

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 11, 2018



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

LENTEN PRELUDE
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

B. LUARD SELBY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL INTROIT

GOD WAS IN JESUS
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

JOHANNES HERBST

God was in Jesus, and he reconciled the world to himself.

Thousand, thousand times to thee dear Lord we offer thanks, thanks to thee.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in love.

The Lord of life is lifted up!
Let us look to him and live.

Let us worship God.

* HYMN #645

SING PRAISE TO GOD WHO REIGNS ABOVE

"MIT FREUDEN ZART"

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.

The introit is based on a manuscript of Johannes Herbst (1735-1812), a contemporary of Mozart and a Moravian pastor who served churches Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Redeemer, we confess
that we are people of ashes and dust.
We grumble and complain
when you have provided all we need.
We continue to walk in darkness
when you have given light to the world.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Help us to trust in you
so that we may not perish
but may have eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord...

(Time for silent reflection and prayer)

KYRIE #167

FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS (verse 1)

“AUS DER TIEFE RUFTE ICH”

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

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 (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.)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

NUMBERS 21:4-9

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 134

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

ANTHEM

GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

JOHN STAINER

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son,
that whoso believeth in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world, though him, might be saved.

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.

The **anthem** is the best-known work of English composer John Stainer (1840-1901), taken from his passion-tide cantata *The Crucifixion*.

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 3:14-21

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 88

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

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #793

O CHRIST, THE HEALER

“ERHALT UNS, HERR”

LITANY FOR HEALING

God, our creator, your will for us and for all your people is health and salvation:

Have mercy on us.

Jesus Christ, Son of God, you came that we might have life and have it in abundance:

Have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, dwelling within us, you make us temples of your presence:

Have mercy on us.

To the triune God, the source of all love and all life, let us offer our prayers.

For all who are in need of healing...

*(There will be a period of silence after this petition and each of the following petitions, concluding with Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**)*

For all who mourn broken relationships with family, friends or colleagues...

For all whose increasing years bring weariness, frustration or loneliness...

For all who are injured or ill, all who anticipate or are recovering from surgery...

For all who are addicted to drugs or alcohol or habits that drain the life out of them...

For all who grieve the death of loved ones and friends...

For all who mourn the loss of meaningful work, financial stability, and unfulfilled dreams...

For all who long for a place to call home, for a life companion, and children of their own...

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING AND ANOINTING

(You are invited to come forward to one of the stations for a blessing and/or anointing.)

MUSIC DURING BLESSING AND ANOINTING

EXCERPTS FROM VARIATIONS ON ‘WONDROUS LOVE’

BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

SAMUEL BARBER

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

EXCERPTS FROM VARIATIONS ON ‘WONDROUS LOVE’

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* 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.

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

Lent’s focus on our human frailty and dependence on God makes us keenly aware of the pain and brokenness in our lives – personal, congregational, national and worldwide. Claiming the church’s role to care, sustain, comfort, counsel and seek to transform brokenness, we are offering a ritual of **blessing and anointing** today.

Whether you chose to come forward for this ritual or not, please allow those around you to stand or sit as they need. If you chose not to come forward, please take this time to pray silently for people here and around the world who need God’s healing presence.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN #797 WE CANNOT MEASURE HOW YOU HEAL "YE BANKS AND BRAES"

* 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 E MINOR "THE WEDGE" 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**.

This Morning's Worship Leaders

Preacher.....Rev. Caroline Kelly
Liturgist.....Charlene Lelinski
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir
Sound Technician.....Joe Aurigemma
Ushers.....Kathy Dowell and John Mullan

Next Sunday, we will celebrate the relationship with our sister church, the **Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren (ECCB) in Vsetin**, Czech Republic, by using the same Czech organ voluntaries, reading the same scripture lessons, hearing sermons from both pastors and participating in the Sacrament of Baptism.

