



First Presbyterian Church

Organized May 25, 1822

*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.*

Rev. Dr. Gregory L. Glover, Pastor

First Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2019

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE "Farewell to Stromness"
Peter Maxwell Davies

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.
And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the season of Lent, we lay down our heavy burdens,
**for the weight of the world is not ours to carry,
and the life of the church is not ours to save.**
Repent and believe,
**for the calling of Christ leads us to follow,
and the grace of God offers us transformation.**
Let us worship God together.

*HYMN #167 "Forty Days and Forty Nights"

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of grace and mercy,
you create a new order for our lives:
service before success, faith before knowledge,**

**partnership over independence, the cross over the
crown.**

**Forgive us when we fall into the patterns of this
world, rejecting your call through our action or
inaction.**

**Forgive us, God, and move us to see the world in the
light of your great love.**

Forgive us, God, and grant us peace.

Now hear our silent, personal prayers of confession.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn #581

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (p. 477)

RESPONSE #168 "Within Your Shelter, Loving God"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

***Children ages 4-4th grade leave for Children's Worship*

INTERLUDE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 4:1-13 (p. 835)

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God

REFLECTION "Spiegel im Spiegel"
Arvo Pärt
Emily Hanna Crane, violin

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Confession of 1967, 9.12, 9.14*

**The reconciling act of God in Jesus Christ exposes the evil
in people as sin in the sight of God. In sin, people claim
mastery of their own lives, turn against God and each other,**

**and become exploiters and despoilers of the world. They
lose their humanity in futile striving and are left in
rebellion, despair, and isolation. But God's love never
changes. Against all who oppose the divine will, God
expresses love in wrath. In the same love, God bore
judgment and shameful death in Jesus Christ, to bring all
people to repentance and new life.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jesus, remember us when we come into your kingdom.
Your kingdom come, **your will be done.**

For your church around the world, we ask new life.

Your kingdom come, **your will be done.**

For all who carry out ministries in your church, we ask
grace and wisdom.

Your kingdom come, **your will be done.**

For people who have accepted spiritual disciplines, we ask
inspired discipleship.

Your kingdom come, **your will be done.**

For Christians in every land, we ask new unity in your
name.

Your kingdom come, **your will be done.**

For Jews, Muslims, and people of other faiths, we ask your
divine blessing.

Your kingdom come, **your will be done.**

For those who cannot believe, we ask your faithful love.

Your kingdom come, **your will be done.**

For governors and rulers of every land, we ask your
guidance.

Your kingdom come, **your will be done.**

For people who suffer and sorrow, we ask your healing
peace.

Your kingdom come, **your will be done.**

[Prayers offered in silence.]

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.**

Gracious God, source of all healing, in Jesus Christ you heal the sick and mend the broken. We bless you for this oil pressed from the fruits of the earth, given to us as a sign of healing and forgiveness, and of the fullness of life you give. By your Spirit, come upon all who receive this ministry of compassion, that they may know your healing touch and be made whole, to the glory of Jesus Christ our redeemer. **Amen.**

[Laying on of Hands and Anointing with Oil]

Mighty God, you rise with healing in your wings, to scatter all enemies that assault us. As we wait in hope for the coming of that day when crying and pain shall be no more, help us by your Holy Spirit to receive your power into our lives and to trust in your eternal love, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER Beth Ring

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY "Now We Ask You, Lord"
Diderik Buxtehude

*THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN #606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #209 "My Song Is Love Unknown"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*CHORAL AMEN "Schubert in E-flat"

*POSTLUDE "LeCygne"
Camille Saint-Saens
Emily Hanna Crane, violin

WORSHIP NOTES

Charles Van Otten is today's liturgist.
Eric Salyer is today's audio-visual specialist.
Mark Ring is Director of Music/Organist.
Matt McNeill, Accompanist.
***Please stand if you are able.**
**** Children's Worship is in the Chapel outside of the church office.**
Note on Psalm 91: This psalm offers a strong assurance to any person who trusts in God for protection amidst the trials of life. God watches over all those who love, know, hope, and trust in the Lord--dependably coming to the aid of those who depend on God. The psalm encourages us to "hide in God" as one might take shelter in a defensive position, behind a shield, or within a fortress. Whatever the illness, anxiety or depression, danger from the enemy, lethal weapons aimed directly at us, threats uttered against us, or any sort of trouble presently intruding into our lives, God has promised always to be present with us. God has promised to accompany, deliver, and save anyone whose only defense is a divine defense. God's ultimate, sure promise is immortal glory for all those who love the Lord. This should not be read as a promise that we will escape the cross, a point made powerfully by Jesus' rebuke of Satan's quotation of the psalm out of context. (Matthew 4:7, Luke 4:12) Jesus offers the psalmist's fulsome assurance to his disciples on the eve of his own crucifixion: "In this world you will have tribulation. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33; see the whole discourse!)
Minute for Missions: Insight Counseling Centers, Eric Schaefer. Eric has led over 60 mission and service trips throughout the world for youth and adults and has recently moved to Nashville from California. Please join Eric and his wife, Kim, for Second Sunday Lunch.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION will have a **VBS sign-up table** for students and volunteers today at Second Sunday Lunch. **VBS is June 23-27.** Immediately following lunch we will go to the **Nashville Zoo**. Cost is \$18.00 for adults and \$13.00 for children 2-12.

MEMBER/VISITOR INFORMATION CARD

Please complete and place in offering plate
10:00am Service

Name: _____

Member(s) 1st Time Visitor(s) Visitor(s)

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Members indicate if this is a change in information.

I am interested in membership, baptism, or a meeting with the pastor (please circle which one(s)).

Other: _____

Prayer Requests: _____

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, March 10 Second Sunday Lunch

9:00am **Adult, Children & Youth S.S.**

9:00-9:15am **Children's Music**

4:00pm **Youth Groups**

Monday, March 11

5:00pm **Theology on Tap** at Don Pablos on Riverside

Tuesday, March 12

5:00pm **Yoga**

Wednesday, March 13

10:00am **Bible Study**

5:00pm **Room in The Inn**

6:00pm **Handbells**

6:30pm **Youth @CFA**

7:00pm **Adult Choir**

Thursday, March 14

8:30am **Yoga**

Noon **Staff Meeting**

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