



March 24, 2019

# Service for the Lord's Day

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Third Sunday in Lent

11:00 A.M.

## THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

SILENT MEDITATIONPRELUDECanzona in D minor (first part)J.S. BachCHIMING THE HOUR

**CHORAL INTROIT** 

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Isaiah 43

Leader:	Thus says the Lord, I am about to do a new thing.
People:	The Lord makes a way in the sea,
	a path in the mighty waters.
Leader:	I will make a way in the wilderness
	and rivers in the desert.
People:	God will give water to his chosen people.
Leader:	I am the Lord, your Holy One, your King.
People:	Let us worship God.

HYMN NO. 489 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty UNSER HERRSCHER

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Lord of life, we gather before you to confess that our lives are full of our foolish ways. We admit that we think more of ourselves than of the one who gives us life.

We are stingy when we should be generous.

We are miserly when we should be giving.

We are cruel when we should be charitable.

Forgive us, Lord. May our lives always be an unending celebration of you. Amen.

### SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

### Assurance of Pardon

Leader:	In Christ, nothing can conquer us.
People:	This is Good News indeed!
Leader:	In God's gracious mercy, you are forgiven.
People:	Thanks be to God!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>\*</sup> Those who are able are invited to stand.

## \*Sung Response

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!

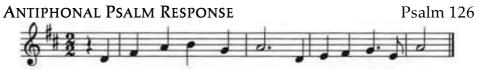
\*The Peace

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

# 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.



The Lord has done great things, and we are glad in - deed.

When the Lord brought the captives home to Zion, it seemed like a dream; our mouths were filled with laughter, our lips sang songs of joy. (R)

The pagans then said among themselves, "What marvels we see." The Lord has done great things, and we are glad indeed. (R)

O Lord bring the captives home again as streams in dry land. Yes, they who sow in tears will reap with joyful hearts. (R)

They go out with tears to sow the land; the seeds they scatter forth; they come again with singing; they bring the fruited sheaves. (R)

#### SCRIPTURE READING

John 12:1-8

Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair.

#### ANTHEM

### Try Me, O God

John Nares

*Try me, try me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart: prove me, and examine my thoughts.* 

Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me: and lead me in the way every lasting. Amen.

#### TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

#### Sermon

Rev. Sherard Edington Life in Christ: Life in Lavish Devotion

# **Response of the People**

\*HYMN NO. 78 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed MARTYRDOM

## \*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 Offertory \*Doxology

Ricercar

Girolamo Frescobaldi

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.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE THE LORD'S PRAYER

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# SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN NO. 359 More Love to Thee, O Christ MORE LOVE TO THEE

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\***Postlude** *Canzona in D minor (second part)* 

J.S. Bach

Worship Notes: Our opening hymn, *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*, was written by Rev. Benjamin Schmolck (1672-1737) and translated from the German by Catherine Winkworth. Schmolck was considered a splendid preacher, poet, and hymn writer. He attended the University of Leipzig where he was influenced by such reformers as Johannes Olearius. He wrote nine hundred hymns and was crowned poet laureate in 1697. Psalm 126. Hal H. Hopson. Copyright 1989 by Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

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 27, 6:00 p.m.

Pork Loin, Scalloped Potatoes, Salad, Coconut Crème Cake

To make a reservation, please call the church office at 615-444-1360 by **Tuesday**.

**THANK YOU** to my Church family for all of your prayers and food and support during Mama's illness. I don't know what we would have done without you! Please know how much she loved all of you. -Becky Burris

A CHURCHWIDE EASTER EGG HUNT AND SPRING FELLOWSHIP for all ages will be held on Palm Sunday, April 14 on The Hill at Wedge Oak, 4284 Old Murfreesboro Road West (Home of Carol and Van Turner) from 3-5 p.m. Grab your bonnet, basket, a friend, and a lawn chair and join your church family for egg hunting, fellowship and light refreshments. In the event of inclement weather, the egg hunt will be held following the April 17 meal. Plastic Easter eggs, candies or small toys that will fit inside the eggs are needed for our Easter Egg Hunt. Please place in the box in the back hallway or leave in the church office by April 12.

A **CELEBRATION DINNER** for **COMPASSIONATE HANDS** will be held on April 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lebanon Senior Citizen Center. Tickets are \$10. Everyone is welcome to celebrate another season of Compassionate Hands ministry in Wilson County. At FPC this year, 34 members helped take care of 24 different women over 15 weeks, averaging 6 beds per week. You can pay ahead at *compassionatehandstn.org* or at the door.

**SERMON SERIES** – Today is the second of a 6-part Lenten Sermon Series called *Life in Christ*. Through the scripture readings for Lent and Easter, we will explore what it means to live our lives with Christ.

**INQUIRERS CLASS** – Rev. Edington will lead a class for anyone interested in exploring membership in the church. The three sessions will begin today and will be held during the Sunday School hour. For more information and to sign up, please contact the church office.

THIS WEEK AT FPC					
	Wednesday				
Worship	6:00 p.m.	Wednesday Meal			
Church School	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice			
Inquirers Class	Thursday				
Worship	9:00 a.m.	Preschool			
	6:30 p.m.	Praise Team			
	Friday				
Preschool	Saturday				
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#### CHURCH COMMITTEES

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#### STAFF

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#### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Children Nursery Preschool – 1<sup>st</sup> 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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