

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

1st Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2019

10:00 a.m.

In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" arr. Beck
(based on the Gaelic tune St. Columba)

Call to Worship

In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began,

God was.

Here and now, among us, beside us,

enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven,

God is.

In future, when we have turned to dust

and all we know has reached its fulfillment,

God will be.

Not denying the world but delighting in it,

not condemning the world but redeeming it,

through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit,

God was, God is, God will be.

* Hymn 12 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

**For the right roads we avoided traveling,
and the kindly words we refused to share;
for the false gods who received our worship
and the true selves we have starved of love,
God, by your grace, forgive us.**

**For the hidden hurts we have held too tightly,
and the promises which we never kept;
For the careless use of our time and money
and the lame excuses we should never have made,
God, by your grace, forgive us.**

(Pause for silent prayer)

For all we should be and all we can amend,

God, in your love, renew us.

For all you have in store for us and all you may demand of us,

God in your love, prepare us.

For the life of the world and the love of its people,

God, in in your love, commit us.

* Kyrie *as directed by the song leader*

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison

* Assurance of Pardon

* Passing of the Peace

During Lent, we will refrain from singing alleluias.

A Minute for Girl Scout Sunday

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (OT, p. 180)

A Time with Children

Anthem

"Create in Me"

arr. Pearce

Second Lesson: Psalm 91 (OT, p. 548)

Sermon: "Keep the Peat Fires Smoldering"

Rev. Carter

Sermon series: Stoking the Celtic Fire for Lent

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn

"O Christ the Same" (see insert)

* Affirmation of Faith *from the Iona Community*
We believe in God above us, Maker and Sustainer of all life.
We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.
We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the church, spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and eternal life. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Minute for One Great Hour of Sharing

Offering

Offertory "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" arr. Nixon

* Response (Hymnal 698)

Take, O take me as I am. Summon out what I shall be.
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 308 "O God in Whom All Life Begins"

* Charge and Benediction

* Congregational Amen (601)

* Postlude "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word" arr. Sedio

All are invited to remain seated to listen to the postlude.
If you are leaving before it is finished, please do so quietly.

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers today are given by Diane and Jack Scheuer in loving memory of Brett Knierim, Diane's liver donor, and in honor of Michelle Skidmore, Brett's mother, who made the life-saving decision for organ donation on March 18, 2012.

Through the season of Lent, we will be drawing on the songs, prayers, and liturgies of the Iona Community. Based in Glasgow, Scotland, this dispersed ecumenical community is rooted in the Celtic tradition of Christianity. Today's liturgy comes from the Iona Abbey Worship Book. Used by permission.



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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	David Porter
Ushers	Steuart Bailey
Greeters	Sandra and Steuart Bailey

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Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.