and various traditions. Our ministry and outreach are focused on the International and English-speaking communities in Prague.

Křesťanské společenství - "KS" (Christian Fellowship) - is an independent, indigenous Czech church formally established in 1990. With contemporary worship services, Bible-based teaching, and an emphasis on meeting regularly in small groups to build relationships, the church has grown quickly. There are now about a dozen KS congregations in Prague and close to fifty throughout the Czech Republic. Each local church has its own pastor and elders. A council of KS pastors addresses national issues and provides oversight for the churches.

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WINTER/SPRING/SUMMER 2018 WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ANNUAL PCF PASSOVER SEDER

Good Friday, March 30, 2018

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018

Petřín Hill, 6:00

SPRING DUNAMIS COURSE

May 2-5, 9-12, 2018

Opportunities for Spiritual Growth & Connection

HOME GROUPS

PCF is a Home Groups-based church. We value living out our faith together in the context of close, vulnerable relationships. Home Groups allow opportunities for us to be known, and to truly know and love others. Also, our Home Group leaders function in the role of deacons for our congregation.

Please see the separate handout "Home Group List" on the PCF Welcome Table for the latest information for finding a Home Group that fits your needs best (location, meeting time, interests, etc.). If you need more help figuring out which one would be best for you, please contact one of our pastors or elders.

ČESKÝ MLUVČÍ SKUPINKA/CZECH-SPEAKING HG

Potvrzují tímto, že skupinka se bude konat na adrese Palackého 7, Praha 1 (Friends Coffee House). Chceme začít v 18.00 každý pátek, pozdní příchodí jsou vždy vřele vítáni! Myšlenka, duchem skupinky je společenství, modlitby, studium a diskuze nad Písmem. Tomu by mělo předcházet seznámení, a také praktické informace o tom jak studovat, vykládat a aplikovat Boží slovo. Prosim v rámci možností můžete přinést něco lehkého k snědu a pití. Informace: Jiří Klimeš (jiriklimes7@gmail.com or 775 296 248).

CZECH STUDENT GROUP

This Home Group is for Czech or international high school or university students. The group meets for dinner, Bible study, and fellowship. (The Bible study is in English and in Czech.) The group meets weekly on Thursdays at 19:00 at Chris Haynes' apartment - Lipová 15, Prague 2. For more information about the group, contact Chris Haynes (haynes.christopher@gmail.com or 725 677 123).

"SUNDAY SAUCE"- INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GROUP

We gather students from all over the world and build deeper relationships around dinner, faith discussions, prayer, fellowship, and fun. The group meets Sundays for lunch after the PCF worship service at Malátová 10, Prague 5. For more information, please contact Chris Torchia (scubaman3D@gmail.com or 721 028 123) or Marina Torchia (marina.torchia@gmail.com or 607 840 472).

MOPS

Are you pregnant or have small children? Looking for encouragement, support, and resources? MOPS Mothers of Preschoolers is for you! MOPS is a grassroots movement that believes mothers are world influencers. That's why we connect moms to a community of women, who meet together face-to-face to laugh, cry and embrace the journey of motherhood. MOPS will meet every second and fourth Wednesday of the month, 9:30-11:30. Childcare provided on a donation basis. For more information about dates and locations, please contact Marina Torchia (marina.torchia@gmail.com or 607 840 472).

NEW CONNECTIONS LUNCH - Every Fourth Sunday at 13:00

If you are new to PCF, we invite you to join us for lunch on the fourth Sunday, right after the service. We'd like to give you a chance to ask questions and hear more about PCF, and provide you with information about how you can become part of our church family. (Pizza and drinks will be provided.)

SOAKING ROOM

What is "Soaking"? "During previous revivals people referred to it as 'waiting on the Lord' or 'tarrying' as they lingered expecting God's revival blessings. Although 'soaking' includes waiting on the Lord, in this present move of the Spirit it means much more than that. To 'soak' in God's presence is to rest in His love rather than to "strive" in prayer. As the person receiving a touch from God begins to connect with the reality of the Holy Spirit's presence, he often responds by falling or simply lying on the floor. As he rests expectantly in God's presence, often the Holy Spirit hovers over the person to reveal more of God's love and to renew and repair areas of a person's life. As the believer soaks in God's presence, the Lord takes control and begins to draw his attention to God's word either in the scriptures or through internal audible impressions or pictures he sees in his mind's eye."— John Arnott

The Soaking Room offers a room at Friends Coffee House (Paleckého 7, Prague 1) one weekend a month for people from PCF to commit to an hour to pray for the pillars of society and develop greater intimacy with the Lord. Dates will be announced at the PCF services and Thursday PCF email.

