

SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Third Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2020 11:00 AM

CHIMING of the HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE "If You But Suffer God to Guide Thee" arr. Robert Powell

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Behold the Lamb of God" G. F. Handel John 1:29

CALL to WORSHIP

Liturgist: Our God calls to us in this holy place to listen for him;
People: Our God calls to us in ordinary places to respond to him.
Liturgist: He calls us to follow his example of sacrifice and suffering with others.
People: Let us joyfully worship God who sent his Son to heal and to save!

HYMN 464 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee HYMN TO JOY

CALL to CONFESSION

PRAYER of CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your ways. You have given us neighbors to love, but we often pursue self-centered ambitions. You gave us the commandments that lead to hope and healing, but we forsake your love. Forgive us our sin and bring us to repentance. Draw our wandering hearts back to you, so that we may find freedom in obedience to your love. We pray in the name of Jesus our Lord. (continue in silent prayer)

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Liturgist: As the heavens are high above the earth,
People: so great is the Lord's steadfast love toward those who revere him.
Liturgist: As far as the east is from the west,
People: so far does he remove our sins from us.
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

RESPONSE to GOD'S FORGIVENESS Glory Be to the Father (Hymn 579)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 131

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee" Georg Neumark, 1640 setting Jody W. Lindh

GOSPEL READING Mark 10: 32-45
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON The Surprising Path to True Greatness Rev. Edgar McCall

HYMN Your Favorite Hymns

AFFIRMATION of FAITH The Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, Page 14 Traditional)

PRAYERS of THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (Hymnal, Page 16)

PRESENTATION of TITHES, OFFERINGS and GIFTS

OFFERTORY "My Song Is Love Unknown" arr. Mark Sedio

RESPONSE Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Hymnal, Page 592)
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER of DEDICATION

HYMN 343 Called as Partners in Christ's Service BEECHER

CHARGE and BLESSING

RESPONSE God Be with You Till We Meet Again (Hymnal, Page 540, Stanza 1)
God be with you till we meet again; Loving counsels guide, up hold you;
With a Shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" arr. Albert Travis

Congregational responses are printed in bold.

All who are able, please stand

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SERVING THIS MONTH:

Greeters: Kim & Lena Wallace Usher: Holly Furr/Greg Gregory
Chancel: Casey Ballard Liturgist: Sherri Gregory

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May you feel God's presence, may the message be a blessing in your life,
and may the grace of God go with you and strengthen you for the week ahead.

Please come again soon!

A SPECIAL INVITATION! You are encouraged to become a member of our congregation, if you have no permanent church home. The Session receives new members upon their profession of faith in Jesus Christ, upon their reaffirmation of faith in Jesus Christ, or by transfer of their membership from another congregation. If you are interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian, please speak to the pastor following the worship service, indicate this on the Friendship Register, or call the church office.

WE INVITE EVERYONE TO ATTEND one of our Sunday School classes: 9th-12th grade;
Adult: Friendship Class; Spirit/Passage Class. Come join us as we explore God's Word together!

