

# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

Third Sunday in Lent

March 20, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, that we may become instruments of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and 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

Call to Worship

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;

***my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.***

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

***Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.***

\* Hymn 479

"Ho, All Who Thirst"

*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: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 (NT, p. 172)

Psalter: Psalm 63:1-8 (Responsive reading, OT, p. 527)

A Time with Children

Special Music

"Thaxted"

arr. Lauran Delancy

Second Lesson: Isaiah 55:1-9 (OT, p. 685)

Sermon: "If God Plays Hide and Seek"

Rev. Carter

*Series: Lent on the Threshold*

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

\* Hymn 78

"You Thirsty Ones, Come"

\* 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 true 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

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 65

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude

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

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\* All who are able shall stand.

## **PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children And Youth Ministries	Jana Schillinger
Liturgist	Jack Pittman
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Director of Bell Choir	Richard Cochrane
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 the March 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.

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 23 - Recovering from a Disturbing History: Slavery and Princeton Seminary**

Our Presbyterian seminary in New Jersey uncovered its own tortured past with slavery. How have they responded? One of the seminary trustees shares the journey with us.

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

**Please keep in prayer:** Elaine M., Barb M., Janet M. Janet F., Shirley, the Dann family, the Drydol family, the Suydam family, Cheryl, Hank, Dustin, Tins, Patrick, Kseniia, and Emily, the Baruffaldi family.

## Another Hickory Street Meal...Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

On Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup>
- 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 26<sup>th</sup>

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](mailto: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."

**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**

Sunday, March 20	10 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:15 a.m.	Confirmation Class	Room 206
	4 p.m.	Arts at First Presbyterian: The Merchants of Groove	Sanctuary
Tuesday, March 22	10 a.m.	MBK Quilts	
	7 p.m.	Deacons	Room 206
	7 p.m.	Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Wednesday, March 23	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
Friday, March 25	12 p.m.	Easter Flower orders due	Church Office
Saturday, March 26	2 p.m.	Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sunday, March 27	10 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:15	Confirmation	Room 206

**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). The online link will be posted on our church's website ([www.fpccs.org](http://www.fpccs.org)).

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