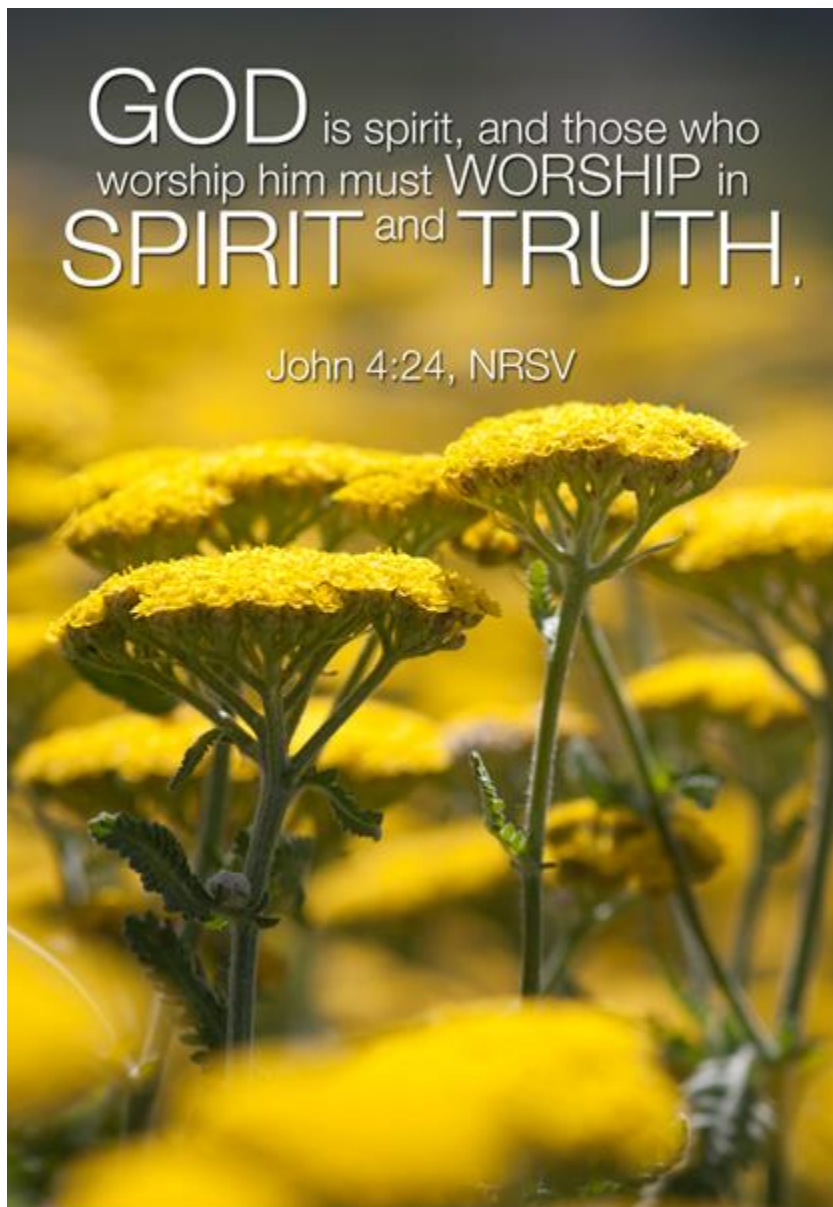


GOD is spirit, and those who  
worship him must WORSHIP in  
SPIRIT and TRUTH.

John 4:24, NRSV



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# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
Third Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2023

10:00 a.m.

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

## **ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

Gathering Music

Words of Welcome and a Minute for Church Life

Prelude "Largo" G.F. Handel arr. Noel Rawsthorne

Call to Worship

John 4:23-24

The hour is coming, and is now here, where the true worshipers  
will worship the Father in spirit and truth,

***For the Father seeks such as these to worship him.***

God is Spirit,

***and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.***

\* Hymn 41

"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above"

*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

***God of mercy,***

***you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.***

***We confess that we have strayed from you***

***and turned aside from your way.***

***We are misled by pride,***

***for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,***

***and great when we are small.***

***We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.***

***Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.***

***Return us to paths of righteousness***

***through Jesus Christ, our Savior.***

\* Silent Confession

\* Kyrie 551

"Lord, Have Mercy"

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

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

\* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

\* Gloria Patri 581

## **PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: John 4:5-42 (NT, p.94)

Psalter: Psalm 95 (OT, p.550)

