

# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2021

10:00 a.m.

## **ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Jesu, Priceless Treasure”

arr. Wayne L. Wold

Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord

***who made heaven and earth.***

This is the day the Lord has made.

***Let us rejoice and be glad in it.***

Hymn 370

"This Is My Father's World"

1 This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world. O, let me ne'er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world. The battle is not done:  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

***Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken,  
we confess that we fail to fulfill your will.***

***Though you have bound yourself to us,  
we will not bind ourselves to you.***

***In Jesus Christ you serve us freely,  
but we refuse your love  
and withhold ourselves from others.***

***We do not love you fully  
or love one another as you command.***

***In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us.***

***Restore us to you and one another,  
and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life  
and the vine from which we grow in grace.***

Silent Confession

Kyrie 575

***Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.***

***Lord, have mercy upon us.***

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

## **PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

A Time with Our Children: "The Tale of the Three Trees," part one  
Chapel and Alleluia Choirs

T. Long/A. Pote

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 9:8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Sermon: "The Bow in the Sky"

*Lenten Series: Covenants in Sky, Stone, Flesh, and Wine*

Rev. Carter

## **RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Hymn 8

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

- 1 Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
- 2 O Savior, whose almighty word the winds and waves submissive heard,  
who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid its rage did sleep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

- 3 O Holy Spirit, who did brood upon the chaos wild and rude,  
and bade its angry tumult cease, and gave, for fierce confusion, peace:  
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
- 4 O Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in danger's hour;  
from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
thus evermore shall rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith

***In life and in death we belong to God.***

***Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.***

***In everlasting love,  
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
to bless all families of the earth.***

***Hearing their cry,  
God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.***

***Loving us still,  
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.***

***Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.***

A Minute for One Great Hour of Sharing

Offering

Offertory

"Forty Days and Forty Nights"

arr. Roy Brunner

Prayers of the People and the 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.***

## **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

Hymn 774

"There Is Now a New Creation"

- 1 There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ,  
peace and reconciliation with the God of endless life.
- 2 Call the lost and found together; tell the news to everyone:  
now the past is gone forever and a new life has begun.
- 3 Wrap the prodigal in welcome; run to greet the wayward child.  
All is finished and forgiven; let us now be reconciled.
- 4 Come and join the celebration; come and join this happy feast;  
Jesus makes an invitation to the greatest and the least.

5 There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ.  
Sing, with thanks and adoration, to the God of endless life!

Charge and Benediction

Postlude "O Love How Deep, How Broad, How High" arr. David N. Johnson

**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Preacher	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children And Youth Ministries	Jana Schillinger
Liturgist	Peter Moore
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Three Trees Players	The Farrell Family

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## Church Family Announcements

### **Thank you for joining us for our 10:00 Virtual Worship Service.**

We're happy you tuned in, hope that you will find our time together enriching, and look forward to the day we can worship together once again.

**Lenten Activity Bags** have been prepared by members of our Christian Education Committee to help us explore the meaning of Lent even as we *remain* apart. They contain devotions, activity and reflection suggestions, and more. There are versions available for both families with children and for those without. Please take a bag for your family. The bags are available in the hall by Jana Schillinger's office.

**The March/April Upper Room** devotional booklets have arrived. You are welcome to stop by the church office to get one. (Call first, please, if we get more snow!)

Weather permitting, **The Presbyter will be mailed this Wednesday, February 24 at 9 a.m.** We'll have to make quick work of it since our Lenten Bible Study will begin at 10:00.

### **CAMP LACKAWANNA INFORMATION**

**Summer Camp 2021 Registration is open! Head on over to**

[camplackawanna.org](http://camplackawanna.org)

to see what programs are being offered this summer and to register your children for camp! Family Camp registration is also open!

**Our church provides scholarships** for all young people who want to go. Check with Jana Schillinger for details.

DATES	CAMP	AGE GROUP
June 24-27	Family Camp	All Ages
June 28-30	Mini Camp	Ages 6-10
July 4-10	Wet n' Wild	Ages 7-16
July 11-17	Music, Arts and Drama	Ages 7-16
July 11-24	JH/SR 2-week	Completed grades 6-11
July 18-24	Adventure Camp	Completed grades 6-10
July 25-31	Night Owls	Completed grades 3-10
August 1-7	Camp Olympics	Ages 7-16

**Camp Lackawanna is actively seeking staff for Summer Camp.** In addition to Counselors, a Cook is also needed. Applications can be filled out at [www.camplackawanna.org](http://www.camplackawanna.org)

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## Study with us during Lent

- Rev. Carter will offer a Bible study at 10 a.m. on the Wednesday mornings of Lent, the next date being February 24. It will be held live on Zoom, with a small group meeting simultaneously in Room 206 (Session Room). Would you like to be physically present? Contact the church office (586-6306) to make a reservation. Masks and safety rules apply!
- The study will be "Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament," which is the PW/Horizons study for this year.
- We have ordered a small number of study books, which will be available from the church office for \$10. The introduction and first chapter are available to download for free at [www.Presbyterian Women.org/downloads](http://www.PresbyterianWomen.org/downloads). Select "Resources," then "Into the Light Preview."

**Our building is bustling -- one person at a time!** Feel free to read a book or check out a DVD from our church library, pray or play the piano in the sanctuary, or have a free cup of coffee with the pastor (who will keep six feet away). No groups, please, but Masked Individuals are welcome in limited numbers whenever the building is open. [Stir-Crazy People](#) are especially invited.

**Year-end pledge statements** have been mailed. If you haven't received yours yet, or have a question, please notify the church office (570-586-6306).

Most of the **2021 offering boxes** have been distributed. If you haven't received a box, and would like one, please notify the church office (570-586-6306).