

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 10, 2013

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

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE "Aria" by Flor Peeters, Vicki King, organist

‡ GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.
And also with you.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

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.

* HYMN, #150 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:

Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

Now hear our silent, personal prayers...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* GLORIA PATRI

Hymn #579

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 32

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

ANTHEM "I Need Thee Every Hour" arr. Sally DeFord

Sarah Klein, flute

*"I need Thee, oh I need Thee, every hour I need Thee.
Oh bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee."*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ORGAN INTERLUDE (11:00)

Children, ages four - fourth grade depart for Children's Worship.

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 23:32-43

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "When We're Hurt for Doing Right"

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:10)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN, #420, vs. 1-2

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, 1563

What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

That I belong –body and soul, in life and death – not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins, and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation.

Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory

Sarah Klein, flute

* The Doxology, Hymn #592

* Prayer of Dedication

* HYMN, #345

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

* POSTLUDE

"Toccatina in Seven"

John Rutter

WORSHIP NOTES

Scott Sitter is the Elder of the Day. **Don Trotter** 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's message will be, "How the Cross of Christ Changes Our Lives," from I Corinthians 1:18-31.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

Sunday, March 10

12:05 pm **2nd Sunday Lunch** in the fellowship hall. The Fellowship Committee is preparing "Breakfast" and the menu is: breakfast casserole, fresh fruit salad, smoked

sausage, hash brown casserole, grits, biscuits, sausage gravy, coffee cake, apple & orange juices, & coffee.

1:00 pm **Session Council (committee chairpersons) meets** in the library.

2:00 pm **Club 345** for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders meets at the AOC.

4-6:00 pm **Middle School and Senior High Youth Groups meet.**

Monday, March 11

10:30 am **PW Deborah Circle meets.**

4:00 pm **Property Committee meets** (this is a date change)

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

Tuesday, March 12

12:30 pm **PW Martha Circle meets.**

2:00 pm **Congregational Care** meets.

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

7:00 pm **PW Night Circle** meets.

Wednesday, March 13

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

5:30 pm **Congregational Supper**

6:00 pm **Wednesday Night Lenten Studies** concludes. 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

Presbyterian Women Luncheon, March 25, 12:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Pastor Dave Handley will present an "Easter Devotional". Reservations for the meal and child care are required by Thurs. March 21. Menu: Two-meat Lasagna, Caesar salad, garlic bread, almond delight and beverages.

Hymns in Worship - Drop your requests for hymns to sing in worship in the offering plate or on Neesa's desk, or send an email (fpcclarksville@gmail.com)

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 is leading us in this four-week class based on the book by Jerry Bridges, **"Respectable Sins: Confronting the Sins We Tolerate"**. We are reflecting 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 begin with a light supper at 5:30; we then open with some favorite hymns at 6:00, followed by prayer, and then the lesson and discussion from 6:15-7:00. Nursery care is provided each Wed. for infants through age 3. Ages 4 and up are using "The Easter Garden" and have been creating their 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 lessons and crafts. We also have service projects each week that directly ties to our lesson. Outline:

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.

Our learning continues during Children's Worship in March.

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. Meet in the chapel at 10:50 before the 11:00 worship service. Children will process with palm branches during the first hymn before joining their parents for worship or going back to the nursery. Please be sure that your child knows where to find you in the sanctuary if they are coming back to sit with you.

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 Pastor Dave 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 on Tuesday, March 26. If you would like to take your lily home, please collect it after the 11:00 service.

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

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 30, 3-5:00 pm, at Jane & Steve Wallace's home, 145 E. Glenwood. Please bring cookies and juice to share with the large group.

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.



First Presbyterian Church

*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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