

From Our Pastor – October 2016

THE STEEPLE

The first parish I served worshiped in an old white colonial church with a very tall steeple. The architectural symbol made it abundantly clear that God lived on high - that the way to glory was UP! In time I also learned that many pilots approaching a nearby airport used the steeple to line up their downwind approach.

Today I find myself pastoring a church where the steeple is grounded and stands right beside the front door. To me it is an architectural symbol that declares to all who see it that the dwelling place of God is in here - in the life of the congregation that worships here. The steeple, then, becomes God's invitation to come in to be at home with God.

I have also noted that on the top of our steeple there is a weathervane. The four directions are noted to remind us that "in Christ there is no east or west, in him no north and south, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth."

Now this part may come as a surprise, but the rotating arrow on the top of the weathervane does not reveal the wind's direction, as is the case with all other weathervanes, but indicates which way the Holy Spirit is blowing! And the last time I checked it was blowing right across the beautiful church we all call home!

That is a great sign of things to come.



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