

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 19, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

LENTEN PRELUDE
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

B. LAURD-SELBY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL INTROIT

COME, MY WAY, MY TRUTH, MY LIFE

PHILLIP DIETTERICH

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

Come, my way, my truth, my life!
Such a way as gives us breath,
such a truth as ends all strife,
such a life that killeth death.

Come, my light, my feast, my strength!

Such a light as shows a feast,
such a feast as mends in length,
such a strength as makes its guest.

Come, my joy, my love, my heart!

Such a joy as none can move,
such a love as none can part,
such a heart as joys in love.

* OPENING SENTENCES

We have come to worship God,
who makes streams flow from rock,
who turns the parched earth into springs of water,
who sends the rain from heaven
and makes the wilderness blossom and flourish.

**As the deer thirsts for flowing streams,
so we thirst for you, O God.**

Come, let us worship our life-giving God,
who pours out living water on all who thirst.

* HYMN #81

GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN

"AUSTRIAN HYMN"

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

EXODUS 17:1-7

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 61

At the conclusion of the reading:
We live not by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from God.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 4:3-28, 39-42

inspired by *The Voice Bible* translation

NARRATOR: CAROLINE KELLY; JESUS: ERIC RINGLER; SAMARITAN WOMAN: KATIE ROSS

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Thanks be to God.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD IN STORY

KATIE ROSS

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SILENT TIME FOR REFLECTION

* LITANY

God:

meet us at the wells
where we are lonely
where we are forgotten
where we are hurt by others
**and give us to drink
of the grace that brings life again.**

God:

speak to us in the trysting places
where the sinners gather
where the prejudices are made known
where our histories are broadcast
**and give us to drink
of the forgiveness that brings peace again.**

God:

Renew all that we are and have been
fill us with a new future
inspire us with recreation
pull us into resurrection
**and give us to drink
from the promise of heaven.**

* HYMN #182

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY

“KINGSFOLD”

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

A GAELIC BLESSING

JOHN RUTTER

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

Deep peace of the running wave to you.
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
Deep peace of the gentle night to you.
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.
Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world, to you.
Deep peace of Christ to you.

* 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 #475

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

"NETTLETON"

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* SUNG BENEDICTION #306

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

DENNIS

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

RONDO FROM "ABDELAZAR"

HENRY PURCELL

BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

* 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.....	Katie Ross
Liturgist.....	Caroline Kelly
Director of Music Ministries.....	Bryan Lohr
Musicians.....	The Sanctuary Choir
Sound Technician.....	Joe Aurigemma
Ushers.....	Pam Jan and Kathy Dowell

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 promise and faithfulness, was stitched by Emma Brugh.

We are grateful to **Katie Ross** for proclaiming the word through storytelling this morning. Katie is a professional story teller who, along with her musician husband, Otto, has performed for more than 25 years as "Stories by the Score." Together they present entertaining and interactive programs weaving stories and music together. They specialize in sacred stories, personal stories, Appalachian stories, tall tales, Mexican and other multicultural stories. Katie will be leading our Women's Retreat this year, helping us to explore stories of women in the New Testament. Today's story is just such one.

Bertram Laurd-Selby (1853-1918) was an English organist and composer, most noted for being the musical editor of the seminal English hymnbook, *Hymns Ancient and Modern*. Laurd-Selby's **Lenten Prelude** is a meditation, expressing the plaintiveness of the Lent, using wide melodic leaps and intricate, romantic harmonies.

Phillip Dietterich (b. 1931) is a celebrated American choral composer and arranger from Buffalo, NY, currently living in retirement in Massachusetts. His 1969 setting of **Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life** gives new illumination to George Herbert's celebrated, three stanza poem.

On **Sunday, April 2**, we will celebrate the relationship with our sister church, the **Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren (ECCB) in Vsetin**, Czech Republic, by using some of the same prayers and hymns, reading the same scripture lessons, and hearing reflections on the lessons from the pastors of both congregations.

