

Third Sunday in Lent and Communion
March 3, 2013

*"In Your will is our peace;
In Your love is our rest;
In Your service is our joy."*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

‡ GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.
And also with you.

* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 63

O God, you are my God, early will I seek you.

**My soul thirsts for you, my heart yearns for you, as in a
dry and thirsty land where there is no water.**

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your
power and glory.

**Because your steadfast love is better than life itself, my
lips will praise you.**

Let us worship God!

* HYMN, #476 "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, as we come to your table today to
drink from the Living Waters of salvation, we
confess our undeserving.**

**We have tried to quench our thirst from the polluted
streams of the world's cheap pleasures.**

**As we come to the Bread of Life, we confess that we
have sought to be nourished by passing comforts
and selfish pursuits.**

And still we hunger and thirst.

**Forgive us our self-centeredness. Cleanse us from our
harm to others.**

**Place yourself on the throne of our lives, that we may
fervently love you, and fully give ourselves to
others for your sake.**

Now hear our silent, personal prayers...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* GLORIA PATRI Hymn #579

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 2:1-5

ANTHEM "Laudamus Te" by Natalie Sleeth
Children's Choir

*"We praise Thee, Lord, this joyful day. We praise Thee, we bless Thee,
we magnify Thy name. Thy majesty proclaim!"*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ORGAN INTERLUDE (11:00)

On Communion Sunday there is no Children's Worship.

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 5:21-24, 38-48

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "God's Peace Initiative"

*"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that
you may be children of your Father in heaven."*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CHORAL MEDITATION "Lead Me, Lord" by G. B. Nevin
*Lead me, Lord. Lead me in Thy righteousness. Make Thy way
plain before my face. For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord, only, that
makes me dwell in safety. (Psalm 5:8)*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed*, hymnal pg. 14

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy.....who forever sing
to the glory of your name:

"Hosanna in the highest!

That ancient song we sing

For Christ is our Redeemer,

The Lord of heaven our King.

O may we ever praise Him

With heart and life and voice,

And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* HYMN, #324 "Open My Eyes That I May See"

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE AND POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

Janet Hudson is the Elder of the Day. **Maggie Brown** is the
liturgist.

‡ **Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad** found at the end of
your pew. Write prayer concerns and notes to the church
office on the cards found in your pew and place them in the
offering plate.

* **If you are able, please stand.**

Next Sunday, Pastor Dave will offer the last sermon on the
Beatitude series, "When We're Hurt for Doing Right," from
*"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is
the kingdom of heaven."*

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

Sunday, March 3

No Middle School or Senior High Youth Groups (the group is
returning from NaCoMe around 6:00 pm).

Monday, March 4

7:00 am **Men's Breakfast** at Shoney's (corner of Kraft & 2nd Streets). All men, all ages, are invited to join us in conversations about life and faith. A brief devotional follows the meal.

9:15 am **PW Hannah Circle meets.**

5:00 pm **Theology on Tap meets** at the Guadalajara Grill.

Tuesday, March 5

10:00 am **PW Morning Circle** meets.

5:30 pm **Yoga class** in the fellowship hall.

Wednesday, March 6

10:00 am **Bible Study** group meets in the church library.

5:30 pm **Congregational Supper**

6:00 pm **Wednesday Night Lenten Studies** continue March 6 & 13. See the details below.

6:00 pm **Hand Bell Choir** practice on the 4th floor.

6:30 pm **Senior Highs meet** at Chick-Fil-A on Madison Street. Please money for dinner.

7:00 pm **Adult Choir** practice on the 4th floor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Time changes next weekend so move clocks forward 1 hour on Saturday night, March 9, before going to bed

Join Pastor Dave at an ecumenical Men's Retreat, March 7-10:

Walk to Emmaus is a 3-day experience to grow deeper in faith along with some 60 other men from a variety of churches. On Thurs. evening through Sun. afternoon, March 7-10, Pastor Dave will join Pastor Skip Armistead (Hilldale UMC) and Pastor Charles Boyd (Liberty Chapel of Guthrie) in leading this unique experience at the Hermitage UMC. A similar weekend for women will take place March 21-24. The cost of the 3-day experience is \$100. Call Pastor Dave if interested.

2nd Sunday Lunch, March 10, 12:05 pm in the fellowship hall. The menu will be "Breakfast" with all the favorites!

Presbyterian Women Luncheon, March 25, 12:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Pastor Dave Handley will present an "Easter Devotional". Reservations are required by Thurs. March 21.

WED. NIGHT SUPPER & LENTEN STUDIES

February 20 & 27 and March 6 & 13

Light Supper at 5:30 pm and Studies from 6-7:00 pm

Pastor Dave Handley will lead us in this four-week class based on the book by Jerry Bridges, "**Respectable Sins: Confronting the Sins We Tolerate**". We will reflect on the so-called "respectable sins" such as greed, lack of self control, the need to control others, impatience, a judgmental spirit, laziness, anger, ego, and competitiveness. Each week we will begin with a light supper at 5:30; we will open with some favorite hymns at 6:00, followed by prayer, and then the lesson and discussion from 6:15-7:00. Nursery care will be provided each Wed. for infants through age 3. Ages 4 and up will



use "The Easter Garden" and will be creating our own Garden of Gethsemane to learn about the events of Holy Week during this Lenten Study Series. Following dinner, children age 3 and older go to the Art Room on the 4th floor for our lesson and crafts. We will also have service projects each week that directly ties to our lesson. Outline of the program:

Week 1 - Wed. Feb. 20, Jesus Enters Jerusalem- We made palm leaves and began collecting gently used coats and sweaters for those in need. The clothing represents the cloaks laid out before Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem.

Week 2 - Wed. Feb 27, Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet- We will make a papier-mâché bowl to represent the bowl Jesus used when he washed the disciples feet. This reminds us to show love by serving others. We will clean up a room in the church and write thank you notes to our building staff for keeping our church clean.

Week 3 - Wed. March 6, The Last Supper- We will make a grape arbor and a newspaper bread basket as we learn about the Last Supper. We will continue the service projects from weeks one and two.

Week 4 - Wed. March 13, The Garden- We will learn about Jesus' experience in the Garden of Gethsemane. We will make flowers to remind us of the time Jesus spent praying at Gethsemane. We will make seed packets to give to others to share the beauty of God's world.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, March 24, Pastor Dave's message will be "The Courage of Jesus" from John 18:28-19:16. Children are invited to participate in the Palm Sunday processional.

Maundy Thursday Worship, March 28, 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall with a light soup and salad dinner. Communion will be served

around the tables with Dave Handley and one elder at each table. Children are welcomed and encouraged to attend with their parents.

Memorial Easter Lilies - names of those in memoriam (or in honor) along with donors will be listed in the bulletin. All you do is make a donation to the FPC Memorial Garden Fund and notify the church office of your loved one's name by 12 noon March 26.

Good Friday Community Worship Service, March 29, 6:00 pm, at Grace Nazarene, 3135 Trenton Rd. Pastor Dave will be participating in leading the service.

Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 30, 3-5:00 pm, at Jane & Steve Wallace's home, 145 E. Glenwood. Bring cookies & juice to share.

Easter Sunday, March 31. Pastor Dave's message will be "The Shock Heard Round the World." You are invited to bring fresh flowers to place on the cross outside the sanctuary.

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*With Christ as our Savior and Guide,
We seek to know God's love and share it
With each other, our community, and the world.
We invite you to join us in this journey
of discipleship!*

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