



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 1, 2020

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

FIRST 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

Cast Your Burden Upon the Lord

**CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: We do not live by bread alone,

All: so we gather to feast on God's sustaining Word.

One: We come at the Spirit's leading

All: to offer ourselves in service to Christ.

One: Come, find strength for the journey.

All: Let us worship the one, true God.

**OPENING PRAYER

One: God of mercy, your word was the sure defense of Jesus in his time of testing. Minister to us in the wilderness of our temptation, that we who have been set free from sin by Christ may serve you well into life everlasting.

All: Amen.

**HYMN 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

**CALL TO CONFESSION

****PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, you call us to worship and to serve only you.

Yet, when other things demand our attention, we stray from the path Jesus tread. We serve powers that privilege the comfort of some over the well-being of many. We serve a culture that values competition over collaboration. We serve our own desires without considering the needs of our neighbors. Forgive us, Lord. Send your Spirit to guide us back to you. Free us from the clutches of sin and death and draw us close, that we might respond to the grace we know in Christ and follow the ways of justice and righteousness.

****KYRIE ELEISON**

Hymnal No. 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.)*

****RESPONSE**

Hymnal 444

*Forgive our sins as we forgive, you taught us Lord, to pray,
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mike Knudson, liturgist

ANTHEM

Hide not Thou Thy face from us

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SCRIPTURE IN DRAMA—FIRST READING

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

SCRIPTURE IN DRAMA—SECOND READING

Matthew 4:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord
All: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

****HYMN 226** *There in God's Garden*

****AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

- Adapted from the Confession of 1967, (BOC 9.21)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: In Christ Jesus, we have a great high priest who knows our weakness and suffering; therefore, with boldness, let us seek God's grace.

Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: With boldness, we pray for the church . . . O Lord our God, let us worship you alone. Feed us with your Word, our daily bread, and lift us up on the wings of your Spirit.

Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: With boldness, we pray for the earth . . . In the garden of Eden you have made, help use to choose the paths of life, for the sake of your good creation.

Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: With boldness, we pray for all nations . . . Destroy the dominion of death: warfare, corruption, pollution, and hate; give life to all people through Christ.

Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: With boldness, we pray for this community . . . Feed those who are famished; humble the high and mighty; protect those who are

on the edge of despair.

Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: With boldness, we pray for loved ones . . . Hear the prayers of all who suffer—whether in silence or with loud cries—surround them with your saving grace.

Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: To you, O God, we entrust these prayers, knowing that you alone can provide grace to help in our time of need; in the name of our great high priest who has passed through the heavens, and taught us to pray - Our Father...

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnbook p. 35

CHORAL PRAYER

Give Ear Unto Our Prayer, O God

GIVING OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

****DOXOLOGY**

Hymn No. 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 775**

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

****CHARGE**

****BLESSING**

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*

*Lord, who through-out these forty days for us did fast and pray,
teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.*

****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.

You can also check us out on the web at: 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.



March 4 HOST—Rosemary United Methodist Church;
 PREACHER—Rev. Joe Casteel

March 11 HOST—Rosemary Baptist Church;
 PREACHER—Rev. Joe Sandoval

March 18 HOST—First United Methodist Church
 PREACHER—Dr. Layne Wallace

March 25 HOST—First Presbyterian Church;
 PREACHER—Rev. Steve McElroy

Each service will be held on Wednesdays in March at
12:00 Noon followed by lunch.

Donations collected at FPC will be given to Bethlehem
Food Pantry.

THE SESSION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Class of 2020

Jimmy Bryant
Nancy Crowe
Mary Shelby
Wally Spragins

Class of 2021

Jack Kiger
Mike Knudson
Jim Small
Pet Spears

Class of 2022

Susan Barmer
Susan Gaylor
Gary Hackenburg
Nancy Sandoval

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 9:30 am in the Parlor, and an evening CIRCLE meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Loy Building. Tammy Spragins and Judith Clary 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 meet on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and are taught by Susan Gaylor and Becky Faison.

Classes are 8:30-11:30 am and 12:30-3:30 pm.

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.

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Joe Sandoval, Pastor

Tammy Spragins, Administrative Assistant

Denise Hackenburg, Choir Director

Nick Stephenson, Organist/Choral Accompanist