

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 12, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

PRAYER OF ST. GREGORY
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

ALAN HOVHANESS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

CHORAL INTROIT

UNTO THEE, O GOD
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR
Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks,
unto thee, O God we give thanks:
For thy name is near,
thy wondrous works declare.

ALAN HOVHANESS

* OPENING SENTENCES

We are met in the presence of God
And we do not meet alone.

With the angels in the highest heaven
We gather to worship the Lord.

With Abraham and Sarah
We gather to worship the Lord.

With the saints of every age
We gather to worship the Lord.

We embark on our own journey of faith
God's Holy name be praised.

God makes of us a great people
God's Holy name be praised.

In the desert and in the den, in barrio and basilica
God's Holy name be praised.

We journey in the presence of God.
And we do not journey alone.

* HYMN #51

TO ABRAHAM AND SARAH

"LLANFYLLIN"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of great mercy, we confess
that we have sinned against you.
You provide our daily bread;
still we hunger for other things.
You give your word to guide us;
still we surrender to temptation.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Create a clean heart within us,
teach us your holy way,
and restore the joy of salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord...

(Time for silent reflection and prayer)

KYRIE ELEISON #166

LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS (v.1)

“ST. FLAVIAN”

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God

* RESPONSE #166

LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS (v.4)

“ST. FLAVIAN”

Abide with us, till when this life
of suffering shall be past,
an Easter of unending joy
we may attain at last.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

GENESIS 12:1-4A

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 9

We live not by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from God.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

ARIA FROM CANTATA 187
THE JOYBELLS

J. S. BACH

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 3:1-17

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 88

We live not by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

REV. CAROLINE KELLY

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #53

O GOD, WHO GIVES US LIFE

"NOEL"

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

*(Since our service is broadcast on the radio, please make sure
you have permission to request prayer on behalf of another person.)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, CONCLUDING WITH
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

EXCEPT THAT WE BE BORN AGAIN

ROBERT ELMORE

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

Except that we be born again, we cannot see the kingdom of God.
Except that we be born of water and of the spirit,
we cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
We that believeth, believeth in him, are not condemned,
but hath everlasting life.

* AT THE PRESENTATION #708

WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN

"SCHUMANN"

We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN #331

GOD OF THE AGES, WHOSE ALMIGHTY HAND

"NATIONAL HYMN"

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“THE LITTLE” FUGUE IN G MINOR
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

J. S. BACH

* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.
Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

THIS MORNING’S WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher.....Rev. Caroline Kelly
Liturgist.....Phil Klickman
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
Director of The JoyBells.....Julie Courtney
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir and The JoyBells
Sound Technician.....Joe Aurigemma
Ushers..... Charlene Lelinski and Burt Hiester

WORSHIP & MUSIC NOTES

Lent is the 40-day season before Easter (not including Sundays). Originally, it was a time of preparing candidates for baptism on Easter. Over the centuries it has evolved into a time devoted to renewing our understanding of what it means to be a follower of Christ. We observe Lent in anticipation of the resurrection, and we celebrate Easter remembering the cost of the cross’s life-giving victory. Lent began on March 1st with Ash Wednesday and will conclude on April 15th, the day before Easter Sunday.

The **Lenten worship banner** hanging in the front of the sanctuary depicts our journey with Jesus to the cross and toward the death that ultimately brings resurrection life. This week’s panel, symbolizing the themes of God’s protection, faith and salvation, was stitched by Juanita Fix.

Alan Hovhaness (1911-2000) was a prolific American composer, born and raised in Massachusetts. Hovhaness’s works, while spanning a broad range of styles, are all linked by an inherent mysticism. **Prayer of St. Gregory**, original conceived for organ and trumpet, is a wordless prayer in the style of Gregorian chant. **Unto Thee, O God** is a choral motet on the opening verse of Psalm 75, with the vocal parts moving almost exclusively in stepwise motion.

OUR STAFF

Teaching Elder/Pastor.....Rev. Caroline M. Kelly
Director of Music MinistriesBryan Lohr
Youth Ministries Coordinator.....Robby May
Executive Administrative Assistant.....Brittany Jackson
Sound Tech/Security.....Joe Aurigemma
Sexton.....John Brown

THE SESSION

Class of 2017: Sandra Burton, Cindy Corley, Bob Courtney, Ann Kellermeyer and Bryan Wodaski

Class of 2018: Carl Belt, Carolyn Mathews, Judy Stern, Agnes Yount

Class of 2019: Shirley Giarritta, Phil Mills, Bill McElvie, and David Stickler

Clerk of Session.....Ann Kellermeyer
Moderator.....Caroline Kelly

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS: We are glad you found your way to First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland. For more information about opportunities to worship, learn and serve with us, we encourage you to visit the table outside the church office. You can also learn more about us at www.fpc-cumberland.org and www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland. Childcare is provided in the nursery. An usher will be glad to direct you there.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: While we do provide a nursery for young children, we also welcome you to bring your child with you to worship. We have "worship bags" in the back of the sanctuary that include materials for drawing and coloring, as well as Bible stories and Bible word-find games. In addition, our "Young Children in Worship" pew card contains information about why young children should be encouraged to come to worship and how parents and others can engage them more fully in worship.

