

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, we are all members of your family, and we depend upon your gifts. Bless these offerings we have shared, so that they may strengthen our sanctuary, our ministries, and our missions. Help us to provide for each other, with these offerings and all days. Amen.

GO TO SERVE WITH GOD'S BLESSING

*HYMN There's a Wideness in God's Mercy IN BABILONE



1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, Like the wide-ness
2. For the love of God is broad - er Than the mea - sures
3. There is grace e - nough for thou - sands Of new - worlds as



of the sea; There's a kind-ness in God's jus tice, Which is more than
of the mind; And the heart of the E - ter - nal Is most won der -
great as this; There is room for fresh cre - a-tions In that up - per



lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's sor - rows
- ful - ly kind. If our love were but more faith - ful;
home of bliss. Was there ev - er kind - er shep - herd



Are more felt than up in heav'n; There is no place
We would glad - ly trust God's Word; And our lives re -
Half so gen - tle, half so sweet, As the Sav - ior



where earth's fail - ings Have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
flect thanks - giv - ing For the good - ness of our Lord.
who would have us Come and gath - er at His feet?

CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE KINGDOM



May the God of hope so fill us with the joy of Christ - like love.



May en - dur - ing peace sus - tain us, that we may a-bide in love.

POSTLUDE Fugue in B minor, BWV 544 J.S. Bach

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

PASTOR TIFFANY MCCLURE

SERVICES OF WORSHIP AT 9:00 AND 11:00 AM

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

WELCOME FRIENDS

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church. Please sign the Fellowship Register and pass it along to those around you. Visitors, please include your name, address, zip code, and phone number. When the register returns, note the names of people near you and greet one another after the service.

VISITORS, please accept our invitation to worship with us regularly and be sure to pick up a white visitor welcome bag, located in the back of the sanctuary on the Welcome Desk.

Sound enhancement devices that can accommodate a T-switch on a hearing aid, or can be fitted with a personal earpiece, are available in the sanctuary. Ask any usher for details, or see the sound engineer at the sound desk at the front of the sanctuary.

Emergency Information. An AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is located on the west wall of the Narthex (back of Sanctuary), a second AED is outside the Parlor kitchen in the Christian Education building, and a third is on the East wall of the hall between the library and Fellowship Hall.

Enjoy Fellowship Time in Fellowship Hall this morning! All members and visitors are invited to stop by and say "hello." Today's Fellowship Host is Gayle Lambert. If you are available to host fellowship hour on Sunday morning, please contact Frances Keller (563-508-7847), or leave a note at the Welcome Desk.

Childcare for anyone who needs it is provided from 8:45 AM - 12:15 PM in the Little Saints and Angels Nursery (on the third floor of the Christian Education building). Access is possible via the curved stairway just beyond the Sanctuary door to the right of the Chancel (front of the Sanctuary).

Worship Notes: Our Affirmation of Faith comes from the Belhar Confession, which was written in 1986 by the Dutch Reformed Mission Church in South Africa. It is the newest addition to the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s Book of Confessions.

Music Notes: The *Kirkwood Choir* and violist Adam Bengfort provide music leadership this morning.

This evening at 7:30, the *Chamber Chorale* leads a Service of Choral Evensong for the season of Lent.

Next Sunday, March 31, the *Sanctuary Choir* and *Cecelian Carolers* provide music.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers are Welcome for: family of Gail Braet (*niece of Jerry & Bonnie Van Loon*); Jim DeReus; Colleen Duenas; Don Dyer; Andy Edwards and family (*loss of mother and grandmother, Dolores*); Lynnell Havercamp; Justin Ilg; Sean Jacobsmeier; Wendell Jacobsmeier; Abbey McBurney (*niece of Karla Ruiter*); family of Leslie McCartney (*aunt of Alex Gilson*); Tom Woodruff and family (*death of wife, mother, grandmother, & great-grandmother, Doris*); families and victims of abuse, addiction, violence, loss, suicide, and all recent natural disasters.

Mission Partners: Rev. José Pilar Alvare Cabrera and Rev. Nestor Eduardo Alvarez (*leaders of ILUGUA, Zacapa, Guatemala*), Alice Chikomo in Harare, Zimbabwe.

Hospital visits by the Pastors are made only with a patient's permission.

InTouch Information: If you or a loved one is unable to attend church services and would enjoy personal visits from one of First Presbyterian's InTouch members, please contact Bev Koos (563-676-0292), Deacon of Pastoral Care Spiritual Development Committee.

