

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 18, 2018



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

MEDITATION ON *ERHALT UNS, HERR*
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

ALFRED V. FEDAK

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL INTROIT

COME, YE SINNERS, POOR AND NEEDY
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

RONALD TURNER

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy
Weak and wounded, sick and sore
Jesus ready, stands to save you
Full of pity, love and power.

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome
God's free bounty glorify
True belief and true repentance
Every grace that brings you nigh.

I will arise and go to Jesus
He will embrace me in his arms
In the arms of my dear Savior
Oh, there are ten thousand charms.

Lent is the 40-day season before Easter (not including Sundays). Originally, it was a time of preparing candidates for baptism. 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 February 14th with Ash Wednesday and will conclude on March 31st, the day before Easter Sunday.

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in love.
God's promise is for all generations;
God's covenant is with every living thing.

Let us worship God.

* **HYMN #165**

THE GLORY OF THESE FORTY DAYS

"ERHALT UNS, HERR"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Redeemer, we confess
that we are people of ashes and dust.
You have claimed us in your covenant,
yet we forget your steadfast love.
You seek us out in the wilderness,
yet we continue to wander in our sin.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Wash us clean, once again,
so that we may return to you
and follow your holy way;
through Jesus Christ our Lord...

(Time for silent reflection and prayer)

KYRIE #167

FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS (verse 1)

"AUS DER TIEFE RUF E ICH"

Forty days and forty nights you were fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* **RESPONSE #166**

LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS (verse 3)

"ST. FLAVIAN"

And through these days of penitence, and through this Passiontide,
yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

(Please greet one another with signs of peace.)

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

GENESIS 9:8-17

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 7

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

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 repentance and return, was stitched by Renee Kiddy.

ANTHEM

SECURE

CRAIG COURTNEY

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

A storm is raging Lord; the boat I sail is small, and oh so frail.
 The wind is blowing Lord; I cannot hold the course against the gale.
 The lightning strikes on every side; nowhere to run, nowhere to hide.
 Your hand alone can hold the tide; Lord rescue me.

I am sinking, Lord; the boat is taking water, going down.
 Part the waters, Lord; I long to plant my feet on solid ground.

Oh Lord of earth, and sky, and sea, your hand is reaching out to me.
 I know that you have heard my plea; my hope is sure.
 I am secure.

GOSPEL READING

MARK 1:9-15

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 33

After the reading: We live not by bread alone,
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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

REV. CAROLINE KELLY

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #275

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

“EIN’ FESTE BURG”

FAREWELL BLESSING FOR JOHN BROWN

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

*(Since our service is broadcast on Youtube, 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

REFLECTION

JAMES BIERY

BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

* AT THE PRESENTATION #618 O LOVE, HOW DEEP, HOW BROAD, HOW HIGH (verse 5) “DEO GRACIAS”

All glory to our Lord and God, for love so deep, so high, so broad;
 the Trinity whom we adore forever and forever more.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

The response to the readings highlights the importance of regular bible study as a critical ingredient for sustaining our lives.

Sexton John Brown is retiring on February 28, after more than 10 years of service. Today we offer our thanks to God for John’s ministry and pray blessings on him and his wife, Linda, as they move to Florida for this new stage of their lives.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN #440** *JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL* "ABERYSTWYTH"

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **SUNG BENEDICTION #775** *I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME (verse 1)* "WALK WITH ME"

I want Jesus, to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *PRELUDE IN E MINOR* J. S. BACH
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**.

Drawn from Scripture, the **Charge** gives marching orders for the people of God. It exhorts us to do certain things, with the attendant promise of God's support as we undertake to do them. A word of **Blessing or Benediction** always accompanies it.

This Morning's Worship Leaders

Preacher.....Rev. Caroline Kelly
Liturgist.....Mikayla Dodge
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir
Sound Technician.....Joe Aurigemma
Ushers.....Gary Hartung and Josh Gilhart

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

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OUR STAFF

Minister of Word and Sacrament/Pastor.....Rev. Caroline M. Kelly
Director of Music MinistriesBryan Lohr
Executive Administrative Assistant.....Brittany Jackson
Sound Tech/Security.....Joe Aurigemma
Sexton.....John Brown
Sunday Worship Child Care Providers.....Ginny Reid and Addy Mallery

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. After the Time for Young Disciples, children may go to the nursery for a Bible lesson or remain in the sanctuary. 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.