FRIENDSHIP PADS: Please locate and sign the red pad in your pew, tear off the sheet and place it in the collection plate during the offering. This important practice allows us to be mindful of new folks and long-time members as well, and is a good way to learn (or remember) the names of those with whom you are seated.

PERSONAL LISTENING DEVICES: (amplifiers) are available in the back of the church for use during worship. Please see an usher for assistance.

WORSHIP BROADCASTS: Our worship services are broadcast live on Sunday mornings by WCBC AM Radio, thanks to the generosity of members and friends. You can sponsor a broadcast (or share a sponsorship with someone) for \$75. If you are interested, please contact Deb Hendrickson or the church office. This morning's broadcast is made possible by the generosity of Deb and Gary Hendrickson. **There are openings to sponsor the radio broadcast on April 16, 23, and 30.**

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Martha (Allen) Welker and Edward E. Allen, by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Hochard. **Please contact Michael Levitas or the church office if you would like to sponsor flowers. You may specify live or silk flowers. Silk flower money may be directed to either the Special Ministries Fund or to our radio broadcast fund, whichever you prefer.**

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of March 5, 2017
Total 2017 Pledges Promised	\$239,352.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 13,339.00
<u>2017 Pledge Balance Promised</u>	<u>\$226,014.00</u>
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$37,892.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$42,298.00
Over/(Under)	\$(4,406.00)

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE	March 6, 2016	March 5, 2017
	74	81

PLANNED GIVING SEMINAR - SAVE THE DATE: Mark your calendars for **6:30PM, Tuesday, May 2nd**, and plan to join us for a **workshop on Planned Giving: Composing a Legacy**. Olanda Carr, Ministry Relations Officer for the Presbyterian Foundation, will help us explore the critical connection between faith and legacy giving. Does your will / estate plan speak of God's grace and love as the source of your faith? To assist with answering this question, participants in the workshop will be provided with an overview of charitable giving instruments to consider when evaluating and discussing estate planning options with financial and legal advisors. Resources will also be distributed to further assist with the estate planning process.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

WINTER PROJECT WORK NIGHTS (TUESDAYS, JANUARY - MARCH): The B&G Committee has decided to continue painting in the basement and work on several other small projects for our Tuesday Work Night this year. If you like to paint or can work on some of the fix up projects on the list come and join us. Not to worry. If you do not know how to do something we will work it out together and get it done. Everyone is welcome even if you come supervise and provide "quality control". There are jobs for all. Contact Bob Courtney if you are going to help out or for more information.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: First Presbyterian has become the host site for the blood drives sponsored by the American Red Cross. The blood drives will be held in the Fellowship Hall every first and third Monday of the month from 1:00-6:00PM. This a great opportunity for us to support the community and offer our facilities.

CEILING REMODELING: Ceiling remodeling on the second floor by Rev. Kelly's office began on Tuesday, March 7th, and beginning Monday, March 13th, the ceiling between the volunteer office and church office will be remodeled. Please note that each project is expected to last one week and at times there will be limited access to the elevator. We encourage all who are able to use the stairs to the left side of building by the Learning Tree classrooms instead. Please note that you will not be able to access the stairs on the right side of the building by the church office.

FAITH FORMATION

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY: The Young Adult Group meets once a month, typically on the third Friday, on a rotating basis at the home of one of the group members. The next meeting will be held on **Friday, March 17**. If you are interested in learning more about this group, please contact Robby May.

WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT: SAVE THE DATE - Join us for our annual spring retreat on Friday and Saturday (April 28-29) at the Belt Farm in Romney, WV. Katie Ross will facilitate our exploration of some of the women in the New Testament, through story-telling and reflection. Come to strengthen relationships with one another and God through worship, learning, bread breaking and fellowship. Please contact Brittany by email at firstpresbyteriansecretary@gmail.com or call her at [301-777-3700](tel:301-777-3700) to reserve your place. Some minimal expenses may be incurred but we are not asking for any payment at this time.

MISSION

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SOUTH DAKOTA THIS SUMMER? If you would like to learn more about the eighth annual Learning Camp, please join Robin Bissell and Janet Hendershot after worship on **Sunday, March 19**, following worship in the library. **Other times can be arranged by contacting Robin at rbissell444@gmail.com.**

MISSION OUTREACH DINNER: The monthly outreach dinner that we help with will be held next **Sunday, March 26th** at the HRDC building on Virginia Avenue. Dinner will be served from 4:00-5:30PM. If anyone can volunteer to serve dinner, help clean tables, and/or bake cookies, please let Judy Stern, Phil Mills, or Linda Smith know. **Please note that the monthly dinners will now remain at the HRDC building until further notice.**

MISSION STATEMENT

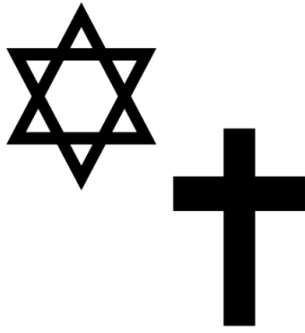
Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we worship God and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by loving our neighbors and promoting peacemaking, justice and care of the earth.

