

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

First Sunday in Lent

March 6, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Almighty God, your Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin. Give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Words of Welcome

Prelude

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

arr. Marianne Kim

Call to Worship

Come to the Lord, who is rich in grace;

Draw near to God, who is full of mercy.

We will praise God with all our heart

and glorify the name of the Most High forever.

* Hymn 393

"O Day of Rest and Gladness"

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,

to you all hearts are open, all desires known,

and from you no secrets are hid.

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,

through Christ, our Lord. Amen

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Lenten Response 656

"We've Come This Far by Faith"

We've come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord,

trusting in the holy Word; God's never failed me yet.

O, can't turn around, we've come this far by faith. We've come this far by faith.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Lesson: Romans 10:8b-13 (NT, p. 160)

Psalter: Psalm 91 (Hymnal 43)

The congregation is invited to sing the refrain:

***And he will raise you up on eagles' wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.***

A Time with Children

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (OT, p. 180)

Sermon: "My Past As An Alien"

Rev. Carter

Series: Lent on the Threshold

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 51 "To Abraham and Sarah"

* Affirmation of Faith from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

***In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.***

Minute for One Great Hour of Sharing

Offering

Offertory

"Forty Days and Forty Nights"

arr. Roy Brunner

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Hymnal, p. 8)

The Lord's Prayer

***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 166 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Shche ne vmerla Ukraina" arr. Nicholas Papadimitriou

If you are leaving before the postlude is finished, please do so quietly.

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers today have been given to the glory of God in honor of Jeneane Adams with love from her daughter, Erika.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Chris Norton
Usher	Peter Moore

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Church Family Announcements

Thank you for joining us for Worship. We worship every Sunday in two ways!

- Promise to wear a face mask? No covid-related symptoms for the past 14 days? Willing to have your temperature taken at the door? **Join us in person at 10:00 am.** (Reservations are no longer necessary.)
- **Tune in online** for our weekly service, which is broadcast live on [our video page on YouTube](#) and archived for later viewing on the same site.

Our Session requires masks for all worship services, meetings, and group events in the church building. Temperature checks will continue at church gatherings, and social distancing will be encouraged. We believe in the effectiveness of the covid-19 vaccinations and urge everybody to get vaccinated against covid-19.

If all of us can choose restraint and pursue public health, we have a better chance for stopping the spread of the virus and its variants. In the words of St. Paul, "Do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Galatians 5:13-14)

What is Lent? The Christian Education Committee invites us to take time individually and as a family to explore the meaning of Lent. Lent Bags have been filled with devotions, activity and reflection suggestions, and more. There are versions available for both families with children, and for those without. Please take only one bag per family. Bags are available in the narthex, or contact Jana (570-586-6306) to schedule a delivery to your home.

Adult Education this week

The Shape of Repentance: How Does It Look When We Return to God?

March 9 - The Outer Work of the Soul (Bible study of Luke 3 and Luke 15)

- Of the four Gospels, Luke's book issues a persistent call to repent. Why? What does this mean?

Wednesdays at 6 p.m., Room 206 and ZOOM (link to be on our website and weekly e-mail).

Another Hickory Street Meal...Saturday, March 26th

On Saturday, March 26th we will again be preparing/serving a meal and collecting/distributing bags of groceries as part of Hickory Street Presbyterian's bi-monthly community meals program. We will be seeking lots of volunteers to assist with:

Purchase of ingredients and preparation of Irish Stew (recipe, beef, spices, and pan provided)

Purchase of ingredients and preparation of Irish Soda Bread Muffins (recipe, caraway seeds provided)

Purchase of ingredients and preparation of Apple Butterscotch Cakes (recipe provided)

Shopping for various grocery items for food bags (a shopping list will be provided)

Transport of food bags to Hickory Street on Friday, March 25th

Serving the meal (in house dining and to-go orders) and distributing food bags at Hickory Street Presbyterian from 9:00-1:00 on Saturday, March 26th

Sign-Up lists for all of the above, as well as the various recipes and shopping list can be found in the Narthex. Please consider how you might contribute to this important outreach to our neighbors. For additional information, please email Alan Baker at abaker2@verizon.net.

Our Church Officers

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Get Connected with One Great Hour of Sharing

People who experience oppression, need, loss or lack, those are the people Jesus connected with, and they are the people we are invited to connect with today.

