

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

Second Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: Give us faith to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

"Steal Away"

arr. Marianne Kim

Call to Worship

Psalm 105:1-2

O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,
make known God's deeds among the peoples.

Sing to the Lord, sing praises to him;
tell of all God's wonderful works.

* Hymn 49

"The God of Abraham Praise"

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

First Lesson: Philippians 3:17-4:1 (NT, p. 198)

Psalter: Psalm 27 (Hymnal 90)

A Time with Children

Second Lesson: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 (OT, p. 12)

Sermon: "The Future is in the Stars"

Rev. Carter

Series: Lent on the Threshold

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 817 "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

* 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

"Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child"

arr. Marianne Kim

Prayers of the People and 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.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 702 "Christ Be Beside Me"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" arr. Marianne Kim

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 by Karen White to the glory of God in memory of loved ones.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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| Pastor | Rev. William G. Carter |
| Coordinator of Children And Youth Ministries | Jana Schillinger |
| Liturgist | Grace Farrell |
| Director of Music | Frank Jones |
| Organist | Kay Ten Eyck |
| Usher | Peter Moore |

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Church Family Announcements

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

- **Join us in person at 10:00 am.**
- **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.

Big News: We are "Masks Optional"

At Tuesday night's Session meeting, our Elders determined we will no longer be checking temperatures at the door and masks are now optional. We suggest that you still bring a mask with you so should you find yourself in conversation or prolonged close proximity to someone who is wearing a mask, you can slip yours on as a sign of Christian love and respect for their situation.

By all means, we encourage all to be vaccinated. It's the best way for us to be healthy. Thank you for your care, respect, and cooperation through the two-year ordeal of this pandemic. We hope we've beaten it - and we look forward to seeing you soon.

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.

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

Adult Education this week: Wednesdays at 6 p.m., Room 206 and ZOOM

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

March 16 - When God's People Are Torn Apart: what fear and racism do to us

We will reflect together on a brief video from Jim Wallis of Sojourners, as he calls us to move beyond our fear to learn how to embrace our neighbors.

Please keep in prayer: Elaine M., Barb M., Janet M. Janet F., Shirley, the Dann family.

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.

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 now 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."

The Mission and Justice Committee would like to thank our congregation for their overwhelming support for our 2 day drive for medical supplies for Ukrainian refugees in Poland. St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church in Scranton was very grateful for our response.

It's time to order Easter Flowers. The deadline is March 25, so act quickly!

In response to concerns voiced in the last few years before covid, the Worship, Music and Arts Committee has decided to offer only Tulips this year. The cost will be \$8.50 for a 6 1/2-inch pot of tulips. Please send your order, along with your flower dedication and accompanying payment to the church office (300 School Street, CS). You may also place your order in the offering plate on Sunday. Remember: **Deadline is noon on Friday, March 25.** (Order forms are available at the church.)

Meetings this week

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| Sunday, March 13 | 10 a.m. | Worship | Sanctuary |
| | 11:15 a.m. | Confirmation Class | Room 206 |
| Tuesday, March 15 | 7 p.m. | Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| Wednesday, March 16 | 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 |
| | 8:30 | Bell Choir Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| Thursday, March 17 | 8:30 a.m. | Men's Breakfast | Room 206 |
| | 2 p.m. | Sr. Game Group | Fellowship Hall |
| Friday, March 18 | | Presbyter Deadline | amandaer10@yahoo.com |
| Saturday, March 19 | 2 p.m. | Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| Sunday, March 20 | 10 a.m. | Worship | Sanctuary |
| | 11:15 | Confirmation | Room 206 |
| | 4 p.m. | Arts at First Presbyterian: The Merchants of Groove | Sanctuary |



**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!