A Time with Children

Anthem "Come thou Font of Every Blessing" arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Second Lesson: John 4:16-29 (NT, p.94)

Sermon: "Neither on This Mountain Nor Jerusalem" Rev. Carter  
*Sermon Series: Lent and Easter in the Company of John*

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

\* Hymn 182 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

\* Affirmation of Faith: Philippians 2:5-11

***Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.  
Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:  
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.***

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.***

Minute for One Great Hour of Sharing

Offering

Offertory

"Adagio" T. Albinoni arr. S. Drummond Wolff

\* Doxology 606

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

\* Hymn 81 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude

"Trio No. 1"

Joseph Rheinberger

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

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\* All who are able shall stand.

**The flowers** today have been given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Karen White.

## **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                         | Peter Moore                      |
| Ushers                            | Diana Pope Albright, Erika Adams |

## **Our Church Officers**

### **Elders**

**Rev. William Carter, moderator**

**Beverly Bright, clerk**

#### **Class of 2023**

#### **Class of 2024**

#### **Class of 2025**

Alan Baker

Brad Campbell

Barbara Decker

Jay Clymer

JoAnn Hall

Jeff McLaughlin

Tabbi Miller-Scandle

Ginny O'Brien

Patti McGonagle

Jan Thyren

Robin Pinches

Chris Norton

Karen White

Barry Shepherd

Briar Woodley

### **Deacons**

#### **Class of 2023**

#### **Class of 2024**

#### **Class of 2025**

Erika Adams

Bill Farrell

Katie Carter

Jim McLaughlin

Leelah Farrell

John Conklin

Debbie Miller

ate Hopkins

Grace Farrell

Barbara Norton

Peter Moore

Jamie Strong

Diana Pope-Albright

## Church Family Announcements

*Our congregation worships God, equips God's people for ministry in the world, serves God in ways that are faithful to the Gospel.*

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

- **Join us in person at 10:00 a.m.**
- **Tune in online** for our service, which is broadcast live on [our video page on YouTube](#) and archived for later viewing on the same site.

**Large-print bulletins** can be found at the rear of the sanctuary.

**The Nursery is open** Sunday mornings from 9:40-11:10 a.m. for children ages 3 and younger in room 208. The nursery is staffed by Heather Lyons.

**Lenten Bags** have been prepared for the households of the church. They are located in the main hallway by the pastor's study. Pick up yours today!

**They are back!** Next time you sit in one of our pews, look for **the red attendance pad**. After you see it, please fill out your name and pass it to the next person across the pew. We are trying to do a better job keeping track of those who come to worship.

**Tell us your prayer concerns.** Prayer Request Cards are in the pew racks. Pass them to the center aisle to be collected during the first hymn.

**Please pray for:** Barbara, Hall, Nancy, Ellen, Susannah, Janice, Kate, Leonard, Janet, June, Janet, Donna, Maura, Tina, Chuck, Jane, Morse, Rachel, Wayne, Alice, the Pittman family.

## Adult Education during Lent

**Each Wednesday at 6 p.m. during Lent, our adult education series will be on the topic "Exclusion and Embrace."** Each week the class will discuss a brief video that explores our relationship to those who have frequently been excluded from our circle of faith. These include gays and lesbians, the Jews, those who practice other religions, and people of other nations. Some of these videos are already posted online, so we will share those links in our weekly emails.

## Community Meal at Hickory Street Church

**Thank you** to all who brought groceries for this, we now have more than enough! **BUT** we are still looking for 5 more volunteers to prepare the entree (Chicken a la King, recipe provided) and 5 more volunteers to make an easy to package/serve dessert of your choice. If you can help with this, please sign-up in the Narthex. We could also use a few more volunteers to help serve the meal and distribute the groceries on Saturday, March 25th.

We are grateful for the many ways that people support our church's ministry to the community and world. If you wish to contribute by cell phone, scan here



### This Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 12

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **11:15**, Light lunch and program – Exploring Faith Practices

Monday, March 13

- **5 p.m.**, Girl Scouts, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 14

- **10 a.m.**, MBK Quilters, Fellowship Hall
- **7 p.m.**, Session, Room 206

Wednesday, March 15

- **10:30 a.m.**, Prayer and Share, Room 209
- **6 p.m.**, Adult Bible Study, Room 206
- **7:00 p.m.**, Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft
- **8 p.m.**, Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, March 16

- **2 p.m.**, Senior Game Group

Sunday, March 19

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online

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