Between March 2 and April 17, we will again be collecting for the PC USA's special offering, One Great Hour of Sharing. Around the world, millions of people lack access to things most of us take for granted: sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by the OGHS offering—Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People—all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

The theme for this year's offering is CONNECTION. Through our Church we connect with one another and celebrate the many ways God connects with us. During Lent, we especially celebrate that God connects with us through Jesus' resurrection and connects us with "those who have the least" through this special offering.

OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world, and the Mission & Justice Committee has set **a goal of \$5000 for our congregation**. Look for the special envelopes in the pews, simply write "OGHS" in the memo line of your check or direct your online contribution via the church website "for OGHS."

Meetings this week

Sunday, March 6	10 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:15 a.m.	Confirmation Class	Room 206
Tuesday, March 8	10 a.m.	MBK Quilting	Fellowship Hall
	7 p.m.	Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	7 p.m.	Session	Room 206
Wednesday, March 9	10:30 a.m.	Prayer and Share	Room 209
	6 p.m.	The Way Adult Bible Study	Room 206
	7:15 p.m.	Adult Choir	Sanctuary
Saturday, March 12	2 p.m.	Rehearsal	Sanctuary

SPRING FORWARD

Turn your clocks ahead 1 hour
before going to bed Saturday night!



Sunday, March 13	10 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:15	Confirmation	Room 206

Our sanctuary is open for prayer whenever the building is open.



**Blues with the
Merchants of Groove
Sunday, March 20, 2022**

4:00 pm

Paul Lyon brings his premier houserockin' blues band, The Merchants of Groove, to raise the roof and stir the spirit. Featuring Teddy Young on guitar, this band showcases the music of BB King, Buddy Guy, and other blues greats.

The concert will take place live in the sanctuary, and will be live-streamed for all to enjoy from a distance (or at a later date if you wish).

The online link will be posted on our church's website (www.fpccs.org).

One way or another, we hope you can join us!

Thank you for your **strong financial support!** There is a link on our web site to contribute online. You may drop off your contributions at the church office during working hours or send them to 300 School Street, Clarks Summit, PA 18411. To contribute by cell phone, **scan here.** We appreciate your generosity.





ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

YOU SHALL BE CALLED
REPAIRERS
of the BREACH

— Isaiah 58

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PROVIDING RELIEF FROM
NATURAL DISASTERS,
FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY,
AND SUPPORT FOR THE
POOR AND OPPRESSED.

One Great Hour of Sharing connects us to work for a better world with the people advancing the causes of justice, resilience, and sustainability.



We connect with the Resource Center Matamoros at the Southern Border of the United States that accompanies our neighbors who are seeking asylum due to economic problems, violence and corruption in their own country.

We connect with the Civil Society Coalition for Poverty Eradication in Northern Nigeria, where cycles of conflict and food security are a tragic reality.



CISCOPE

MULTICULTURAL ALLIANCE FOR A SAFE ENVIRONMENT



We connect with the Multicultural Alliance for a Safe Environment in Albuquerque to halt environmental degradation and its impact on the people of the Navajo Nation, by assisting in a collaborative effort to secure access to clean water.

DURING LENT, WE CELEBRATE THAT GOD CONNECTS WITH US THROUGH JESUS' RESURRECTION AND CONNECTS US WITH "THOSE WHO HAVE LEAST" — and that's what One Great Hour of Sharing is all about. People who experience oppression, need, loss, or lack, those are the people Jesus connected with, the Bible says, and they are the people we are invited to connect with today.

One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps improve the lives of the suffering and the vulnerable through three life-saving programs ~

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Restore Streets to Live In



PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM

Share your Bread with the Hungry



SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE

Loose the Bonds of Injustice



**IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE,
IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!**



MATTHEW 25



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT



March 2-April 17, 2022

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.

WAYS TO GIVE —

- + Through your congregation
- + Donate by credit card online at pcusa.org/give-oghs
- + Text OGHS to 91999 to give



-or-

You can help sustain the important ministries and programs that are supported by One Great Hour of Sharing Offering by making an online gift at any time throughout the year. Checks may be sent Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); P.O. Box 643700; Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

Thanks to your heartfelt gifts, One Great Hour of Sharing currently supports projects in over 100 countries.

IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!

To learn more about how your gift to One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference, visit pcusa.org/oghs



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Presbyterian Mission

of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness and profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.

One Great Hour of Sharing is one of four annual special offerings. The four churchwide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church in the twenty-first century, bringing together the diversity