



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Church Office Hours: Wednesday – Thursday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

# SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY

MARCH 11, 2018

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CHIMING OF THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(A children's nursery is available upon request. Please see an usher to assist you)*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Noreen Knudson

ORGAN PRELUDE

*(Please use the prelude as a time to quietly prepare for worship)*

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*Lead Me, Lord*

(p.42, #57 Black)

**\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

**All: slow to anger and abounding in love.**

One: The Lord of life is lifted up!

**All: Let us look to him and live. Let us worship God.**

**\*\*OPENING PRAYER**

One: Loving God, giver of all light and life, you sent Jesus Christ into the world not to condemn, but to save. Help us to lift up the light of Christ so that the world might believe in him and receive the gift of eternal life; through Christ, the light of the world.

**All: Amen.**

**\*\*HYMN 409**

*God Is Here!*

**\*\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. We grumble and complain when you have provided all we need. We continue to walk in darkness when you have given light to the world. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to trust in you so that we may not perish but may have eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**\*\*KYRIE ELEISON**

Hymnal 576

**\*\*TIME FOR SILENCE**      *(We ask for forgiveness for our individual faults)*

**\*\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*\*THE PEACE**

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

*(The congregation is invited to exchange signs of peace and reconciliation.)*

**\*\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Hymnal 824

*There Is a Place of Quiet Rest* (verse 1 only)

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Bev Hummel, liturgist

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,

those he redeemed from trouble  
and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

Some were sick through their sinful ways,

and because of their iniquities endured affliction;  
they loathed any kind of food,  
and they drew near to the gates of death.  
Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,  
and he saved them from their distress;  
he sent out his word and healed them,  
and delivered them from destruction.  
Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,  
for his wonderful works to humankind.  
And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices,  
and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

ANTHEM

*Mercy*

Craig Courtney

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

One: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

## TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

## SERMON

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*\*HYMN 792

*There Is a Balm in Gilead*

\*\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.**

*- Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.31*

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

\*\*THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 606

\*\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Lord see the offerings we place before you and hear the pledges of service we make in our prayers.

**All: All in the heavens and on the earth is yours, and of your own we give you.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O God our creator and redeemer.... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of**

**the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

One: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.... Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**All: Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

One: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.... Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. In Jesus' name we pray the prayer he taught us, Our Father, ...

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal p. 35

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Communion is available to all who are baptized in a Christian church, regardless of denomination. Please partake of the bread and juice as the trays are presented to you. Then present the tray to the next person in your row. Ushers will assist in passing the trays to the following rows.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

**\*\*HYMN 749**

*Come! Live in the Light!*

**\*\*CHARGE**

**\*\*BLESSING**

One: One: May the steadfast love of God, the abundant grace of Jesus Christ, and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit be with you this day and always.

**All: Amen.**

**\*\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

HYMN 166     *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*     (verse 1 only)

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

**WELCOME !**

**If this is your first time at First Presbyterian Church, we thank you for choosing to spend some time with us in worship.**

**If you have questions about us, or what we believe, you can talk to Rev. Sandoval after the service.**

**If you are just curious about us, we encourage you to take a welcome brochure with you. You can also check us out on the web at: [www.fpc-rr.org](http://www.fpc-rr.org).**

**If you feel that you have found a church home here and would like to join, that is wonderful! You can transfer your membership from another church or simply profess your faith in Jesus Christ. Talk to Reverend Sandoval after the service to make arrangements for joining.**

**In any event, be sure to fill out the friendship pad and include your email address. We'd love the opportunity to keep you informed about the wonderful things we are doing here at FPC.**

**THE SESSION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Class of 2018**

Shane Arthur  
Faye Brown  
Nancy Sandoval

**Class of 2019**

Jeff Dillard  
Denise Hackenburg  
John Shives

**Class of 2020**

Jimmy Bryant  
Nancy Crowe  
Mary Shelby  
Wally Spragins

**WORLD MISSIONS**

Our church supports the missionary work of Larry and Inge Sthreshley in the Congo, and the Rev. Donald Marsden, Frontier Fellowship.

**OTHER SUNDAY OFFERINGS**

Sunday School meets at 9:45 am for adults.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

The morning CIRCLE meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 9:45 am, and an evening CIRCLE meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. Locations are announced in the bulletin or you may call the church office for further information. Pet Spears and Nancy Crowe are the Moderators of the Presbyterian Women.

**PRESCHOOL**

Our Preschool Program for two-year-olds meet Wednesday mornings from 9:00-11:00 am.

Three-year-olds meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30-11:00 am or 12:00-2:30 pm.

Twos and Threes are taught by Leesa Daughtry and Shannon Knight.

Four year old classes will be held in the morning on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and taught by Susan Gaylor and Becky Faison. Class is 8:30-11:30 am.

Contact the church office for further information.

**PRESBYTERIAN MEN**

Jim Allen and Jimmy Bryant are the Co-President's of the Presbyterian Men.

Sunday morning breakfast meetings are held periodically.

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

Pioneers – 3rd grade up to Middleschoolers

Senior Youth – Middleschoolers & Highschoolers

Contact the church office for more information.

**CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Joe Sandoval, Pastor

Tammy Spragins, Administrative Assistant

Denise Hackenburg, Choir Director

Charles Harris, Organist

Nancy Sandoval, Choral Accompanist