

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 18, 2018

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude **Supplication** H. Kihlken

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Come to the Lord, who is rich in grace; approach our God, who is full of mercy.

All: **We will praise God with all our hearts and glorify the name of God forever.**

*Hymn #84 **In the Cross of Christ I Glory**

Litany for Lent

O Christ, out of your fullness we have all received grace upon grace. You are our eternal hope; you are patient and full of mercy; you are generous to all who call upon you. **Save us, Lord.**

O Christ, fountain of life and holiness, you have taken away our sins. On the cross you were wounded for our transgressions and were bruised for our iniquities. **Save us, Lord.**

O Christ, obedient unto death, source of all comfort, our life and our resurrection, our peace and our reconciliation: **Save us, Lord.**

O Christ, Savior of all who trust you, hope of all who die for you, and joy of all the saints: **Save us, Lord.**

Jesus, Lamb of God, **have mercy on us.**
Jesus, bearer of our sins, **have mercy on us.**
Jesus, redeemer of the world, **grant us peace.**

God of love, as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us, so may we give ourselves to you, living according to your holy will. Keep our feet firmly in the way where Christ leads us; make our mouths speak the truth that Christ teaches us; fill our bodies with the life that is Christ within us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Kyrie

Lord Have Mercy ©

(Kyrie Eleison)



Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri Hymn #579

*Lighting the Peace Candle and Sharing the Love, Joy, and Peace of Christ

Leader: The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment (11:00) Kathleen Lifsey

Following our time together, children ages 3 & 4 are invited to participate in Worship Workshop in Room 1, which is located on the Ground Floor beside the High School Youth Room. Children in Kindergarten and 1st grade are invited to participate in Gateways to Worship in Room 101, located on the Main Floor, between the Library and the Chapel.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Psalm 119:9-16

"BE FILLED" Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

CELEBRATING BAPTISM

Sacrament of Baptism (11:00) Elijah Alexander Knight

Parent: Isaiah Knight

Elder: Jenny Osinga

Presentation

Questions to the Candidate and Congregation

Prayer of Thanksgiving over the Water

Act of Baptism and Introduction

Prayer and Welcome

Leader: Elijah has been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made him a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ.

All: **With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Elijah into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support Elijah, to share the good news of the gospel with him, and to help him know and follow Christ.**

*Hymn #350 **Fill My Cup**

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem **Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God** C. F. Mueller

*Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.
Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.
Create in me a clean heart, O God!*

*Doxology Hymn #592

*Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

*Hymn #388 **O Jesus, I Have Promised**

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude **Prelude in G Minor** J. S. Bach

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Worship Leader: Jenny Osinga

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday, March 18

- 8:45 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Coffee Café (Officers' Room)
- 9:55 a.m. Spiritual Growth Opportunities (Various Classrooms)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 p.m. PW Sister Stories (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:00 p.m. KidMin (Room 126 and Room 1)
- 5:00 p.m. MS Youth Group (FH/MS Youth Room)
- 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 p.m. HS Youth Group (HS Youth Room)

Monday, March 19

- 10:30 a.m. Marys and Marthas (HS Youth Room)
- 12:45 p.m. BIG for LIFE (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Scout Room)
- 7:00 p.m. Community Bible Study (Martin-Gifford)

Tuesday, March 20

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Planning (Martin-Gifford)
- 7:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting (Officers' Room)

Wednesday, March 21

- 12:00 p.m. Praying in Lent (Chapel)
- 12:30 p.m. Al-Anon (Room 126)
- 5:30 p.m. WDS Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 p.m. Facilities Committee (Library)

Thursday, March 22

- 7:00 a.m. Colin Caldwell Men's Bible Study (Martin-Gifford)
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Bride's Room)
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Devotion (WC Chapel)
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Ringers (Bell Room)
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

Pastor on Call: Peter Thompson (336) 269-7270

Members Helping Members for March: Gay Tucker 384-5991 and Janice Barrett (917) 576-0059

Leonard Scholarship: The 2018-2019 program is now receiving applications. Contact office@fpcl.org or Ann at 384-6231 to request an application. Deadline is the first Monday of May 2018.

Easter Flowers: In place of the pots of flowers traditionally purchased and then taken home, the Chancel Guild is requesting donations of \$15, **In Memory of** or **In Honor of** someone. The Chancel Guild will use these donations to purchase cut flowers for the beautiful Easter arrangements in our church. Please sign up in the Front Hall on the clipboard if you are interested in honoring someone. The list of donations will be published in the Easter bulletin. Deadline to sign up for Easter flowers is Tuesday, March 27.

Sister Stories: PW presents *Sister Stories* TODAY from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Story-tellers are Noël Thomas and Barrett Thompson. Cost is \$10.

Prayer Cards, Box, and Comfort Squares: The prayer cards, box, and comfort squares, are located just off the Foyer in the hallway between the screens. If you have a special prayer request, we welcome you to complete a card and place in the box, and feel free to take one of the comfort squares from the basket. Our Prayer Chain will be glad to join you in your prayer journey.

Holy Week: Join us as we gather for worship at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary on Maundy Thursday, March 29, for Communion and 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary on Good Friday, March 30, for Tenebrae. Nursery will be provided for both services.



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