

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LEBANON



March 7, 2021

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 7, 2021

Third Sunday in Lent

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

On the theme B-A-C-H

Fugue #1 (B-flat major)

Fugue #3 (G minor)

Fugue #6 (B-flat major)

Robert Schumann

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 19

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect;
the decrees of the Lord are sure;

People: The precepts of the Lord are right;
the commandment of the Lord is clear;

Leader: The fear of the Lord is pure;

People: The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous
altogether.

Leader: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of
my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and
my redeemer.

People: Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 488 *The God of Abraham Praise*

LEONI

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Heaven, you feed us day after day until we should
be full. You freely provide us with the bread of life and the
cup of salvation. We confess that we turn up our noses at
your manna. We ignore your signs and hunger for food we
don't need. Forgive us when we complain and our belief is
thin. May our sight always be lifted up toward you. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my
iniquities.

People: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

***SUNG RESPONSE**

Hymn No. 82

*O Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross did suffer,
And patient still and lowly, Yourself to scorn did offer;
Our sins by You were taken, Or hope had us forsaken;
Have mercy on us, Jesus!*

***THE PEACE**

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

ANTHEM *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* Erik Meyer

*Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.*

*As thou with Satan didst contend and didst the vict'ry win,
O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin.*

*As Thou didst hunger bear and thirst, So teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy word.*

*And through these days of penitence, and through thy Passiontide,
yea, evermore, in life and death, Jesus! with us abide.*

*Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering over past,
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last!*

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Eternal God, through the life, death and resurrection of your Son, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world. Help us now to hear your Word that our lives might be signs of the new life offered through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Numbers 21:4-9

SERMON *Faith Healing: The One with Snakes* Michael Schulte

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into
heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with You.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.*

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. (repeat)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 80 *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* LONESOME VALLEY

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *Fugue #6 (second half)* Robert Schumann

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us this morning. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to become a member of First Presbyterian Church. For more information, please speak to the pastor at the close of the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

March 17, 6:00 p.m.

Corned Beef and Cabbage, Potatoes and Carrots, Irish Cream Chocolate Cake

To make a reservation, please call the church office at
(615) 444-1360 by Friday, March 12.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the life of Claudine Prowell by her family.

THE ROSE on the communion table is placed in celebration of the birth of Henry Hayes Wolfe to Laura Lee and Luke Wolfe on March 2 in Nashville. Proud grandmother is Marcia Slagle.

THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY of the congregation are extended to Jack and Robin Emmert on the death of Jack's mother, **Charlotte Ruth Roman Emmert**, on March 3 in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Also, extended to Kelly Roy on the death of his daughter, **Kelly Jo**, on March 4 in Springfield, Missouri.

LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE – Join us Mondays at 6:45 p.m. during Lent for a weekly prayer service. To participate, login to Zoom using the same information you use to login to worship (the prayer service will **not** be live-streamed on Facebook).

STATIONS THROUGH THE SQUARE – First Presbyterian will participate in *Stations through the Square*, a community event held on Good Friday. FPC will be the second of the stops to commemorate the 14 Stations of the Cross. The Worship Committee is looking for volunteers to welcome the participants. If you are interested in helping for a couple of hours on Friday, April 2, please contact Kristy in the church office.

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th -12th grade) – Youth Group will meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Youth group is open to ages 10 and up.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION – Grab your good luck charm and join us on Wednesday, March 17 at 6:00 p.m. for holiday games and a traditional corned beef meal. This event is open to ALL ages.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today

10:00 a.m. Worship
11:10 p.m. Winter Book Club

Monday

6:00 p.m. Lenten Service

Tuesday

Wednesday

12:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

ELDERS

Class of 2021
Suanne Bone
Don Goodwin
Adrienne Johnson
David Howell

Class of 2022
Becky Burris
Jessica Fain
Mickey Stueck

Class of 2023
Max Carter
Frank Reeves

DIACONATE

Class of 2021
Becky Harm
Lee Lyle
Sandra Patton
Emily Peyton

Class of 2022
Jack Emmert
Marilyn Peyton
Laura Simmons
Margaret Ann Trail

Class of 2023
Margaret Carroll

CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell
Treasurer – Robin Orewiler
Budget & Finance – Frank Reeves
Buildings and Grounds – David Howell
Christian Education – Mickey Stueck
Congregational Care –
Outreach – Adrienne Johnson
Personnel – Jessica Fain
Worship – Suanne Bone

STAFF

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation
Pastor – Sherard Edington
Director of Music – Branson Clark
Organist – J. D. Plant
Director of Christian Education – Michael Schulte
Office Administrator – Kristy Vincent
Preschool Director – Angela Hankins
Nursery – Sara Brown
Custodians – Stratus Cleaning Service

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Children

Nursery
Preschool – 1st Grade
Elementary Class
Middle School Class
High School Class

Adult

Atypical Class
Cross Roads Class
Faith Builders Class
Westminster Class
Women's Class

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