

Morning Worship
March 1, 2009
First Sunday in Lent

Coming Together in Christ

10:55 AM MEDITATION (Please pause in quiet preparation for worship.)

11:00 AM CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

God Is In Control

James Hall

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 25:1-2, 4-5

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

People: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

* HYMN OF PRAISE #435 *We All Are One in Mission* "Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvögelein"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

We confess that most hard labor in our country is performed by people maybe not like us, African Americans, Hispanics, other people who lack our advanced skills and connections, and who settle for being labor that is cheap, while food and housing continue to grow more expensive. We confess that we are here because our mothers were in labor for us, parents loving us before we were born, available for inconvenience and for pain, and as we grew...for worry in the night. We confess that there is other work to be done, what Jesus called, "my Father's work", healing the sick, caring for the poor, casting out demons and doing the hard work of justice.

—W. Bruggemann, extract from "Prayers for A Privileged People"

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir)

#574, The Hymnal

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

WORSHIPPING THE LORD THROUGH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Shift This Place

Youthful Praise

* THE DOXOLOGY

#592, The Hymnal

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

* THE HYMN OF PARTING #343

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

"Beecher"

* SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Please greet one another in the peace of Christ.)

* SUNG BENEDICTION

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Dennis

(Please join hands as we sing the Benediction)

**Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.**

Going Forth in God's Love

* THE POSTLUDE

Variation on "Veni Creator"

Maurice Durufle

* Those who wish to do so are invited to stand

Statement of Purpose

Our Church exists to worship God and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Spirit, we shall serve God's Kingdom by loving our neighbors and promoting peacemaking, justice and care of the earth.

Statement of Vision

We embrace open and progressive theology. Through education, training, worship and Session leadership we will realize our vision both individually and in community. We will be open to new ideas and programs while staying true to our beliefs and traditions. We will commit our personal and corporate resources to embody our Statement of Purpose. We will live our lives responsibly with honesty and integrity.

About the Affirmation of Faith

The PC (USA) Book of Confessions is a collection of Confessions from the church in many ages and many different situations. Therefore, its expressions of faith cover a multitude of theological opinions, many of which are obviously influenced by who participated in their preparation and the times and customs of their era. While not necessarily agreeing with every statement precisely, our Ministers, Elders, and Deacons swear to be guided by its principles and truths. We select a passage from one of these Confessions each month to experience and explore the breadth and depth of our heritage.

For the month of March, we will be using extracts from “A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).” In 1983 the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) was formed by the reunion of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America and the Presbyterian Church in the United States. The *Plan for Reunion* called for preparation of a brief statement of the Reformed faith for possible inclusion in the *Book of Confessions*. It celebrates our rediscovery that for all our undoubted diversity, we are bound together by a common faith and a common task.

Music Notes

We are very pleased to welcome Unified Voices Under God’s Dominion (UVUGD) this morning to our worship service. UVUGD is the only Gospel Choir at Frostburg State University and is made up of vocally talented and God-fearing students, whose main goal is to be spiritually-lead examples of Christ throughout the campus. The Choir has been in existence for over 35 years, holds a weekly Bible study and sings and spreads the Good News as far as Baltimore and Washington, D.C. Welcome!

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What's Happening This Week:



SUNDAY, MARCH (1)

9:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
9:30 AM Sunday School for All Ages
10:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM Coffee Hour in the Library
11:00 AM Worship Service, 1st Sunday in Lent
FSU Gospel Choir, Rev. Bob Gamble,
Communion, Cents-Ability Collection, On the Air WCBC
12:15 PM Lunch with FSU Gospel Choir
3:00 PM GAFOSAC Youth Scoop Ice Cream at the Creamery
5:00 PM Book Study in Pastor's Office

MONDAY, MARCH (2)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School
10:00 AM Book Study in Pastor's Office

TUESDAY, MARCH (3)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School

WEDNESDAY, MARCH (4)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School
6:15 PM JoyBells Rehearsal
7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH (5)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School

FRIDAY, MARCH (6)

World Day of Prayer

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School

SUNDAY, MARCH (8)

Daylight Savings Time Begins

9:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
9:30 AM Sunday School for All Ages
10:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM Coffee Hour in the Library
11:00 AM Worship Service, 2nd Sunday in Lent
On the Air WCBC
4:30 PM GAFOSAC Meeting
5:00 PM Book Study in Pastor's Office