



# 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 18, 2018

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

FIFTH 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)*

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 makes a new covenant with us.

**All: We are God's people; the Lord is our God. Let us worship God.**

**\*\*OPENING PRAYER**

One: God of thundering glory and wondrous love, you lifted up Jesus Christ from the earth to draw all people to your holy name. Like grains of wheat that fall to the dust, teach us to die—and so to bear much fruit, giving our lives for the sake of the gospel, following and serving Christ Jesus forever.

**All: Amen.**

**\*\*HYMN 415**

*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

**\*\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. You write your law in our hearts, yet we pretend we do not know you. You lifted up Christ for all to see, yet we turn away from your glory. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to delight in your way, to seek you with all our hearts, and to trust in your saving love; 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

Gary Hackenburg, liturgist

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other,

‘Know the Lord’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

ANTHEM

*Hymn of Promise*

Natalie Sleeth

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 51:1-12

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.  
For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
Against you, you alone, have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgment.  
Indeed, I was born guilty,  
a sinner when my mother conceived me.  
You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.  
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.  
Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

One: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

## TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

### SERMON

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*\*HYMN 688

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

\*\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: Out of the ashes, up from the dust we bring our prayers to God, saying:  
In your steadfast love, O Lord,

**All: have mercy on us.**

One: God of all mercy, we pray for the church . . . Teach us to treasure your word of grace and to live faithfully as your people, so that all may know that you are our God. In your steadfast love, O Lord,

**All: have mercy on us.**

One: God of all mercy, we pray for the world . . . Drive out false leaders and wicked rulers; draw all people to your way of truth and life, bringing justice and peace to every land. In your steadfast love, O Lord,

**All: have mercy on us.**

One: God of all mercy, we pray for this community . . . Hasten the coming of that great day when all people—from the greatest to the least—will know the promise of your holy realm. In your steadfast love, O Lord,

**All: have mercy on us.**

One: God of all mercy, we pray for loved ones . . . Hear the prayers and tears of all who suffer. By the saving power of Christ Jesus deliver them from sickness, sin,

and death. In your steadfast love, O Lord,

**All: have mercy on us.**

One: Restore in us, O God, the joy of your salvation; renew and sustain our spirits, so that we may live according to your will; as Jesus Christ taught us to pray: Our Father...

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal p. 35

CHORAL PRAYER

*Bow Down Thine Ear*

(p.66, #20 Black)

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.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*\*HYMN 436

*God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us*

\*\*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