In addition, we will receive communion in the custom of their congregation by coming forward in groups to form a large circle around the communion table and pass the elements to each other. (We will not use their custom of drinking wine from the common cup but continue our custom of dipping the bread into a cup of grape juice). We will also serve communion in the pews to folks who choose not or cannot come forward to receive it.

This will be the fourth time we have "shared" worship with our friends in Vsetin, as part of our commitment to partner with them as sisters and brothers in Christ. As partners, we have promised to pray for each other, to share our faith with one another and to serve together in common mission. The church in Vsetin will participate in our services via LiveStream, already having worshiped five hours earlier because of the time difference.

The **ECCB** was formed in 1918 as a unification of the Lutheran and Reformed churches in Bohemia and Moravia. The church has roots in the "pre-reformation" efforts of the 15th century Czech priest, Jan Hus, considered a key predecessor of the Protestant movement of the 16th century, in which Martin Luther and John Calvin were leaders. The ECCB is the largest Protestant denomination in the Czech Republic. The chalice (cup for communion) serves as the symbol of their denomination to highlight the restored practice of serving both elements of communion to the people, the cup having been withheld in the Roman Catholic tradition for many years.

OUR STAFF

Teaching Elder/Pastor.....	Rev. Caroline M. Kelly
Director of Music Ministries	Bryan 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 Karyl Hansen, in honor of the March birthdays of her friends, Rolfe Singerman and Linda Smith. **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 her mother, Paula Porter Walker, her husband, Dr. Nicholas Giarritta, and her sister, Bev Walker, by Shirley Giarritta. **Please contact Michael Levitas or the church office if you would like to sponsor flowers. We have flower opening on April 2, 9, and 23. 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	\$40,693.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$42,298.00
Over/(Under)	\$(1,605.00)

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE	March 13, 2016	March 12, 2017
	77	65

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.

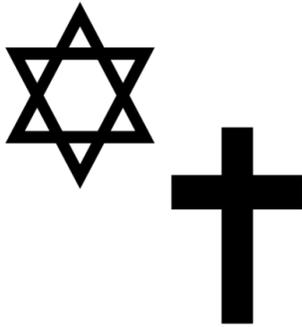
AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: First Presbyterian has become the host site for the blood drives sponsored by the American Red Cross. The blood drives will be held in the Fellowship Hall every first and third Monday of the month from 1:00-6:00PM. This a great opportunity for us to support the community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

CEILING REMODELING: Ceiling remodeling and painting in the first and second floor hallways and stairways near our staff offices will continue for another week or two. Because you may not be able to access those stairways during construction, we encourage all who are able to use the stairs on the other side of the building or the elevator.

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, April 21**. 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.



**Lenten Study Series
Claiming Our
Jewish Roots:
How Jewish Practices
Inform 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 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

MISSION

MISSION OUTREACH DINNER: The monthly outreach dinner that we help with will be held **today, March 19th** 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.**

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 **today**, following worship in the library. **Other times can be arranged by contacting Robin at rbissell444@gmail.com.**

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

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
4:00 PM HRDC MISSION OUTREACH DINNER
4:30 PM YOUTH GROUP MEETING
5:00 PM CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER SERVICE IN THE CHAPEL

MONDAY, MARCH (20)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
1:00 PM AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

TUESDAY, MARCH (21)

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH (22)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
5:00 PM FAITH FORMATION MEETING IN THE PARLOR
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 (23)

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

FRIDAY, MARCH (24) NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, MARCH (25)

9:30 AM PEO MEETING IN THE PARLOR
6:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

SUNDAY, MARCH (26)

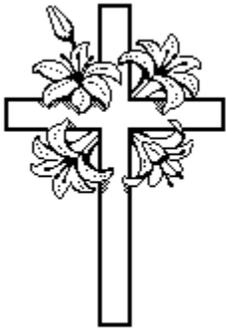
9:45 AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY
11:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



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

<http://www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland>

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 flowers 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.