

1st Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2020

Lent is a season of 40 days beginning with Ash Wednesday and concluding with the Great Vigil the Saturday before Easter. Lent is a time for growth in faith—through prayer, spiritual discipline, and self-examination—in preparation for the commemoration of the dying and rising of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Those who are able, please stand.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, your Son fasted forty days in the wilderness and was tempted as we are but did not sin. Give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prelude

Supplication

H. Kihlken

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission: Lent for Locals

Chad McCain

Call to Worship

Leader: This is our story; this is our song.

All: **You shall worship the Lord your God alone.**

Leader: This is our story; this is our song.

All: **God's promise is for all generations.**

God's covenant is with every living thing.

Leader: This is our story; this is our song.

All: **Let us worship the Lord our God together.**

*Hymn #461: God Is Here!

Abbot's Leigh

*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! The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love.

All: **In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.**

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Psalm 103:8

*Responsive Hymn #341: Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine

Assurance

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, pg. 14

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Kathleen Lifsey

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 2:15-17, 3:1-7

(pew Bible OT, p. 2)

Psalter Lesson: Psalm 32

(pew Bible OT, p. 506)

New Testament Lesson: Matthew 4:1-11

(pew Bible NT, p. 3)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

"This is Our Story; This is Our Song."

Chad McCain

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

Since by Man Came Death

G. F. Handel

*Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*

*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

*Benediction

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

*Hymn #420: God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM Rhondda

Congregational Meeting

*Sharing the Love, Joy, and Peace of Christ

Postlude

Prelude in A Minor

J. S. Bach

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday, March 1

- 5:00 p.m. Walk with God (Rear Parking Lot)
- 5:00 p.m. KidMin (Room 126)
- 5:00 p.m. Middle School & High School Youth Group (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, March 2

- 5:30 p.m. FPC Weekday School Board (Martin-Gifford 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 3

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Library)
- 9:30 a.m. Young & Not So Young - **Rescheduled for March 10**
- 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 4

- 12:00 p.m. Lenten Prayer Service (Chapel)
- 12:30 p.m. Al-Anon (Martin-Gifford Room)
- 5:30 p.m. Service and Outreach Committee (Officers' Room)

Thursday, March 5

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

Friday, March 6 to Sunday, March 8

Clark Spiritual Growth Family Retreat (Massanetta Springs, VA)

Sunday, March 8

- 8:45 a.m. Being Reformed (Library)
- 9:00 a.m. Coffee Café (Officers' Room)
- 9:15 a.m. Spiritual Growth Opportunities (Various Locations)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Pastor on Call: Chad McCain (617) 304-9802

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

Called Congregational Meeting Today: The purpose of this meeting will be to review and approve Terms of Call for Rev. Peter A. Thompson and Rev. Chad C. McCain as well as elect members to serve on the 2020 Nominating Committee.

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 at 6:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall). "Fraud and Security," with guest speaker Carl Wilkins of AARP. All of us know someone who has, or have been a victims of identity theft or a fraud attempt ourselves. Gain helpful insight as to how we can protect ourselves from being victims. 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. Sign-up in the hallway off the Foyer. Hosted by Presbyterian Women. Must sign up by March 9.

Easter Flowers: If you would like to make a contribution 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 8 to appear in the bulletin.

Chancel Choir Easter Concert: Saturday, April 4 at 4:00 p.m. (Sanctuary). All are welcome, reception to follow. Nursery available for children 4 years and younger.

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

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