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Edgar McCall - Pastor

Marsha Roberts - Director of Music and Organist

Susan Lott - Administrative Assistant

Philip W. Neely - Treasurer

SESSION

Holly C. Furr, Clerk

Class of 2020

Jennifer L. Bryan

David A. Ghent

Class of 2021

Jon C. Lochner

Philip W. Neely

Diana A. Threatt

Class of 2022

Shirnetha R. Belk

Robert S. Howey

Linda G. Hutchinson

MINISTRY COMMITTEE LEADERS

Worship – Suzanne Harper

Mission & Outreach - Jennifer L. Bryan, Shirnetha R. Belk

Fellowship - Jon & Diane Lochner

Congregational Care - David A. Ghent, Linda G. Hutchinson

Columbarium & Memorial Garden - Jane R. Mahaffey

SUPPORT COMMITTEES

Pastoral & Staff Relations- Robert S. Howey

Property Management - Philip W. Neely

Stewardship and Operational Support – Diana A. Threatt

Finance - Robert K. Folks

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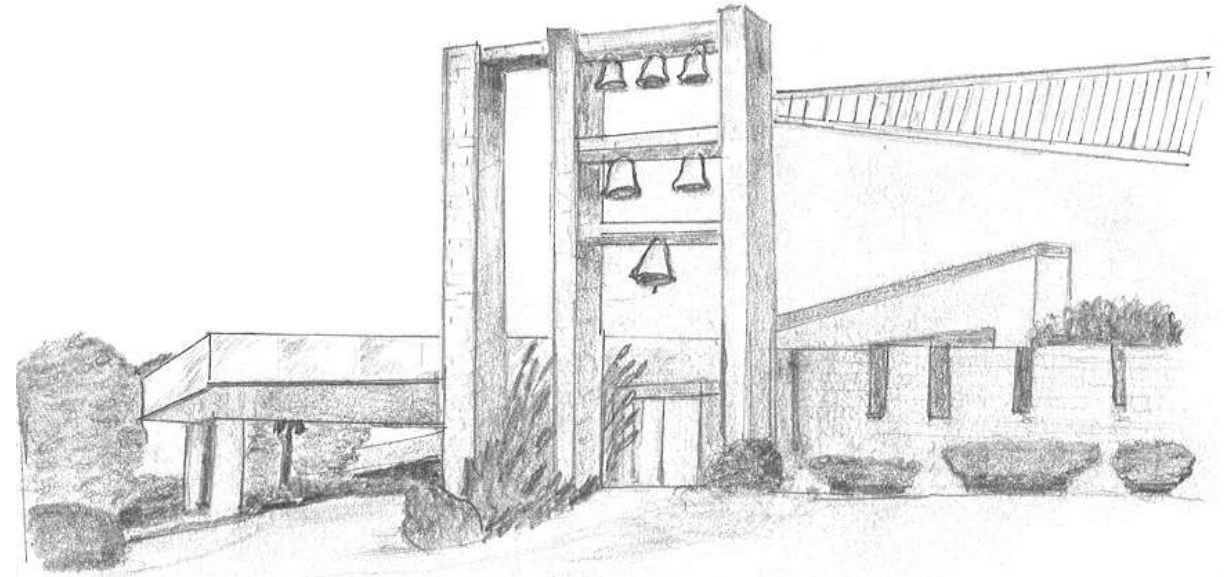
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A Place to Belong. A Place to Serve.



"Now you are the Body of Christ, and individually members of it." 1 Corinthians 12:27

OUR VISION AND MISSION

We, the members of First Presbyterian Church, are disciples of the risen Christ and members of his universal Body, who are empowered by God's Spirit to WORSHIP God with joy and thanksgiving; PROCLAIM the Gospel through word and deed; TEACH the message of God's love in Christ; SHARE God's love for all people by reaching out in hospitality, ministry and mission; WORK together in harmonious unity as a loving and caring people; and to SERVE one another and others beyond our fellowship in the name of Jesus Christ.

OUR VALUES

The values we cherish to enable us to accomplish our vision and mission are the fruit of God's Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23)



FAMILIES TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Robert, Anne, Caroline & Jackson Howey
Linda Hutchinson
Vickie, Mark Leanne & David Jewell

PASTORAL NEEDS: The Session desires to be informed when members and friends of the church are in need of pastoral care and support. During office hours, please call the church 283-3329, to ensure the elder under whose care the person or family is assigned may be notified.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN'S PRAYER MINISTRY

Stop by the Prayer Ministry Table before worship and give your prayer request to our prayer ministry representatives. The names will be provided to Rev. McCall to be raised to God in congregational prayer. Cards are available to express our love and concern to those requested for prayer. Sign these cards and help to further our church's ministry of sympathy, witness and service to others in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER MINISTRY REPRESENTATIVES

Today: Jane Mahaffey

Next Week: Holly Furr/Mary Mc Adamson

Unless a prayer request is renewed or the health condition is acute, names will stay on the prayer list for one month.