DUNAMIS COURSE - May 2-5 & 9-12, 2018

The mission team from First Presbyterian Church of Norfolk, Virginia (USA) will be returning to lead the next session of the Dynamis Course: "The Healing Ministry of Jesus." Dunamis, started as a charismatic renewal ministry of Presbyterian & Reformed Mission International (PRMI), is practical, biblical teaching on how to live the Christian life in the gifts & power of the Holy Spirit with dinner, teaching and practical ministry time. The teaching times will be Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays (18:00 - dinner, 19:00 - teaching/ministry) and Saturdays (10:00 - brunch; 11:00 - teaching/ministry) at the home of the Cindy Riley and Carolyn Maiden - Korunní 83, Prague 2. For more information about the course, please contact Chris Haynes (haynes.christopher@gmail.com or 725 677 123).

MARRIAGE COURSE

Tentative dates: April - May 2018

The Marriage Course offers a married couple the tools to build a strong and healthy relationship. During each evening, couples talk about important issues that can get swept under the carpet in the rush of daily life. The aim of the marriage course is to help couples grow closer and build a healthy relationship that will last a lifetime. The course lasts for eight weeks at Ve Smečkách 13, Prague 1. For more information, please contact Roger Harsh (rogerarobin@gmail.com or 604 205 859) or Robin Harsh (rogerarobin@gmail.com or 604 101 800).

WHY WORSHIP+2?

From the PCF Pastoral Staff

"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another..." (Hebrews 10:23-25a, NIV)

One common reason stated for many leaving churches is this: "I wasn't growing spiritually there." It is sad that some churches are not providing biblical teaching or opportunities for believers to grow in their faith. Believers need to become grounded in the Word of God and to use the gifts that the Holy Spirit has given them to serve in the Body of Christ. However, often those things ARE in place, and people are just not taking advantage of them. Salvation and sanctification are by the grace of God, but it is not a passive exercise. We are to be seeking intimacy with God so that His Spirit can be transforming us and empowering us for ministry that expands the Kingdom of God.

What does the local church need to do to provide its members with the resources to allow Christ to work in and through us? Primarily, the local church should provide nurture and ministry opportunities for believers to grow in their wisdom and gifts. What responsibility does a participant of a church family have in regards to their own discipleship? How do believers develop intimacy with God? The PCF leadership team hopes to guide our community to develop a closer relationship with God where He can change us as well as use us for His glory.

We are calling this effort - "Worship+2." It takes two, both an effort from the local church but also an effort from you. The idea is that Sunday spectating is not enough to mature as a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ. Believers need more. It is vital that all followers of Christ seek to attend a corporate Sunday worship service on a regular basis AS WELL AS find two other ways to be active in their local fellowship - one area that will help nurture and grow your relationship with Christ and another that will allow you to serve in a ministry.

So, our recommendation at PCF is "Worship+2" - meaning you regularly attend Sunday worship services and participate (1) in a ministry that will help grow your faith (usually this will be a Home Group) and (2) in a ministry that will allow you to serve others in the name of Christ.

Though we are no longer under the Sabbath law, the book of Hebrews challenges us that we are to meet together for corporate worship as a body of believers on a regular basis. We meet to worship God together. We meet together to encourage and strengthen each other in our walk with Christ. We meet to join together to further the Lord's Kingdom

work here on earth. It is so easy sometimes to say that we can be self-sufficient and not need others, but this is not what the Word of God says,

"If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body."
(1 Corinthians 12:17-20, NIV)

It says we need each other. If you are more grounded in the Word, you are called to teach and help others in their reading and study of the Bible. If the Lord has given you a passion for prayer, He has done so not for your own benefit, but for the building up of the Body of Christ. **So, the first component of growing in Christ is regularly attending the main worship service on Sundays.**

But the Sunday service cannot meet all of our needs. We need a smaller meeting of believers where we can be in closer relationship with other believers, where we can share our joys and sorrows as well as our struggles and victories in the context of our Christian faith. We need a place where we can ask questions and pray for guidance. We call these smaller meetings "Home Groups." There we can have Bible study, prayer, worship and fellowship on a more intimate level. Our Home Group leaders also function in our church family as the way deacons did in the New Testament. They are the leaders in our congregation who are closest to our church family members and can minister directly to our people as well as bring these needs to the attention of our pastoral and leadership team. **So, the second component of growing in Christ is regularly attending a Home Group that will ground and encourage you in the faith.**

The final piece of the puzzle is to get involved in some ministry in the church where you can serve. Jesus calls us to respond to His salvation with love and thanksgiving. Our faith calls us to share the Good News of what God has done for the world. We have so many areas in our church family where we need people to serve: The worship team, Sunday school, translation, projection on Sundays, prayer teams, mission trips, outreaches within the city, English camps... and the list goes on. As Paul wrote in Corinthians, we all have been gifted in different ways for building up the Body of Christ. Not all of us are called to preach, or to lead singing, or to teach children, but it is beyond a doubt that if Christ has called you to worship at PCF, then He has a ministry where He wants you to serve. **So, the final component of our Worship+2 is the challenge of finding a ministry in our church or in the wider Body of Christ, where you can serve.**

It takes two. If you settle for occasional spectating, you have no one to blame if you wake up to the reality that you are not growing in Christ. Be intentional! **Worship +2!**

Opportunities for Service

LEADERSHIP TEAM MONTHLY MEETINGS

The leadership team gets together on the 2nd Sundays after the service to pray and share.

