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Service for the Lord's Day  
Second Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2023

10:00 a.m.

God our helper, our shade, our protector, you are able to give life to the dead,  
to call into being things that do not exist. We trust in your power to make all things new;  
to keep us in sunlight and moonlight, along rocky paths and pathways unknown;  
until all our going and coming brings us at last to your kingdom promised in Christ,  
in whose name we pray. Amen.

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

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Words of Welcome

Prelude "Take up Thy Cross, the Savior Said" arr. Robert Powell

Call to Worship

From where will our help come?

***Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.***

Who is our keeper?

***The Lord is our keeper, by day and by night.***

How long will God protect us?

***God will keep our going out and our coming in  
from this time on and forever more.***

\* Hymn 645 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"  
*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

***God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.***

***We confess that we have strayed from you  
and turned aside from your way.***

***We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great  
when we are small.***

***We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.***

***Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.***

***Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.***

\* Silent Confession

\* Kyrie 551 "Lord, Have Mercy"

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

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\* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

\* Gloria Patri 581

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Genesis 12:1-4a (OT, p. 10)

Psalter: Psalm 121 (responsively)

Left side: I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
from where will my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.

**Right side: He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will slumber.  
He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

Left side: The Lord is your keeper;  
the Lord is your shade on your right hand.  
The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.

**Right side: The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.  
The Lord will keep your going out and coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.**

A Time with Children

Ms. Schillinger

Anthem

“Here I Am, Lord”

Daniel L. Schutte

Gospel Lesson: John 3:1-17 (NT, p. 93)

Sermon: “Notes from Night School and Beyond”

Rev. Thyren

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

\* Hymn 45 “I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes”

\* Affirmation of Faith: Philippians 2:5-11

***Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.  
Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:  
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.***

Minute for One Great Hour of Sharing

Offering

Offertory

“Adagio”

by Max Bruch, arr. Richard Lloyd

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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 494          Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude "Prelude in the Phrygian Mode"

Thomas Tallis arr. Noel Rawsthorne

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\* All who are able shall stand.

## **PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Guest Preacher	Rev. James Thyren
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Heather Acker
Ushers	Diana Pope Albright, Erika Adams

## **Church Family Announcements**

*Our congregation worships God, equips God's people for ministry in the world, serves God in ways that are faithful to the Gospel.*

**Thank you for joining us for Worship.** We worship in two ways!

- **Join us in person at 10:00 a.m.**
- **Tune in online** for our service, which is broadcast live on [our video page on YouTube](#) and archived for later viewing on the same site.

**Large-print bulletins** can be found at the rear of the sanctuary.

**The Nursery is open** Sunday mornings from 9:40-11:10 a.m. for children ages 3 and younger in room 208. The nursery is staffed by Heather Lyons.

**Lenten Bags** have been prepared for the households of the church. They are located in the main hallway by the pastor's study. Pick up yours today!

**They are back!** Next time you sit in one of our pews, look for **the red attendance pad**. After you see it, please fill out your name and pass it to the next person across the pew. We are trying to do a better job keeping track of those who come to worship.

**Tell us your prayer concerns.** Prayer Request Cards are in the pew racks. Pass them to the center aisle to be collected during the first hymn.

**Please pray for:** Barbara, Hall, Nancy, Ellen, Susannah, Janice, Kate, Leonard, Janet, June, Janet, Donna, Maura, Tina, Chuck, Jane, Morse, Rachel, Wayne, Alice.



## Our next Arts Event: Songs, Old and New

Our area's top vocalists will perform today, **March 5 at 4 pm** at the **First Presbyterian Church in Clarks Summit** as part of the church's 2022-23 concert series. The concert titled **“Songs, Old and New”** will feature a program of art songs, arias, spirituals, show tunes and other types of vocal music.

These talented singers will be accompanied by **Dr. Rick Hoffenberg. Dr. Jennifer Cowgill**, Associate Professor of Voice at Marywood University, is organizing the program – and will serve as one of the vocal soloists. It will be a glorious afternoon of song. Come to this free concert – and invite your friends!



### This Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 5

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **4 p.m.**, **“Songs, Old and New,”** sanctuary

Monday, March 6

- **5 p.m.**, Girl Scouts, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 7

- **10 a.m.**, My Brothers’ Keeper Quilting, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 8

- **10:30 a.m.**, Prayer and Share, Room 209
- **6 p.m.**, Adult Bible Study, Room 206
- **7:00 p.m.**, Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft
- **NO** Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 9

- **8:30 a.m.**, Men’s Breakfast, Room 206

Saturday, March 11    Change your clocks tonight.



Sunday, March 12

- **10 a.m.**,
- Worship in the sanctuary and online

## Adult Education during Lent

**Each Wednesday at 6 p.m. during Lent, our adult education series will be on the topic “Exclusion and Embrace.”** Each week the class will discuss a brief video that explores our relationship to those who have frequently been excluded from our circle of faith. These include gays and lesbians, the Jews, those who practice other religions, and people of other nations. Some of these videos are already posted online, so we will share those links in our weekly emails.

**Needed...35 Bags of Groceries:** As part of our church's many efforts to recognize and battle hunger in our community, we serve a free lunch at Hickory Street Presbyterian on Saturday, March 25. The menu is posted in the narthex for those who can make the entree, prepare desserts, and serve the meal that day. In addition, we need 35 bags of groceries for distribution. As we continue to do this project twice each year, accumulating that big supply of groceries is proving to be the most difficult portion of the work. So please start now to help us fill those grocery bags. Shopping lists showing what is needed for each bag can be found below. You can shop for the complete bag or contents or just focus on some of the individual items.

### Shopping List

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| 1 box of cereal                         | 1 box of pasta          |
| 1 can or plastic jar of spaghetti sauce | 1 box of mac and cheese |
| 1 or 2 cans of vegetables               | 1 can of fruit          |
| 1 can of tuna                           | 1 box pop tarts         |
| 1 4-pack of jello or pudding cups       | 1 bag of candy          |
| 1 plastic jar of peanut butter          | 1 plastic jar of jelly  |

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