

GO TO SERVE WITH GOD'S BLESSING

*HYMN

"God of Our Life"

SANDON

1. God of our life, through all the cir-cling years, We trust in
 2. God of the past, our times are in Thy hand; With us a -
 3. God of the com - ing years, through paths un-known We fol - low

Thee; In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, Thy
 bide, Lead us by faith to hope's true prom-ised land; Be
 Thee; When we are strong, Lord, leave us not a - lone; Our

hand we see. With each new day, when morn-ing lifts the
 Thou our guide. With Thee to bless, the dark-ness shines as
 ref - uge be. Be Thou for us in life our dai - ly

veil, We own Thy mer - cies, Lord, which nev - er fail.
 light, And faith's fair vi - sion chan - ges in - to sight.
 bread, Our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

SENDING ANTHEM

"Meeting Is Over"

Arr. James E. Clemens

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 10:00 AM

CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

AR HYD Y NOS

"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.

Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here my Spirit's power filled you;

Here my tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

Sanctuary Choir and Congregation

POSTLUDE

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

arr. David Cherwien

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2018

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

REV. DR. RICHARD MILLER

SERVICE OF WORSHIP AT 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Exodus 20:1-17, 15-16, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22

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) and a second AED is outside the Parlor kitchen in the Christian Education building.

Enjoy Fellowship Time in Fellowship Hall this morning! All members and visitors are invited to stop by and say "hello." Today's Fellowship Hosts are Denny and Marilyn Jorgenson. If you are available to host fellowship hour on Sunday morning, please contact Frances Keller (563-386-3878), or leave a note at the Welcome Desk.

Childcare for infants and toddlers through four-years of age is provided from 8:15 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).

Music Notes: The *Cherub Choir* and *Sanctuary Choir* provide music leadership this morning. The offertory/anthem is an arrangement of a hymn authored by the monk Bianco da Siena in the 14th century and translated by Richard Frederick Littledale, set to an original hymn tune by Ralph Vaughan Williams. British composer Will Todd's arrangement makes use of smooth Jazz styles and harmonies.

We thank Linda Allebach for playing the organ this morning.

Next week, March 4, the *Kirkwood Choir* provides music.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers are Welcome for: Brenda Boyd; Robin Ciccotelli; Sue Ervin and family (*death of mother and grandmother*); The family of Dave Hill and all Scouts of Troop 7 and the community; Sean Jacobsmeier; The Kardel Family (*death of Harlen, father and grandfather*); Jane Paul and her children, Charlie, Annie, and A.J. (*death of husband and father, Jeff*); the Larson Family (*death of Dorothy*); Wava & Pete Madden (*death of grandson*); Bob McCowan; the Shawver family (*death of Bruce*); the Speer family (*death of Marilyn*); the White family (*death of Faye*); 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*), Rev. Herbert and Alice Chikomo in Harare, Zimbabwe.

Hospital visits by the Pastor to members and friends of the church, 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 to your home or care facility and would like to be contacted by one of First Presbyterian's InTouch members, please contact LaWanda Roudebush (563-359-1577), Deacon of Pastoral Care Spiritual Development Committee.

Printed Prayer Requests for members and friends also require permission from the person(s) in need of prayer before prayers are printed in the bulletin or mentioned during Sunday Prayer. Printed requests are in the bulletin for one month, or you can share with the Pastor or church office if you no longer wish to remain on the prayer list. The best way to assure a hospital visit or a prayer is to have you, a family member, or a friend directly notify the church office (563-326-1691).

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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February 25, 2018

Second Sunday in Lent

Worship at Nine and Eleven O'Clock in the Morning



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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MEDITATION:

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalms 22:23-31

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38

"O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar."

Psalms 139:1-2

ORDER OF SERVICE

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

Liturgist: Aly Horvath; Sermon: Rev. Dr. Richard Miller

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO...

PRELUDE “Praeludium in D minor, BuxWV 140” Dietrich Buxtehude

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 “Prelude on WINCHESTER NEW” Alan Bullard

INTROIT “God Is So Good” Trad. Spiritual
The Cherub Choir

PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Here, at the outer limits of Lent, we are called to walk.

To the paper-thin edges which cut us to the soul.

To the workplaces which weary us and to the people who confuse us.

Here, at the corner of steadfast love and faithfulness, we are called to wait:

Lent continues,

With the God who will not let go of our hands.

***HYMN** “When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace” WINCHESTER NEW

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



1. When hands reach out and fin - gers trace the
2. When fin - gers spell and signs ex - press our
3. When bro - ken bod - ies will not mend, we
4. And when the ways we learn and grow are
5. Your Spir - it gives us dif - fering ways to



beau - ty of a loved ones's face, we thank you, God, that
prayer and praise and thank - ful - ness, we thank you, God, that
thank you, God, for Christ our friend. In him, our heal - ing
not the ways that oth - ers know, we thank you, God, that
serve you well and of - fer praise. When all are joined as



love re - lies on gifts of grace not seen with eyes.
hands can sing; you bless the si - lent songs we sing.
can be - gin: he wel - comes all the wound - ed in.
we have learned your love's a gift, and nev - er earned.
one, we'll be your a - ble, strong com - mu - ni - ty.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE 9:00 AM

CONFESS TO A FORGIVING CREATOR

***CALL TO CONFESSION** - Sing “In Christ God's Spirit” one time.



In Christ God's Spir - it is giv-en a - gain, God's way of for-



give - ness is of-fered a - new. Let go of all fail - ure,



let go of all sin, God's way of for-give - ness is giv-en a -



gain. In Christ is God's Spir - it for-give-ness a - new.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, forgive the silly sins of childhood, the exuberant sins of adolescence, and the faded sins of aging. Forgive us for the sins we shout in the streets, and the sins we whisper to ourselves. Forgive us for the sins we didn't give a second thought to, the sins we plot in the middle of the night. Forgive us and have mercy on us, so we might walk the path of faithfulness with Jesus, to Jerusalem and beyond. Amen.

Following the Prayer of Confession, please sing “In Christ God's Spirit” 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.

ANTHEM 11:00 AM “Come Down O Love Divine” arr. Will Todd
The Sanctuary Choir

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 139:1-14 *The Old Testament page 577*

Matthew 16:18 *The New Testament page 18*

1 Corinthians 15:20-28 *The New Testament page 176*

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Hell”

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

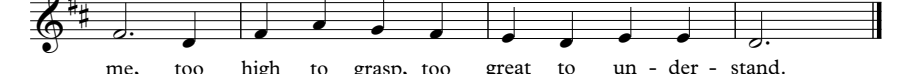
***HYMN** “You Are Before Me, Lord” SURSUM CORDA



1. You are be - fore me, Lord, you are be - hind, and o - ver me you
2. Then from your Spir - it where, Lord, shall I go; and from your pres - ence
5. Search me, O God; search me and know my heart; try me, O God; my



have spread out your hand; such know - ledge is too won - der - ful for
where, Lord, shall I fly? If I as - cend to heav - en you are
mind and spir - it try; keep me from an - y path that gives you



me, too high to grasp, too great to un - der - stand.
there, and still are with me if in hell I lie.
pain, and lead me in the ev - er - last - ing way.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

9:00 AM “Come Down O Love Divine” arr. Will Todd
The Sanctuary Choir

11:00 AM “If You But Trust in God to Guide You” arr. Paul Manz

*PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND LIVES TO GOD

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



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God, all crea - tures



here be - low; Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host;



Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, we offer our gifts to bring healing to the broken, hope to those in despair, light to those in shadows, and grace for all your people. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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