



Fourth Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 11, 2018

Visiting?

- **Welcome** to First Presbyterian Church! Whether you're visiting from out of town or new to the area, we are glad you are here.
- If you have any **questions** about our church, please ask our greeters and ushers (the folks who handed you a bulletin), or visit our website www.firstpresdalton.org.
- If you would like to know more about our church, fill out a **Let's Get Acquainted** card and place it in the offering plate during worship.
- **Childcare** is available for children (infant-3) in the nursery (Room 109) from 9:15-11:45 a.m.. Preschool-aged children meet in the Joy Makers class during the Sunday School hour (Room 201). During worship we welcome children from this age group to come forward for the Children's Message and then return to their classroom for Worship and Play. All children are welcome to stay throughout worship. In order for our staff and volunteers to care for your children, please fill out a children's ministry sticker for you and your child. Stickers are in the narthex, the Commons, or the nursery.

How to Connect

- Come to worship—we're here every week!
- Fill out a Let's Get Acquainted card and place it in the offering plate to receive information about the church.
- Ask to join our newsletter list (signup available through the website) to keep up with church events.
- Contact the office to join a Dinner Group and meet new friends outside the church.
- Have a meal on us immediately following worship on the second Sunday of the month
- Visit concerts, lectures, and other events hosted by the church.
- Ask about upcoming mission or fellowship opportunities.
- Come to church early and visit Sunday School (9:15 a.m. every Sunday).
- Join the church! (Indicate you would like to join on a Let's Get Acquainted Card or speak with the Pastor following worship.)



Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the church. There are two options available: First Pres Guest 2.4 and First Pres Guest 5. Although these will connect to the same network, 2.4 has more strength while 5 has more range. The location of the device will influence which one will automatically connect. The password for the guest network is **johncalvin**

Announcements

- This year we invite you to give to **“One Great Hour of Sharing”**—a denomination wide mission effort that raises money for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, hunger programs, and cooperative development work with communities experiencing poverty around the world. Make a gift through the website or leave a check with “One Great Hour of Sharing” in the memo line. We will receive collections for this special offering through Easter.
- Calling all lovers of the arts! **The Liturgical Arts Team** would like to display art from the congregation during Eastertide, with the theme of “new life.” This could be art that you already have at home, or something you create. Please drop the pieces off at the church office by March 25 with your name and a brief description of the piece. If you are interested in liturgical art or have some ideas you'd like to share, come to our next meeting, Sunday, March 18 at 9:15 a.m., in the Martin House or talk to Katie Scott.
- Join the fun with people of our church in sharing with our members and friends at Royal Oaks and the Gardens in **packing hygiene kits** for use by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. We will meet at The Gardens on Tuesday, March 13 and begin at 9:30 a.m.
- The **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, March 18, for the purpose of discussing the annual report.

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PRELUDE

Aus Der Tiefe

K. Leighton
(1929-1988)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THE GREETING

At the sound of the bells, please prepare your heart and mind for worship.

INTROIT

Nolo Mortem Peccatoris

T. Morley
(1557-1602)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever.

Pam Partain

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
For his wonderful works to humankind.

Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,
And praise him in the assembly of elders.

Introit:
*Nolo mortem peccatoris;
Haec sunt verba
Salvatoris.
Father I am thine only
Son, sent down from
heav'n mankind to save.
Father, all things fulfilled
and done according to thy
will, I have.Father, my
will now all is this: Nolo
mortem peccatoris.*

The Call to Worship is
from Psalm 107.

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

As you cause the sun to rise, O God, bring the light of Christ to dawn
in our souls and dispel all darkness. Give us grace to reflect Christ's
glory; and let his love show in our deeds, his peace shine in our
words, and his healing in our touch, that all may give him praise, now
and forever. Amen.

*HYMN 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Mit Freuden Zart

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

*Where you see this notation, please rise in body or in spirit.

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

M. McCarthy

(b. 1966)

Cantor

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Cantor

Lo - rd, have mer - cy.

5
Cantor

Chr - ist, have mer - cy.

9
Cantor

Lo - rd, have mer - cy on us.

Congregation

Lo - rd, have mer - cy.

Congregation

Chr - ist, have mer - cy.

