

# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021

10:00 a.m.

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Wonderful Words of Life”

arr. Marianne Kim

Call to Worship

from Psalm 19

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul.

***The decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple.***

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart.

***The commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes.***

Let us worship God!

Hymn 61

“Your Law, O Lord, is Perfect”

- 1 Your law, O Lord, is perfect, the simple making wise;  
how pure are your commandments, enlightening my eyes!
- 2 More to be sought than riches, your words are my soul's wealth;  
their taste is sweet like honey, imparting life and health.
- 3 My strength and my redeemer, lawgiver and true light,  
my words and meditations make worthy in your sight.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

***Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken,  
we confess that we fail to fulfill your will.***

***Though you have bound yourself to us,  
we will not bind ourselves to you.***

***In Jesus Christ you serve us freely,  
but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others.***

***We do not love you fully or love one another as you command.  
In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us.***

***Restore us to you and one another,  
and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life  
and the vine from which we grow in grace.***

Silent Confession

Kyrie 575

***Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.***

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

## **PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson: John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

A Time with Our Children: "The Tale of the Three Trees," part three  
Chapel and Alleluia Choirs

Long/Pote

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Sermon: "Bound by Ten Words"

*Lenten Series: Covenants in Sky, Stone, Flesh, and Wine*

Rev. Carter

## **RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Hymn

"I Have Brought You Out of Egypt" (to Hymn 475)

- 1 "I have brought you out of Egypt," Moses heard the Lord God say.  
"I have saved you! I have freed you! People, listen and obey.  
Have no other gods before me; don't make idols for yourselves.  
I will judge those who reject me; worship me and no one else."

- 2 “Do not use the Lord's name wrongly, use God's name for what is good.  
Keep the Sabbath; keep it holy; rest and worship as you should.  
Honor father, honor mother; do not murder! Honor life!  
Do not wander to another from your husband or your wife.”
- 3 God continued these commandments: "Do not steal another's things;  
And you shall not bear false witness — see the anguish that it brings.  
Do not seek with bitter longing what you see across the street.  
Keep these laws and find within them where my love and justice meet."
- 4 God of grace, we see your promise in the covenant you give.  
For your law is wise and wondrous as it shows us how to live.  
Loving God and loving neighbor, may we follow where you call.  
Saved by grace, may we together seek to live your gracious law.

Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith

***In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one true God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.  
In everlasting love,  
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
to bless all families of the earth.  
Hearing their cry,  
God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.  
Loving us still,  
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.***

Offering

Offertory

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

arr. Don Hustad

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.***

Prayers of the People

## **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

Hymn 833

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

- 1 O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow  
may richer, fuller be.

- 2 O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
may brighter, fairer be.
- 3 O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain  
that morn shall tearless be.
- 4 O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red  
life that shall endless be.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

"The Old Rugged Cross"

arr. Harold DeCou

**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children And Youth Ministries	Jana Schillinger
Liturgist	Nathaniel Worrell
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Three Trees Players	The Arp Family

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**Church Family Announcements**

**Thank you for joining us for our 10:00 Virtual Worship Service.** We're happy you tuned  
in, hope that you will find our time together enriching, and look forward to the day we can  
worship together once again.

This morning we will celebrate the **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**. **All are invited** to  
pick up a communion kit in the narthex when you enter. If you would like to be served  
after the service, you are welcome to stop on the School Street side of the church between  
11:00 and 11:20 a.m. and one of us will serve you there.

## Have you had your shots?

A growing number of folks in our church family have received their vaccinations for covid-19. Bravo!

If you have received both shots and wish to return to the sanctuary for worship, we cordially invite you to contact our office and make a reservation. Because the corona virus continues to be contagious, we ask all who attend to wear masks, keep appropriate distances, and refrain from singing.

We look forward to the day when ALL of us can be back together. That day is coming. In the meantime, we will respect one another and do what is safe for all.

**The Lenten Activity Bags**, prepared by members of our Christian Education Committee, can be found in the hallway next to Jana Schillinger's office. They contain devotions, activity and reflection suggestions, and more to help us learn about Lent. There are versions available for both families with children and for those without. Please take a bag for your family.

## CAMP LACKAWANNA INFORMATION

**Summer Camp 2021 Registration is open! Head on over to [camp.lackawanna.org](http://camp.lackawanna.org)** to see what programs are being offered this summer and to register your children for camp! Family Camp registration is also open!

**Our church provides scholarships** for all young people who want to go. Check with Jana Schillinger for details.

DATES	CAMP	AGE GROUP
June 24-27	Family Camp	All Ages
June 28-30	Mini Camp	Ages 6-10
July 4-10	Wet n' Wild	Ages 7-16
July 11-17	Music, Arts and Drama	Ages 7-16
July 11-24	JH/SR 2-week	Completed grades 6-11
July 18-24	Adventure Camp	Completed grades 6-10
July 25-31	Night Owls	Completed grades 3-10
August 1-7	Camp Olympics	Ages 7-16

**Camp Lackawanna is actively seeking staff for Summer Camp.** In addition to Counselors, a Cook is also needed. Applications can be filled out at [www.camlackawanna.org](http://www.camlackawanna.org)

## Study with us during Lent

Rev. Carter is leading a Bible study at 10 a.m. on the Wednesday mornings of Lent, the next date being Lesson 4 on March 10. It will be held live on Zoom, with a small group meeting simultaneously in Room 206 (Session Room). Would you like to be physically present? Contact the church office (586-6306) to make a reservation. Masks and safety rules apply! The study is "Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament."

**Our building is bustling -- one person at a time!** Feel free to read a book or check out a DVD from our church library, pray or play the piano in the sanctuary, or have a free cup of coffee with the pastor (who will keep six feet away). No groups, please, but Masked Individuals are welcome in limited numbers whenever the building is open. [Stir-Crazy People](#) are especially invited.



## Jazz Concert goes online, March 21

Join us for a third online concert, broadcast live from our sanctuary and offered as a gift to the community. Links will be on our website and Facebook page. You can also go to [www.YouTube.com](http://www.YouTube.com) and search for **FPPCS Arts**.

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