



First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2023

10:00 a.m.

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

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music: Hymn 288 (sung twice)

Words of Welcome

Prelude "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child" arr. Marianne Kim

Call to Worship from Psalm 119

Open my eyes, so that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.

I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways.

Deal bountifully with your servant,

so that I may live and observe your word.

* Hymn 451

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

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

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14 (NT, p. 194)

Psalter: Psalm 23 (Hymnal 802)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“Prayer for Healing”

Joseph M. Martin

Gospel Lesson: John 9:1-41 (NT, p. 102)

Sermon: “Seeing Through Eyes of Faith”

Tabbi Miller-Scandle

Sermon Series: Lent and Easter in the Company of John

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 649

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

* 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.***

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.**

Minute for One Great Hour of Sharing

Offering

Offertory

"Deep River"

arr. Marianne Kim

* Doxology 606

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 401

"Here in This Place"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

"Give Me Jesus"

arr. Edwin Childs

If you are leaving before the postlude is finished, please do so quietly.

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers have been given by JoAnn Hall to the glory of God in memory of loved ones.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Guest Preacher

Dr. Tabbi Miller-Scandle

Coordinator of Children and Youth

Jana Schillinger

Director of Music

Frank Jones

Organist

Kay Ten Eyck

Liturgist

Adrienne Horger

Ushers

Erika Adams, Diana Pope Albright

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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: Hall, Kate, Leonard, June, Janet, Donna, Maura, Tina, Chuck, Jane, Morse, Rachel, Wayne, Alice, the Pittman family, Cheryl, Kathy, Racheal, Otto.

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.

Community Meal at Hickory Street Church

Our Next Hickory Street Community Lunch and Grocery Distribution is Saturday, March 25. The menu for that day is on the counter in the Narthex. There is still a need for volunteers to prepare entrées and desserts, as well as people to serve the meal that day. Please take a look at the Narthex display to see where your talents may fit.

Note: the 35 bags of groceries have been filled! THANK YOU!

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 19

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

Monday, March 20

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

Tuesday, March 21

- **10 a.m.**, Women's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 22

- **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
- **8 p.m.**, Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, March 23

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

Saturday, March 25

- Serving community meal at Hickory Street Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 26

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

Looking ahead:

Saturday, April 1 Memorial Service for Barbara Pittman, 11 a.m.

Sunday, April 2 Palm Sunday Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
Holy Week program, 11:15 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Thursday, April 6 Maundy Thursday Service, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Friday, April 7 Good Friday Service, 12 – 1 p.m., Sanctuary

Saturday, April 8 Highway Clean-up, 9 a.m., meeting at
Clarks Summit Methodist Parking Lot

Sunday, April 9 Easter Sunday Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary

We are grateful for the many ways that people support our church's ministry to the community and world. If you wish to contribute by cell phone, scan here.



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