VISION STATEMENT

We strive to be a community grounded in the good news of God's love in Christ where all of God's children are:

- Welcomed and cherished
- Called to worship, learn and grow together in faith, and
- Sent to share God's love and justice with a broken and hurting world.

Adopted by the Session on September 17, 2015



**Lenten Study Series
Claiming Our
Jewish Roots:
How Jewish Practices
Impact our
Christian Faith and Life**

Join friends from Emmanuel Episcopal and St. Paul's Lutheran on Thursdays at 6:00PM in the Fellowship Hall for a simple supper, followed by study and conversation.

March 16 - Holy Words: The Word of God in Jewish and Christian Scripture

March 23 - Holy Ways: Sabbath Keeping and other Spiritual Practices

March 30 - Holy Meals: Passover Seder and Communion

**Model Seder with Rabbi Perman
Sunday, April 2 from 4:30-6:30PM
Fellowship Hall**

Rabbi Mark Perman of B'er Chayim will lead a model Seder for us and our Lutheran and Episcopal neighbors on April 2 in the Fellowship Hall. A Seder is an annual feast designed to tell the story of the Exodus of the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt on Passover. It includes reading, drinking wine, telling stories, eating special foods and singing.

During the course of the evening you will have four cups of wine (small cups!), parsley dipped in saltwater, a flat, dry cracker-like bread called matzah, bitter herbs dipped into *charoset* (a paste of nuts, apples, pears and wine) and a festive meal that may contain time-honored favorites, like matzah soup and roasted chicken. Each item has its place in a 15-step choreographed combination of tastes, sounds, sensations and smells that have been with the Jewish people for millennia.

Join us for this very special event.

Please RSVP by calling Brittany Jackson at 301-777-3700 or emailing her at firstpresbyteriansecretary@gmail.com or fill out the form below and put it in the offering plate during worship.

Name: _____

_____ Number of adults

_____ Number of youth

_____ Number of children under 12

_____ Childcare desired

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

SUNDAY, MARCH (12)

****DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS****

9:45 AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY
11:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MONDAY, MARCH (13)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
4:45 PM ADMIN & FINANCE MEETING IN THE PARLOR

TUESDAY, MARCH (14)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
6:30 PM BUILDINGS & GROUNDS WORK NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, MARCH (15)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
10:30 AM STAFF MEETING IN THE PASTOR'S OFFICE
5:30 PM BRIDGES: GETTING AHEAD CLASS
6:00 PM COVENANT BIBLE STUDY IN THE PASTOR'S OFFICE
6:15 PM JOYBELLS REHEARSAL
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM
7:30 PM SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, MARCH (16)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
6:00 PM LENTEN STUDY SERIES IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
8:00 PM SESSION MEETING IN THE LIBRARY

FRIDAY, MARCH (17)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
6:00 PM YOUNG ADULT GROUP GATHERING

SATURDAY, MARCH (18)

6:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

SUNDAY, MARCH (19)

9:45 AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY
11:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
12:30 PM SOUTH DAKOTA INFORMATIONAL MEETING IN THE LIBRARY
3:00 PM CONFIRMATION CLASS IN THE PASTOR'S OFFICE
4:30 PM YOUTH GROUP MEETING
5:00 PM CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER SERVICE IN THE CHAPEL



Watch us live on Livestream- Sundays at 11 a.m.

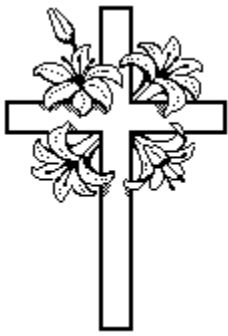
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Copies of Pastor Caroline's sermons are available on the church website
at www.fpc-cumberland/org/worship/sermons.



EASTER FLOWERS & MUSIC

If you would like to purchase flowers for the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please indicate below whether you wish to take your plants home, or if you wish them to be given to one of our in-home or nursing care members. Please indicate your selection and total below. **Orders are due by Sunday, March 26th.**

	Price Each	Quantity	Total
Lily	\$11.00	_____	\$ _____
Tulips	\$8.00	_____	\$ _____
Hyacinths	\$10.00	_____	\$ _____
Total		_____	\$ _____

My floral gift is in honor/memory of: _____

Given to the Glory of God by: _____

Please indicate: I would like to take my flowers home _____
 I would like to donate the flowers _____

Easter Music 2017

You can also celebrate Easter by contributing to the Special Music Fund. This fund is separate from the budget and is used to pay guest musicians for special music during worship on holidays and throughout the year.

Note: Special Music money may be given any time of the year.

Special Music Contribution _____ \$ _____

My Special Music gift is in honor/memory of: _____

Given to the Glory of God by: _____

Checks for music should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church and returned to the church no later than Sunday, April 9th if you want your dedication listed in the bulletin.