The Prayer Chain connects those in need of prayer with church members who are committed to a ministry of prayer. All requests may be directed to Mary Ann Francois (563-355-5292).

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March 24, 2019

Third Sunday in Lent

Worship at Nine and Eleven O'Clock in the Morning



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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MEDITATION:

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

“I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift
up my hands and call on your name.”

Psalm 63:4

*The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving
memory of Binc & Jean Bawden by Ron & Susie Kardel.*

ORDER OF SERVICE

*Worshippers who are able, please stand. **Bold** indicates congregational response.

Liturgist: James Frohlich; Sermon: Rev. Katie Styr

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO...

PRELUDE "ii. Largo," from *Organ sonata no. 2, BWV 526* Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Worshippers are invited to meditate silently during the following prelude. The Bible, which has been placed near the outside door symbolizing its place in the world, is brought to the lectern from which lessons will be read, symbolizing the place of Scripture in Christian Worship.

PRELUDE Invention in F, BWV 779 J.S. Bach

INTROIT The Fruit of the Spirit Becki Slagle Mayo
The Kirkwood Choir; Adam Bengfort, Viola

PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

*UNITY HYMN - CALL TO WORSHIP

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Ushers will pick up the "Joys & Concerns" slips.

***HYMN** O God, You Are My God Alone GRATUS

At the 9:00 AM service, children are invited to come forward to the Chancel as the hymn ends.

1. O God, you are my God a-lone, whom ea-ger-ly I seek,
2. Your faith-ful love sur-pass-es life, e-vok-ing all my praise.
3. Through-out the night I lie in bed and call you, Lord, to mind;

though long-ing fills my soul with thirst and leaves my bod-y weak.
Through ev-ery day, to bless your name, my hands in joy I'll raise.
in dark-est hours I med-i-tate how God, my strength, is kind.

Just as a dry and bar-ren land a-waits a fresh-en-ing shower,
My deep-est needs you sat-is-fy as with a sump-tuous feast.
Be-neath the shad-ow of your wing, I live and feel se-cure;

I long with-in your house to see your glo-ry and your power.
So, on my lips and in my heart, your praise has nev-er ceased.
and dai-ly as I fol-low close, your right hand keeps me sure.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE 9:00 AM

Rev. Katie Styr

CONFESS TO A FORGIVING CREATOR

***CALL TO CONFESSION** - Sing "O Lord, Have Mercy" one time.

O Lord, have mer-cy; O Christ, have mer-cy; O Lord,
have mer-cy, have mer-cy on us.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you know who you are, and everything we have done. We thirst for needless things that will never truly satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will not last, and ignore the work of justice and service that you set before us. We worship distractions that will never bring us salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, loving God, and help us to be your fruitful servants. Amen.

Following the Prayer of Confession, please sing "O Lord, Have Mercy" one time.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear and believe this good news of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI** Hymn 579

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly
Ghost; As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er
shall be, world with-out end, A-men, A-men.

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 63:1-4 *The Old Testament page 527*
Luke 13:6-9 *The New Testament page 76*

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON The Patient Gardener

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN** In the Bulb There Is a Flower PROMISE

1. In the bulb there is a flow-er; in the seed, an ap-ple tree;
2. There's a song in ev-ery si-lence, seek-ing word and mel-o-dy;
3. In our end is our be-gin-ning; in our time, in-fin-i-ty;

in co coons, a hid-den prom ise: but-ter-flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn in ev-ery dark ness bring-ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be-liev-ing; in our life, e-ter-ni-ty,

In the cold and snow of win-ter there's a spring that waits to be
From the past will come the fu-ture; what it holds, a mys-ter-y,
in our death, a res-ur-rec-tion; at the last, a vic-to-ry,

un-re-vealed un-til its sea-son, some-thing God a-lone can see.
un-re-vealed un-til its sea-son, some-thing God a-lone can see.
un-re-vealed un-til its sea-son, some-thing God a-lone can see.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that unity is both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways; in that we love one another, that we share one faith, have one calling, have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Katie Styr

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

THE LORD'S PRAYER - (Traditional) Page 16 in the hymnal.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND LIVES TO GOD

In the gift of money, we offer something of our work and selves to God.

Herzlich tut mich verlangen

Johannes Brahms

*PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND LIVES TO GOD

Those who are able, please rise singing the Doxology - Hymn Tune: OLD HUNDREDDTH, 592 in the hymnal.

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