

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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# GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Please join in  
reading aloud those  
parts of the  
service printed in  
bold.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us now prepare our hearts to worship God.

## MUSIC FOR PREPARATION

Pastorale on Psalm 23

Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

- from Isaiah 55:1-9

Come, all you who are thirsty!

Come to the waters!

**Listen to what is good,**

**and our souls will delight in the richest of fare.**

Give ear and come to the Lord;

Listen, that your soul may live.

**Lord, we seek you.**

**We call on you while you are near.**

*When this symbol (\*)  
precedes an element  
of the service, please  
rise in body or spirit.*

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN – NO. 182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

## \*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,

our sins are too heavy to carry,

too real to hide,

and too deep to undo.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name,

what our hearts can no longer bear,

and what has become for us

a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change;

open to us a future in which we can be changed;

and grant us grace

to grow more and more in your likeness and image;

through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

*We lay before God  
our own sins,  
the sins and  
brokenness of our  
fellow worshippers,  
the church universal,  
and the world.*

## \*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

SOUTHWELL

Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin. From  
 earth - born pas - sions set me free, and make me pure with - in.

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, 5th century; trans. Allen W. Chatfield, 1876, alt.  
As found at Hymn No. 417, *Glory to God* hymnal

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Hear the Good News of Salvation

NETTLETON

Hear the good news of sal - va - tion: Je - sus died to show God's love.  
 Such great kind - ness! Such great mer - cy! Come to us from heaven a - bove.  
 Je - sus Christ, how much I love you! Je - sus Christ, you save from sin!  
 How I love you! Look u - pon me. Love me still and cleanse with - in.

Text: Native American, vers. Jane Parker Huber, 1989.  
As found at Hymn No. 441, *Glory to God* hymnal.

**\*PASSING THE PEACE, LOVE, AND JOY OF CHRIST TO OTHERS**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*The astoundingly good news of our reconciliation to God through Jesus Christ frees our tongues to sing mighty praise to God.*

*We exchange reconciling words and gestures among the people of God.*

**LISTENING FOR THE WORD**

A TIME WITH CHILDREN (11:00)

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**PSALM OF THE DAY**

Psalm 63:1-8

setting by Richard Proulx

My soul is\_\_ thirst - ing for you, O\_\_ Lord my\_\_ God.

*The psalm refrain is sung at the direction of the cantor.*

*We listen for what  
God is saying to  
God's people  
through scripture,  
song, and sermon.*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Isaiah 55:1-9

*Large Print Pew Bible, pages 838-839*

*Pew Bible, pages 685-686*

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM (11:00)**

Ho! Everyone That Thirsteth

Will C. Macfarlane (1870-1945)

*Rocco Sharkey, tenor*

*Chancel Choir*

Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money;  
come ye, buy, and eat.

Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that  
which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good,  
and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make  
an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

*-Isaiah 55:1-3*

I heard the voice of Jesus say, behold, I freely give the living water;  
thirsty one, stoop down and drink, and live.

I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul  
revived, and now I live in Him.

*-Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)*

**GOSPEL READING:** Luke 13:1-9

*Large Print Pew Bible, page 92*

*Pew Bible, page 76*

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON:** Does Your Garden Need a Little Manure This Spring?

Dr. Ron Shive

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE – NO. 445**

God, How Can We Forgive

LEONI

**\*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.

*Our response to  
hearing God's  
Word includes  
singing and saying  
what we believe.*

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.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## ACTS OF GIVING AND RECEIVING

### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

### MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

The Lord Is My Shepherd

(8:30) Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

(11:00) Neil Harmon (b. 1967)

(8:30) *Nan Wooten, alto*

(11:00) *Chancel Choir*

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want;  
he maketh me down to lie in pastures green;  
he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of death,  
yet will I fear no ill,  
for thou art with me;  
and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished  
in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost anoint with oil,  
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me,  
and in God's house forevermore  
my dwelling place shall be.

*-Psalm 23, Scottish Psalter*

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God, all crea-tures here be - low;  
Praise God a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

**BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN – NO. 307**

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

*God blesses and  
sends us in  
mission to the  
world.*

*Ronald L. Shive, D. Min., Pastor  
Taylor Barner, M. Div., Associate Pastor for Student Ministries  
Norman Whitney, M. Div., Parish Associate for Pastoral Care  
J. Patrick Murphy, M. Mus., Organist-Choirmaster  
Charlotte Allbright, C.C.E., Church Educator  
Matthew Walton, 8:30 a.m. Liturgist  
Denese Byrd, 11:00 a.m. Liturgist*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A WARM AND CORDIAL WELCOME** is extended to all who worship with us this Sunday. We hope in this service you will encounter the living Christ and experience the warmth of our caring family of faith. Please take a moment to sign our friendship register when it is passed to you. If you are visiting with us and in search of a church home, we invite you to become a part of our church family here at First Presbyterian Church. Please let us know of your interest by way of the friendship register, or by speaking to one of our ministers.

**LARGE PRINT HYMNS:** Copies of today's hymns are available in the Narthex.

**HEARING LOOP:** The Sanctuary is fitted with a Hearing Loop system. Please switch your hearing device to T-coil. If you need a listening device, please contact one of our ushers.



**COVER ART:** The crosses found on the cover of the worship bulletins throughout the season of Lent were created by members of the congregation during a Zentangle workshop on March 5, 2019. The facilitator was Julie Gvillo, founder and director of A Place of Grace. You may learn more about praying through art by visiting [www.zentangle.com](http://www.zentangle.com) and [www.aplaceofgrace-juliegvillo.net](http://www.aplaceofgrace-juliegvillo.net).