Lenten Supper and Study

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

Join friends from Emmanuel Episcopal and St. Paul's Lutheran for the final gathering in our Lenten series. We will meet THIS Thursday at 6:00PM in the Fellowship Hall for a simple supper, followed by study and conversation. Our focus will be 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

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 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 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 March 4, 2018
Total 2018 Pledges Promised	\$222,725.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 11,275.00
<u>2018 Pledge Balance Promised</u>	<u>\$211,450.00</u>
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$ 41,063.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 35,906.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 5,156.00

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

March 5, 2017

81

March 4, 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, March 13, 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 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.

EASTER EGG HUNT AND BLESSING MILESTONE: Join us on **Saturday, March 31st, at 10:00AM** in the Fellowship Hall for our Easter Egg Hunt and Blessing. This is a Milestones Ministry Moment for young children, grandchildren, their families and friends! We will start the morning with a breakfast potluck. We will provide drinks, plates, silverware, and ask that you bring a breakfast food to share. Activities will include devotional, egg coloring, egg hunting, and a blessing of the eggs.

PRESBYTERIAN 101 CLASSES TO START SOON! To be Presbyterian is to join a way of life informed by a particular rhythm: God calls us in grace and love; we respond in gratitude. Join Caroline Kelly and others for a video service that will introduce this basic rhythm of life to which all Presbyterians are asked to be a part. This study is designed for anybody, whether you are seeking to become a member of the church, are a cradle Presbyterian or are just curious. Each video is about 10 minutes long and comes with questions designed to guide further discussion. **An initial meeting will take place next Sunday, March 18, from 5:00-6:30PM.** Please let Rev. Kelly know if you are interested.

MARCH MIDRIFTERS EVENT: The Midriffers will meet at the Toasted Goat on **Saturday, March 17th at 7PM** for games, cheese, wine, and fellowship. Feel free to bring games for all to play. The Toasted Goat is located in Frostburg at 10 E Main Street.

MISSION

RULING ELDERS: JUDY STERN & PHIL MILLS

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 18**, in the library for a short slideshow and plenty of time for your questions. **Other times can be arranged by contacting Robin at rbissell444@gmail.com.**

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People – all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Please consider giving generously to this special offering on Easter morning.

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 today. **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.

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY PREPARATION: As in past years, we are inviting members of the congregation to participate in the Passion Narrative and Stripping of the Sanctuary during worship on Sunday, March 25, Palm/Passion Sunday. There are a number of speaking roles, as well as non-speaking roles we need to fill. If you can help, send an email to Brittany. If you have any questions, you can email Rev. Kelly at caroline.kelly86@gmail.com

EASTER FLOWERS 2018

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 25th.**

	Price Each	Quantity	Total
Lily	\$6.00	_____	\$ _____
Tulips	\$6.00	_____	\$ _____
Hyacinths	\$6.00	_____	\$ _____
Mums	\$6.00	_____	\$ _____
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 2018

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, March 25th** if you want your dedication listed in the bulletin.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, MARCH (12)

9:00AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
4:45 PM ADMIN & FINANCE MEETING IN THE PARLOR
6:30 PM PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING IN THE PARLOR

TUESDAY, MARCH (13)

9:00AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
4:30 PM FAITH FORMATION MEETING IN THE PARLOR
6:30 PM BUILDINGS & GROUNDS WORK NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, MARCH (14)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
11:00 AM JUANITA FIX MEMORIAL SERVICE
6:00 PM NEW ELDER TRAINING IN THE SENIOR HIGH ROOM
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 (15)

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

FRIDAY, MARCH (16)

9:00AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, MARCH (17)

6:00PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE LIBRARY
7:00 PM MIDRIFTERS MARCH EVENT AT TOASTED GOAT IN FROSTBURG, MD

SUNDAY, MARCH (18)

9:45AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY & 2-5 YEAR OLD CLASS: AN ILLUSTRATED COMPASSION
11:00AM SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
BAPTISM OF JAX KENNEDY BOOR/CZECH PARTNERSHIP JOINT WORSHIP
12:00 PM SOUTH DAKOTA LEARNING CAMP INFORMATIONAL MEETING IN THE LIBRARY
5:00 PM PRESBYTERIAN 101 INFORMATIONAL MEETING IN THE SENIOR HIGH ROOM

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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