What does it mean to be a leader at PCF? Is there a ministry at PCF that you want to start? Is there an area that you feel is missing? Maybe you're just the person that God is calling to fill that need. Please contact John Mullen. (johnkelsie@gmail.com or 608 243 788). You don't have to be perfect, just willing to lead.

AUDIO/VISUAL/IT

Is your gifting tech? Then why not consider helping with projection on Sundays or any computer-related issues, such as downloading or making videos, for Sunday worship? For more information on how you can help, contact Gofa Toto (gofamodimototo@gmail.com or 773 085 312).

TRANSLATION

Are you fluent in Czech and English? Interested in serving our worship attenders who are Czech by providing interpretation of the service, esp. the sermon? Please contact Bridget Čmiel (bibitka.c@gmail.com or 773 664 094)

SUNDAY ART:GATE GROUP

Our goals as a group are 2-fold; ► being each other's "believing mirrors", supporting each other's ideas, gifts and exploration of new talents/skills; and ► creating an atmosphere for new projects to develop, both personal and corporate (PCF). Art:Gate will be performing three dramas this spring during the PCF worship services. For more information contact: Garth Wright (garthemail@gmail.com or 607 746 072).

GOT QUESTIONS? EXPLORE THE MEANING OF LIFE.

THE ALPHA COURSE:

Dinner, video, & small group discussion.

Sundays, 17:00-19:15 at Lipová 15, Prague 2
starting February 18th for ten weeks.

For more information,
contact Chris Haynes.

(haynes.christopher@gmail.com
or 725 677 123).



WORSHIP TEAM

Interested in joining our Sunday worship team either as a singer or musician? Please contact our worship leader Ben O'Byrne (psalm168@hotmail.com or 774 835 552), for more information about the Wednesday rehearsal time and Sunday mornings.

HOMELESS OUTREACH - Thursdays at 14:00

Each Thursday you can join with YWAM to reach out to the homeless at the train station. If you would be interested in participating, please speak to Roger Harsh (rogerarobin@gmail.com or 604 205 859) for details. If you have "stravenky" (food coupons) to donate, please put them in the offering basket.

YWAM FRIDAY NIGHT OUTREACH at 20:45

Every Friday night, YWAM does ministry on the streets in the Red Light District in Prague. We welcome you to join us. We usually meet around 20:45 and minister until 22:00 or 22:30. If you would like to join us for this time of ministry, please contact Roger Harsh (rogerarobin@gmail.com or 604 205 859).

PCF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

At PCF we love kids and value the role of children in the church. We also partner with parents to provide spiritual guidance for our youth. If you are interested in teaching, please contact Jiří Klimeš (jiriklimes7@gmail.com or 775 296 248) or Kelsie Mullen (kelsiemullen22@gmail.com or 722 902 083). Training and teaching materials provided.

2018 MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITIES

UKRAINE MISSION TRIP

Tentative dates: Spring 2018

PCF will send a team to Uzhgorod, Ukraine to minister to Ukrainian and Gypsy churches, and ministry activities at Nehemiah Center. The April trip will end with a time of "David's Tabernacle" with 24/7 prayer & worship in Uzhgorod. Roger and Robin Harsh have been visiting Ukraine bringing teams to minister since 1993. If you are interested in being on the April 2017 team, please contact Roger Harsh (rogerarobin@gmail.com or 604 205 859).

SICILY MISSION TRIP

Tentative dates: Early Summer or Autumn 2018

PCF hopes to send a team to Sicily to work alongside a Czech missionary as he ministers to refugees who are being housed in camps on the island. If you are interested in being on the autumn 2016 team, please contact Ben O'Byrne (Psalm168@hotmail.com or 774 835 552).

BELARUS ENGLISH CAMP

Tentative dates: June 2018

This will be an outreach to young teens to high school students using English as a draw. This year's camp will be reading *Prince Caspian* from C.S. Lewis' *Chronicles of Narnia*. If you are interested in being on the team or would like more information, please contact Matt Ferguson (matthew.awesome@gmail.com or 607 100 476).