**NARTHEX FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Ossie Bynum Emerson and in honor of the newly wed Phil and Emma (Holt) Maggi.

**IN THIS SEASON OF LENT, YOU MAY NOTE THESE:** During this season, it is our practice to remove *alleluias* from worship (they will reappear on Easter Sunday). The Doxology (response to the offering) will be sung to the tune OLD HUNDREDTH. In addition, a Psalm appointed for the day will be sung. These psalm settings may be responsorial, that is between a cantor and the congregation, choral (sung only by the choir), or metrical, as in the form of a hymn. Also, no closing voluntaries will be offered. Finally, it will be noticed that floral arrangements will not be used in the Chancel during Lent, but rather arrangements of bare branches, which offer us a stark reminder that Lent is a season of penitence and reflection.

**508 PARTNERSHIP POETRY** group is meeting Tuesdays in March to discuss and discover African American Poetry using the book "Black Poets." The group will meet at First Presbyterian Church at 12:00 p.m. in Room 203 this Tuesday, March 26. Contact Charlotte Allbright or Harry Brown for more information.

**LENTEN WEDNESDAY WORSHIP:** During the season of Lent, a worship service will be held in Williams Chapel each Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. These 30-minute services will be led by clergy within our congregation and staff, and will include hymns, prayers, scripture, and a homily. We hope you will make these a part of your Lenten discipline this year.

**IT'S COOL IN THE FURNACE:** The annual Children's Choir Musical is today at 5:30 p.m. in Calvin Hall. Come and hear the story of Daniel, his three friends (Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego) and an angry King Nebuchadnezzar. Listen to the way they follow God's plan and learn to trust God! It will certainly be "cool" in the furnace!

**TACOS & 5-BELOW BINGO NIGHT:** On Sunday, March 31 at 6:00 p.m. in Calvin Hall you are invited to enjoy food, fun, and fellowship with an evening of tacos and Bingo. The idea is to serve tacos and enjoy an evening of Bingo. Bingo participants are asked to bring a gift below \$5.00 in value to build the prize pool for distribution to the Bingo winners.

**THE FPC YOUTH GOLF TOURNAMENT – SUPPORTING SUMMER MISSION TRIPS:** The FPC Youth Group will be holding a golf tournament fundraiser on Saturday, April 6th at Indian Valley Golf Course. Individuals can play for \$75.00 and Team sponsorships (4 players) are \$300. There are many other ways to contribute as well, including hole sponsorships, participating as a virtual caddie, and donations of drink items. All proceeds benefit the mission work of our senior high students each summer so please consider contributing in some way! Youth will be selling tickets today in the Welcome Center following 8:30 a.m. worship service and in the narthex following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

**FEED THE HUNGRY:** This month we're collecting soup and coffee.

**FIRST PRESS UPDATE:** As we are now emailing *First Press* (monthly newsletter), you will not be receiving a paper copy in your mailbox this month. There are some copies in the narthex and outside the church office. If you are on the email list, you will be receiving *First Press* by email. It will also be linked to our weekly eblast, in our website archives, in the website newsfeed, and linked to a Facebook post.

**EASTER LILIES** for use in the sanctuary may be ordered as memorial or honorary flowers (\$27 each). Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and mark "Easter Lilies". The deadline to order is April 14, 2019. Please fill in the order form below and include with your payment. Please contact the church (336-228-1703) if you have questions.

**EASTER LILIES ORDER FORM:**

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Donor \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Donor \_\_\_\_\_

**CALENDAR**  
**March 24-30**

**Sunday, March 24**

8:30 a.m.           Worship Service – Williams Chapel  
9:15 a.m.           Welcome Center Opens  
9:45 a.m.           Faith Formation for Adults and Children  
10:00 a.m.          Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
10:45 a.m.          Session meets for prayer – Room 201  
11:00 a.m.          Worship Service – Sanctuary  
Noon                 Partners in Mission Committee Meeting – Room 203  
4:00 p.m.           Confirmation Class  
4:00 p.m.           Carol and Covenant Choirs Rehearse – Calvin Hall  
5:30 p.m.           Carol and Covenant Choirs present *It's Cool in the Furnace*

**Tuesday, March 26**

6:45 a.m.           Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study – Witherspoon Room  
7:45 a.m.           High School Dough Devotions – Biscuitville on S. Church St.  
10:00 a.m.          Staff Meeting  
Noon                 508 Partnership Poetry Group Meets – Room 203  
5:30 p.m.           Carillon Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m.           BSA Troop 17 – Garrison Joyner Activities Building

**Wednesday, March 27**

7:00 a.m.           High School Dough Devotions – Skid's in Elon  
10:00 a.m.          Wednesday Morning Bible Study – Witherspoon Room  
11:30 a.m.          Wednesday Lenten Worship Service – Williams Chapel  
6:00 p.m.           BSA Cub Scout 17 – Garrison Joyner Activities Building  
6:45 p.m.           Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, March 28**

6:45 a.m.           Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study – Witherspoon Room  
10:00 a.m.          Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Friday, March 29**

8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.   Playschool Consignment Sale – Calvin Hall

**Saturday, March 30**

8:00 a.m.- Noon       Playschool Consignment Sale – Calvin Hall

**Minister on Call:**     March 22-24   Ron Shive (336-263-1884)