Congregation

Lo - rd, have mer - cy on us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Glory Be to God the Father

Regent Square

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit, ever three and ever one;
One in might and one in glory
While unending ages run.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LITANY OF PARTING

Congregation: **God be with you there.**

Children: God be with you here.

(At this point in the service, we invite preschool-aged children to follow their teachers to the second floor elementary classroom in the Martin House for "Worship and Play.")

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Jesus Loves Me!

William B. Bradbury

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;

Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Numbers 21:4-9

NRSV

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

None Other Lamb

arr. J. Roff
(1911-1993)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 3:14-21

NRSV

¹⁴“And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Light Has Come Into the World”

Rev. Will Scott

Anthem:

None other Lamb, none other Name, none other Hope in heaven or earth or sea, none other hiding place from guilt and shame, none beside Thee.

My faith burns low, my hope burns low, only my heart's desire cries out in me, by the deep thunder of its want and woe cries out to Thee.

Lord, Thou art Life though I be dead, Love's Fire Thou art, however cold I be: nor heaven have I, nor place to lay my head, none home, but Thee.
Amen.

Affirmation of Faith:
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.

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.

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*HYMN 282

Come Down, O Love Divine

Down Ampney

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"Apostles' Creed"

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

O Lamb of God Most Holy!

E. Diemer
(b. 1927)

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 224

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Rockingham

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Traditional

God be with you till we meet again;
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

There will be no postlude during the season of Lent.

Please leave the church in a spirit of peace.

Volunteer Schedule

Worship

Date	Lay Reader	Ushers	Open/Close	Flowers	Sound Board	Deposit
3/11	Pam Partain	Trammell & Annelle Scott	Larry & Sharon Cooper	Jo Beth Thompson	TBD	TBD
3/18	Tate O'Gwin	Greg & Kim Epps	John & Carin Mosteller	Becky Jolly	Jim Burran	TBD

Children

Date	Children's Church	Nursery (Asst.)	Joy Makers
3/11	Jo Beth Thompson & Nancy Rhine	Stephanie Hogshead	John Mosteller
3/18	Rob & Michelle Lively	Emma Lively	Jo Beth Thompson

Monthly

Communion (April 1)		Congregational Care		Fourth Sunday Fellowship Refreshments
Prep	Becky Jolly	March	Joanne Lewis	Fran Lewis
Servers	Rev. Will Scott, Kathy Bridges, Coy Temples, & Sally Burran	April	Mary Hubbs	Natalie Sanders

Prayers

For Kristen Sanders and family, at the loss of her grandfather, Jack Weiss;
 For Kaye Clark, recovering from knee replacement surgery;
 For Dick Neelly and family, at the loss of his brother, Edwin;
 For Kyle and Natalie Raygor, on the birth of their son, Landon Christopher;
 For Laurie White, Fran Lewis' sister, as she is being treated for lung cancer;
 For Catherine Brantley;
 For Sanford Dover;
 For Martha Patton, sister of Patricia Rivers, as she recovers from a stroke in Atlanta;
 For Dick Lowrey, as he deals with Multiple Systems Atrophy, an atypical form of Parkinson's Disease;
 For Meccia Little, cousin of Jim and Susan Bisson, in her battle with brain cancer;
 For Robert Smalley in his work as moderator of Cherokee Presbytery;
 For Anne Farrow at Tranquility of Dalton;
 For Nikki Collins, in her work as Cherokee Presbytery Stated Clerk;
 For Johnnie Bakkum at Summit Place, Beaufort, South Carolina;
 For Natalie Raygor during her Master of Divinity program;
 For Sally Wester at home;
 For aging parents

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 11	Second Sunday Fellowship Lunch 11:45 a.m.
Monday, March 12	Morning Prayers 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, March 13	Packing Hygiene Kits 9:30 a.m. Grateful Heart AA Mtg 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 14	Worship Team Meeting 4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 18	Liturgical Arts Team Meeting 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting 11:30 a.m. Session Meeting 12:00 p.m.
Monday, March 19	Morning Prayers 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, March 20	Grateful Heart AA Mtg 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 21	Guild Meeting 10:00 a.m. Saturday Sacks 11:00 a.m.



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