

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Gracious God, in order that the children of earth might discern good from evil you sent your Son to be the light of the world. As Christ shines upon us, may we learn what pleases you, and live in all truth and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive 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

"Trio Number 1"

Joseph Rheinberger

Call to Worship

O God, when you marched through the wilderness, the earth quaked at your presence.

O God, when you went out before your people, the heavens poured down rain.

You restored your heritage when it languished.

In your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

* Hymn 475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (NT, p. 181)

Psalter: Psalm 32 (Hymnal 446)

A Time with Children

Second Lesson: Joshua 5:9-12 (OT, p. 197)

Sermon: "Running Out of Manna"

Series: *Lent in the Wilderness*

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 509

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

* 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

"Third Mode Melody"

Thomas Tallis

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 643

"Now Thank We All Our God"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

"Lute Prelude (BWV 999)"

J.S. Bach

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

* 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	Kim Barrows
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 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 to explore the meaning of Lent. Lent bags were prepared with devotions, activity and reflection suggestions. A few bags remain and can be found in the hall opposite the sanctuary.

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 30 - When God's People Misuse God's Earth

- For a number of years, our congregation was designated an "Earth Care" church. Let's revisit this, as a national leader in the church's earth care movement joins us.

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

Please keep in prayer: Cheryl, Hank, Dustin, Tins, Patrick, Kseniia, and Emily, the Baruffaldi family.

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."

Meetings this week

Sunday, March 27	10 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:15 a.m.	Confirmation Class	Room 206
Tuesday, March 29	7 p.m.	Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Wednesday, March 30	9 a.m.	Presbyter mailing	Room 206
	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, April 2	2 p.m.	Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sunday, April 3	10 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:15	Confirmation	Room 206

Looking Ahead:

April 10	10 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship
April 14	7:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service
April 15	12-1 p.m.	Good Friday Service
April 17	10 a.m.	Easter Worship
	11 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt and Fellowship Time