THE PRAY-GROUND is a special space in the sanctuary for our youngest children and their families. All families are welcome to come and sit in the right front pews with their children seated on the rug. This front row seat will allow God's youngest children to participate in the service in a place where they can see and hear best. There will be activities provided so that their little hands are kept busy while participating in worship. "Jesus said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it'" (Mark 10:14-15).

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. **If you are visitor, please fill out the "Welcome to First Presbyterian Church" card in the pew rack and put it in the offering plate when it comes by during the service.**

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

WORSHIP BROADCASTS ON YOUTUBE: To view worship services live or to view taped worship services, go to www.youtube.com (First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland Live Stream) or go to our website <http://www.fpc-cumberland.org/> and click on "click here to view our worship service" located at the bottom of the home page.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Benjamin Berry, by his family. **Please contact Michael Levitas or the church office if you would like to sponsor flowers for a special occasion like a birthday or anniversary or in memory or honor of someone. You may specify live or silk flowers. Silk flower money will be directed to the Special Ministries Fund.**

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: AGNES YOUNT & PAM JAN

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of February 11, 2018
Total 2018 Pledges Promised	\$222,725.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 11,275.00
2018 Pledge Balance Promised	\$211,450.00
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$ 24,830.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 23,937.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 892.00

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

February 12, 2017

93

February 11, 2018

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BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

RULING ELDERS: SHIRLEY GIARRITTA AND GARY HENDRICKSON

WORK NIGHT: The Buildings and Grounds Committee is having a **work night** on **Tuesday, February 27, 2018 from 6:30-8:30PM**. We plan to paint walls, replace tiles and refinish ceilings in the upstairs hallway. All helpers are welcome.

FAITH FORMATION

RULING ELDERS: CHELSEA BOOR & JOE WEAVER

LENTEN STUDY SERIES DINNERS, HELP NEEDED: The Lenten dinners begin Thursday, February 22 and continue on March 1, March 8, and March 15, at 6:00PM with a simple supper of soup and rolls with beverage. There will be a Lenten study immediately following. **We would appreciate a few people staying afterwards to help with clean up. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you can help. Also we need volunteers to make soup for the last dinner on March 15.** Please come and join in the fellowship.

TAKING HOME FAITH: A Taking Home Faith insert will be included in the bulletins throughout Lent. We encourage you to use them as a Lenten devotional throughout the week.

MISSION

RULING ELDERS: JUDY STERN & PHIL MILLS

MISSION OUTREACH DINNER: The monthly outreach dinner that we help with will be held on **Sunday, February 25th** 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 brownies, please let Judy Stern, Phil Mills, or Linda Smith know.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

RULING ELDERS: CAROLYN MATHEWS & DAVID STICKLER

USHER TRAINING – The Worship and Music Committee will hold training for ushers in the sanctuary immediately after worship on **Sunday, March 11th**. **This training is intended for anyone who currently ushers or anyone who may be interested in serving as an usher.** The training will include a review of the weekly responsibilities and activities of ushers as well as a discussion about safety, alertness and responsiveness to emergencies. Please let David Stickler, Carolyn Mathews or Brittany Jackson know if you plan to attend.

Lent and Holy Week

Way of Life: A Lenten Study based on *The Great Spiritual Migration* by Brian D. McLaren

To be human is to move. To be human is to change. Today, Christianity is in need of change. More specifically, argues McLaren, Christianity is in need of a migration.

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, as we consider the call to embrace three powerful shifts in understanding how to be the church.

February 22 – A Better Way to Be Christian – An Introduction to McLaren's Book

March 1 – From a System of Beliefs to a Way of Life - focusing less on a system of beliefs and more on a way of life rooted in love;

March 8 – Toward a Loving God of Liberation - rejecting the image of God as a violent Supreme Being and embracing instead a renewing Spirit at work in our world.

March 15 – For the Common Good - identifying less with organized religion and more with an organizing religion of Jesus followers dedicated to healing the planet, building peace, and working for the common good of all.

Holy Week Services

*Palm/Passion Sunday, March 25 at 11:00AM at First Presbyterian

*Maundy Thursday, March 29 at 7:00PM at Emmanuel Episcopal

*Good Friday, March 30 at 12:00 PM at First Presbyterian (in the Chapel) and 7:00PM at St. Paul's Lutheran

*Egg Hunt/Blessing Milestone, March 31 at 10:00AM at First Presbyterian Church (playground)

*Easter Sunday, April 1 = Sunrise service at Rocky Gap at 7:00AM and a traditional service in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian at 11:00AM