Please pray for our members: James & Martha Jo Mahaffey; Angie Elsberry; Linda Helms; Peggy Bell John McCulloch; Sandy Gregory; Adele Williams.

Friends of the church: Freda Snipes; Libby Woodruff; Wanda Taylor; Debbie Spaugh; Jim Thompson; Steve Hegler; TJ Wilmore; Michelle Tarantino; Dale Sherrin; Lori Steele; Amaryllis Boger; Sue Stewart; Kristy Horton; Brandon Adams; family of Charles Hicks & Carol Parker; Connie Hinson.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: March 15, 2020 – March 21, 2020

Sunday	9:45 am	Christian Education
	11:00 am	Worship/St. Patrick's Lunch
Monday	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast
Tuesday	10:00 am	Bulletin Deadline
Wednesday	6:00 pm	<i>Jubilant Ringers</i>
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir

BIRTHDAYS: 18 Greg Gregory 19 David Ghent

ANNIVERSARIES: 21 Jim & Merrio Morton

ATTENDANCE: March 08 11am - 49 Sunday School - 15 Prayer Breakfast – 26

OUR GIVING REPORT

	<u>03/08/20</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Amount Budgeted	\$ 3,934.00	\$ 39,340.00
Amount Received	<u>2,885.00</u>	<u>40,956.66</u>
	\$ <u>(1,049.00)</u>	\$ <u>1,616.66</u>

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

Living God's Word, Sharing God's Love

VISITORS and GUESTS. Worship is essential to your walk with Christ and we are glad you are with us today. We welcome you as our guest. Please fill out the *Friendship Pad* found on the pew seat. *In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives.* Join us again as we worship God.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH is a congregation dedicated to **Living God's Word and Sharing God's Love.** With a variety of opportunities for Christian education, worship, spiritual growth, Christian fellowship and outreach ministry, we hope you will find your church home here. Experience the community of faith at FPC. **Our hearts, our minds and our doors are open.**

TO GOD BE THE GLORY. The flowers that grace the chancel and beautify our worship are given by Kim & Lena Wallace to the *Glory of God; joyful that we all share a life with gratitude, grace and God.* Spring is God's way of saying, 'One more time!' **And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years."** Genesis 1:14

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT. We are in the middle of Lent and will celebrate the humility and obedience of Jesus our Lord.

FAVORITE HYMNS. Call out the **hymn title** and **number** and we will sing the **first and last stanzas of Your Favorite Hymn.** Let's join together in praising our Lord with song.

ST. PATRICK'S LUNCH. Stay after worship for lunch as we celebrate **St. Patrick's Day, to appreciate our fellowship and dine on a great Irish meal of corned beef and cabbage.** During our luncheon we will accept a love offering in support of the **Lancaster Promise Neighborhood.**

EASTER IS A TIME OF RESURRECTION AND NEW BEGINNINGS. In our sanctuary, on Easter Sunday, we will have a special floral display (in lieu of lilies) to celebrate that "He is Risen." We are accepting monetary gifts (an undisclosed amount) for our arrangement. With your gift you may include an "in memory or in honor of" designee; this will be noted in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. Please use the bulletin insert or stop by the church office to participate. Have your gift and form in by Sunday, April 5th. **"He is risen indeed."**

Our **FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON** is **Wednesday, March 25th** at Noon. The cost is \$4/person. Please **sign up** outside the church office.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PASTOR. During the season of Lent, as we prepare for our Lord's death and resurrection, I will be preaching on 'biblical characters who did not understand Jesus' message and how that applies to us today.' When we misunderstand our Lord's teaching, or fail to trust, we are certainly not alone! - Edgar

NEW MEMBER. As a church family we welcome *Anne Cauthen* as a member of our congregation. We pray God's blessing on Anne in her journey of faith with First Presbyterian Church. **Welcome!**