

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2020

**Those who are able, please stand.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Silent Prayer of Preparation

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. In his holy name we pray, Amen.

Prelude **Wondrous Love** T. Kendall

Welcome and Announcements
Minute for Mission: Lent for Locals

Call to Worship

Leader: O Christ, out of your fullness we have all received grace upon grace;
All: You are our eternal hope; you are patient and full of mercy.
Leader: You are generous to all who call upon you. Save us, Lord.
All: You have taken away our sins; you were wounded for our transgressions.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is truly right and a joy to give thanks to God, our creator and redeemer.

***Hymn #485: To God Be the Glory** To God Be the Glory

***Prayer of Adoration and the Lord's Prayer** Hymnal, p. 16

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Kyrie: Hymn #572
Lord have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation; the old life has gone, and a new life has begun.
All: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Responsive Hymn #341: Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine (Refrain only)**

***Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed** Hymnal, pg. 14

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Following the Children's Moment, children ages 4 and 5 are invited to participate in Worship Workshop in Room 1 on the ground floor next to the toddler playground. Children in 1st and 2nd grades are invited to participate in Gateways to Worship in Room 101 on the main level between the Library and Chapel. All children 3 and under are welcome in the Nursery. Please see green pew card for more information.

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 12:1-4 (pew Bible OT, p. 10)
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 121 (pew Bible OT, p. 571)
New Testament Lesson: John 3:1-17 (pew Bible NT, p. 93)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

"The Cadence of Christ" Chad McCain

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn #101: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross** Hamburg

Prayers of the People

Call to Offering
Offertory Anthem **There's a Wideness in God's Mercy** M. Bevan

*There's a Wideness in God's mercy Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice Which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings Have such kindly judgement given.
For the love of God is broader Than the measure of man's mind;
And the heart of the Eternal Is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow By false limits of our own;
And we magnify his strictness With a zeal he will not own.
There is plentiful redemption In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members In the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands Of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations In that upper home of bliss.
If our love were but more simple, We should take him at his word;
And our lives would be all gladness In the joy of Christ our Lord.*

***Doxology** Hymn #592
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

***Hymn #376: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling** Hyfrydol

***Benediction and Sharing the Love, Joy, and Peace of Christ**

Postlude **Prelude in C minor** F. Mendelssohn

Worship Leader: Erik Koroneos

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday, March 8

10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
5:00 p.m. Walk with God (Rear Parking Lot)

Monday, March 9

10:00 a.m. PW Book Circle (Library)
10:00 a.m. PW Horizons Circle (Officers' Room)
7:00 p.m. Scouts BSA Troop 7 (Scout Room, for boys 11-18)
7:00 p.m. Men's Community Bible Study (Martin-Gifford Room)

Tuesday, March 10

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Martin-Gifford Room)
9:30 a.m. Young and Not So Young (Library)
4:30 p.m. Finance Committee (Officers' Room)
5:30 p.m. Spiritual Growth (Martin-Gifford Room)
5:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee (Library)
7:00 p.m. Scouts BSA Troop 49 (Room 126, for girls 11-18)
7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 7 (Scout Room, for boys and girls K-5th grade)

Wednesday, March 11

12:00 p.m. Lenten Prayer Services
12:30 p.m. Al-Anon (Martin-Gifford Room)
6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Fellowship

Thursday, March 12

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

Sunday, March 15

9:00 a.m. Coffee Café (Officers' Room)
9:15 a.m. Spiritual Growth Opportunities (Various Locations)

Pastor on Call: Peter Thompson (336) 269-7270 or Chad McCain (617) 304-9802

Members Helping Members for March: Jenny Osinga (434) 426-1675 and Rebecca Trexler (602) 359-6909

Lenten Prayer Services: A time of prayer and reflection. At noon each Wednesday during Lent (March 4 – April 8) in the Chapel. Sponsored by the Care and Nurture Committee.

Wednesday Night Fellowship: March 11 @ 6:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall). "Fraud and Security," with guest speaker Carl Wilkins of AARP. Cost is \$10 for a catered dinner. **Sign-up in the hallway off the Foyer by March 9.**

Sister Stories: Sunday, March 15 @ 11:30 a.m. (immediately following worship). Lunch & Program \$10. Come listen as Bianca Childress and Yn Do Jones share their personal journeys of faith. **Must sign up by March 9.**

Easter Flowers: If you would like to contribute in memory/honor of a loved one, a donation will be collected, and your gift will be noted in the bulletin on Easter. The Chancel Guild will use the monies to fund beautiful floral decorations in our church. The sign-up is on the front entry table, with envelopes for your contributions. Please make your checks out to First Presbyterian Church, with "Easter Flowers" in the memo. Contributions must be received by April 9 to appear in the bulletin.

Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 4 @ 10:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall). A fun hunt for pre-schoolers through 5th graders.

First Pres Presents: *This is Our Story, This is Our Song*, April 4 @ 4:00 p.m. (Sanctuary). A Lenten concert featuring Dan Forrest's "Requiem for the Living" - Chancel Choir and Chamber Orchestra. All are welcome; reception to follow. Nursery available for children 4-years-old and younger.

Leonard Scholarship: application and guidelines are available by contacting Karen Wydner at office@fpcly.org

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter: On Thursday, April 9 @ 5:30 p.m., Friday, April 10 @ 5:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 12 @ 7 a.m., 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m., a series of services to remember and commemorate the events of Holy Week. All are encouraged to come together in worship.

VBS Registration - June 8-12, 8:45-12:15, Parents and Volunteers, see Kathleen Lifsey, kathleen@fpcly.org

Many events, programs, and meetings are occurring at FPC; we encourage you to view the church calendar on www.fpcly.org, the hallway bulletin board, and sign-up table just off the Foyer for all the upcoming activities.