

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 26, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

ARIA
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

EUGENE BUTLER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL INTROIT

GUIDE MY SOUL
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR
Guide my soul, O great Jehovah;
Lead me to thy side;
Break the chains that bind my spirit;
Cleanse my soul of pride.

Take my hand, O great Jehovah;
Lead me through the mire;
Guide my strength to thy endeavor;
Forge me in thy fire.
(First stanza repeated)

PETER SCHICKELE

* OPENING SENTENCES

God does not see as mortals see.
We look on the outward appearance;
God looks on the heart.
Jesus, Light of the World,
give us eyes to see as you see!
Once we lived in darkness, but now—
as children of light, we are called
to what is good and right and true.
Jesus, Light of the World,
give us eyes to see as you see!

* HYMN #450

BE THOU MY VISION

"SLANE"

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

I SAMUEL 16:1-13

PEW BIBLE, OT, P.248

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

PSALTER

SHEPHERD ME, O GOD (Psalm 23)

(The cantor will sing the verses and the congregation will sing the refrain.)

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -
 yond my fears, from death in - to life.

(Bm7) (C) (Am7) (Bm7) (Em)
 Cm7 D^b B^bm7 Cm7 Fm

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 9:1-45

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 96

NARRATOR: CAROLINE KELLY; THE MAN BORN BLIND: MIKAYLA DODGE; PHARISEES: MIKE LEVITAS; JESUS: ERIC RINGLER

At the conclusion of the reading:
 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 #451

OPEN MY EYES, THAT I MAY SEE

"OPEN MY EYES"

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

MY SHEPHERD WILL SUPPLY MY NEED

VIRGIL THOMSON

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

My shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his name.
 In pastures fresh, he makes me feed beside the living stream.
 He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways.
 He leads me for his mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace.
 When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay.
 One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
 Thy hand in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread.
 My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days.
O may thy house be my abode and all my works be praise.
There would I find a settled rest while others go and come.
No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

* **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 #649**

AMAZING GRACE

“AMAZING GRACE”

* **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

PRELUDE IN C
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

VIRGIL THOMSON

* 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.....Mike Levitas
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir
Sound Technician.....Joe Aurigemma
Ushers.....Jeff and Kathy Getty

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 patience and healing, was stitched by Jane Belt.

American composer Virgil Thomson (1896-1989) was born in Kansas City and educated at Harvard and in Paris. Thomson was influential in creating the distinctive “American sound” of the 20th century, along with his colleagues and friends Aaron Copland, Leonard Bernstein, and Ned Rorem, among others. Thomson's setting of **My Shepherd Will Supply My Need**, a metrical adaptation of Psalm 23 by Issac Watts, sung to to an early-American hymn tune, is a stalwart piece of American a cappella choral literature.

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

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

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 Rolfe Singerman. **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 Neil Smith, by Nancy and Royce Hodges. **Please contact Michael Levitas or the church office if you would like to sponsor flowers. We have flower openings 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 19, 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 20, 2016	March 19, 2017
	90 (Palm Sunday)	80

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

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 7 at 6:00PM at Wasabi**. If you are interested in learning more about this group, please contact Robby May.

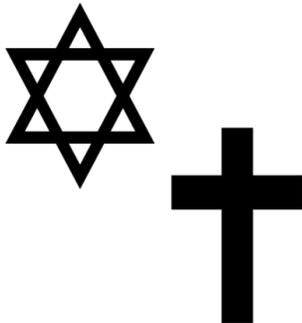
WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT: REGISTER NOW - Join us for our annual spring retreat on Friday and Saturday (April 28-29) at the Belt Farm in Romney, WV. Katie Ross will facilitate our exploration of some of the women in the New Testament, through story-telling and reflection. Come to strengthen relationships 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

SAVE THE DATE: SOUTH DAKOTA LUNCHEON AND AUCTION: The annual South Dakota Luncheon & Auction will be held on **Sunday, April 30**. More information and sign-ups will be included in future bulletins.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

We are looking for people to help with worship on **Palm/Passion Sunday (Sunday, April 8)**. If you would be willing to read a part (a few words or a few paragraphs) in the choral reading of the Passion Story or help strip the sanctuary of all decoration at the end of the service, please contact Caroline Kelly or Bryan Lohr.



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

friends from Emmanuel Episcopal and St. Paul's Lutheran this Thursday, March 30, at 6:00PM in the Fellowship Hall for a simple supper, followed by our final conversation: Holy Meals: Passover Seder and Communion.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

SUNDAY, MARCH (26)

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

MONDAY, MARCH (27)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY, MARCH (28)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
5:00 PM RULING ELDER TRAINING
6:30 PM BUILDINGS & GROUNDS WORK NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, MARCH (29)

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

THURSDAY, MARCH (30)

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

FRIDAY, MARCH (31)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
3:00 PM YOUTH SERVING MEAL AT UNION RESCUE MISSION

SATURDAY, APRIL (1)

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

SUNDAY, APRIL (2)

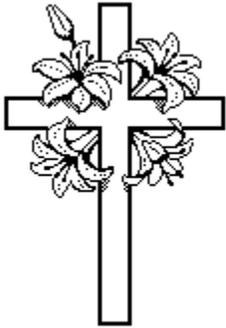
9:45 AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY
11:00 AM SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
12:00 PM FIRST SUNDAY FOOD & FELLOWSHIP
12:30 PM CONFIRMATION CLASS IN THE PASTOR'S OFFICE
4:30 PM MODEL SEDER IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL



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 today.**

	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.