

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 25, 2018



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

PRELUDE NO. 1 IN C MINOR
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL INTROIT

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

EDWARD BROUGHTON

"Take up your cross," the Savior said, "If you would my disciple be;
Deny yourself, the world forsake, and humbly follow after me."

Take up your cross; let not its weight fill your weak spirit with alarm;
His strength will bear your spirit up, and brace your heart and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross, nor heed the shame, nor let your foolish pride rebel;
Your Lord for you the cross endured, to save your soul from death and hell.

Take up your cross and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down;
For only those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Hear the promise of the Lord our God:

I will bless you and make you a blessing.

Hear the calling of the Lord Jesus Christ:

Take up your cross and follow me.

Let us worship God!

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 CONFESSION

God’s love has been shown to us in Jesus Christ.
Let us confess the ways we sometimes live
as if that made no difference to us,
first in unison and then in the silence of our hearts.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Redeemer, we confess
that we are people of ashes and dust.
You call us to be a blessing in the world,
but we only seek our own benefit.
You call us to give our lives for others,
but we only seek to save ourselves.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Set our minds on divine things—
the good news of the gospel
and the promise of new life in you;
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 17:1-7, 15-16

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 13

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 God’s protection, faith and salvation, was stitched by Juanita Fix.

ANTHEM

AS THE DEER

ARR. PEGGY BETTCHER

THE JOYBELLS

As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after thee
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship thee

You alone are my strength, my shield
To you alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship thee

-From Psalm 42:1

GOSPEL READING

MARK 8:31-38

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 41

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

SERMON

REV. CAROLINE KELLY

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

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #718

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS, THE SAVIOR SAID

"BOURBON"

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

LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

ARR. RICHARD SHEPHARD

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

As thou did hunger bear, and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self and chiefly live by thy most holy word.

And through these days of penitence, and through your Passion-tide,
yes, evermore, in life and death, Jesus, with us abide.

* 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

FAREWELL BLESSING FOR JOHN BROWN

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

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.

* HYMN #541 GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN "RANDOLPH"

* 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 FUGUE IN C MINOR FELIX MENDELSSOHN
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.....Rev. Caroline Kelly
Liturgist.....David Stickler
Director of Music Ministries..... Bryan Lohr
Director of the JoyBells.....Julie Courtney
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir and The JoyBells
Sound Technician.....Joe Aurigemma
Ushers.....Paul and Barbara Aber

CALLED CONGREGATION-CORPORATION MEETING: The session has called a special congregational meeting for Sunday, March 4, 2018, immediately following worship, for the purpose of hearing and acting on a recommendation from the Congregational Nominating Committee.

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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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 honor of their parents, Robert and Virginia Neville, and Guy and Jane Fiscus, by Mike and Laura Fiscus. **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 18, 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	\$ 30,437.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 27,927.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 2, 509.00

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

February 19, 2017
75

February 18, 2018
51

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 will 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 **today** 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.

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SOUTH DAKOTA THIS SUMMER? If you would like to learn more about the ninth annual Learning Camp, please join Robin Bissell and Janet Hendershot after worship next **Sunday, March 4, at 12:15PM** in the chapel or on **Sunday, March 18**, following worship in the library. You can grab a snack and visit a bit in the library before you join us in the chapel for a short slideshow and plenty of time for your questions. **Other times can be arranged by contacting Robin at rbissell444@gmail.com.**

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.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY (26)

9:00AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY (27)

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY (28)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
6:00 PM JOYBELLS REHEARSAL IN THE LIBRARY
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM
7:30 PM SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, MARCH (1)

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

FRIDAY, MARCH (2)

9:00AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, MARCH (3)

6:00PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE LIBRARY

SUNDAY, MARCH (4)

9:45AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY & 2-5 YEAR OLD CLASS: AN ILLUSTRATED COMPASSION
11:00AM SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY BAPTISM & COMMUNION
BAPTISM OF JOSH GILHART
12:00 PM CALLED CONGREGATIONAL -CORPORATION MEETING
12:00 PM FIRST SUNDAY FOOD & FELLOWSHIP IN THE LIBRARY
12:15 PM SOUTH DAKOTA LEARNING CAMP INFORMATIONAL MEETING IN THE CHAPEL

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