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First Sunday in Lent/ Scout Sunday

Sunday, February 21, 2021

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Wondrous Love

T. Kendall

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory

CWN Rhondda

God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power;
Crown Thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn Thy Christ, assail Thy ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of Thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving Thee whom we adore, serving Thee whom we adore.

Prayer of the Day and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy on us.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 15:1-13, 18, 22-27

"Our Wilderness Journey"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: The Glory of These Forty Days

Erhalt Uns, Herr

The glory of these forty days
we celebrate with songs of praise;
for Christ, by whom all things were made,
Himself has fasted and has prayed.

Alone and fasting, Moses saw
the loving God who gave the law;
and to Elijah, fasting, came
the steeds and chariots of flame.

Then grant that we like them be true,
consumed in fast and prayer with You;
our spirits strengthen with Your grace,
and give us joy to see Your face.

Recognition of Scouting: P.R.A.Y. Program

Prayers of the People

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

In Christ Alone *Thomas Cass, Soloist*

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*In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand.
In Christ alone! - who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live.
There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ
No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand.*

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

Prayer of Dedication and Benediction

Choral Benediction: God Be with You Till We Meet Again

God Be with You

God be with you till we meet again, By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

Lenten Hymn *****

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office and Facility Update: On Tuesday, February 16 the Session approved an extension until March 20, to close the facility to group gatherings of session committees, classes, and circles, with the exception of the FPC Weekday School, Al Anon, Scouts, and the Facilities Committee (who have several projects to tend to at this time). Individual appointments are still welcomed with staff but check-in, temperature checks, masks and social distancing will still be enforced. This caution is being implemented due to the continual increase of Covid-19 cases in our local area. Session will continue to reassess and hopes to be able to lift restrictions of gatherings as soon as possible.

WALK WITH GOD will meet today at 4:30pm in the front parking lot. All are invited and encouraged to come be inspired with a brief devotional and friendly walk to the end of Peakland Place and back to the church.

Lent is here! Our Wilderness Journey: a Reflective Hike In and Toward Hope is our theme. Discover more about who and whose you are as we focus on learning more about the God who offers us the gift of hope for today and for all our tomorrows. See below for in-person and online worship opportunities. ALL details can be found on our website (<https://www.fpclly.org/2021-lenten-offerings.html>).

Outdoor Evening Prayer Services. Let a step on your hike in and toward hope include participating in our Wednesday evening prayer services on February 24, March 3, 10, 17, & 24 at 6:30pm in the back parking lot gathered around the fire. Please plan to wear a mask. Social distancing guidelines will be followed.

Musical Monday Reflections. Make music a part of your wilderness journey by engaging in our weekly musical offerings shared by Cory Whittier, past Lenten choir performances, and other familiar voices and instruments. All video offerings will be shared on our [website](#), [YouTube channel](#), and [Facebook](#) page at 12pm (noon) on Mondays, February 22, March 1, 8, 15, & 22.

Midweek Meditations. Allow the combination of scripture, reflection, and music be a part of your walk to the cross by engaging in our weekly midweek meditations. Join Pastor Peter for a reading of scripture and a brief reflection followed by musical offerings. All video reflections will be shared on our [website](#), [YouTube channel](#), and [Facebook](#) page at 12pm (noon) on Wednesdays, February 24, March 3, 10, 17, & 24.

Lenten Daily Devotional. We are offering an interactive and simple daily devotional called *Breaking the Chains* for your Lenten walk providing the opportunity each day for you to draw closer to God. If you haven't been able to get your own copy of our Lenten devotional, contact Kathleen@fpcl.org. It's not too late to get started!

FACE IT! Worship + Bingo. February 28 at 3:00pm on Zoom. Join Kathleen for another fun afternoon of worship (through song, dance, and a message) and bingo. We will have prizes and you will have fun! RSVP on this form <https://forms.gle/MyUEjtrJKbCJQiWZ8> by Friday, February 26.

Pastoral Care and Prayers: If you have an emergency and need to talk with Peter, please call him directly. Members Helping Members are also available by phone.

Pastor on Call:

Peter Thompson (336) 269-7270

Members Helping Members for February (phone only):

Cathy Oakes (434)384-9403 and Betty Blue (434) 384-6420

The G. Rudolph Leonard Scholarship: awarded on the basis of merit and financial need is available to active members of First Presbyterian Church, as well as PCUSA churches within a nine-mile radius of the office of Presbytery of the Peaks. The grant is offered for undergraduate and graduate study at a four-year accredited college, university or theological institution. The Scholarship Committee will take into consideration each applicant's academic record, test scores, community, school and church activities, and other extracurricular activities. If you are interested, contact Karen Wydner at office@fpcl.org. She will email you the electronic documents needed for the application process. All application materials must be received in the church office by **3:00 p.m. on May 7, 2021** to be considered.

“Rooted and Reaching” Capital Project Update:

1. We have now raised over \$2.62 Million in pledges to date! Our goal is \$3 Million to do everything outlined in the Campaign Focus. Booklets and Brochures with more information are available in the church office.
2. The Steeple Replacement project is underway led by Bill Perkins and Sutton Tinsley. Construction is scheduled to take place this April.
3. The Organ Renovation project has been affirmed by Session, contracted with Foley-Baker, and will be led by Rob Cleland and Cory Whittier. The initial stages of the renovation are scheduled to begin this summer with construction to start early in 2022. The construction phase will be 12 to 14 months from start to finish.
4. Other projects are in the planning stages with more information to come.

Annual Stewardship Campaign Status: We have now received 185 pledges totaling close to \$634,000 for our 2021 Operating Budget! Thank you to all who have turned in their pledge. Annual Stewardship packets and pledge cards were passed out concurrently with the Capital Projects Campaign visits, so if we have missed you in any way, please know that was not our intention and let us know. We want to include everyone. If you would like to initiate a date and time for a visit, we invite you to call the church office at 434-384-6231, or email at office@fpcl.org.