

SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY BAPTISM  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 18, 2018



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

FUGUE IN G MAJOR  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

ANONYMOUS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL INTROIT

HYMN TO GOD THE FATHER  
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

JOHN DUNN

Wilt thou forgive that sin where I begun,  
Which is my sin, though it were done before?  
Wilt thou forgive that sin through which I run  
And still do run, though still I do deplore?  
When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.

Wilt thou forgive that sin which I have won  
Others to sin, and made my sin their door?  
Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun  
A year or two, but wallowed in a score?  
When thou hast done,  
Thou hast not done,  
For I have more.

I have a sin of fear that when I've spun  
My last thread, I shall parish on the shore;  
Swear by thyself, that at my death thy son  
Shall shine as he shines now and heretofore;  
And, having done that, thou hast done, I fear no more.

The organ  
voluntaries for  
today's service were  
requested by our  
Czech partners, and  
are representative  
Czech music of the  
Baroque era.

Today, 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.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in love.  
The Lord makes a new covenant with us.  
We are God's people; the Lord is our God.

Let us worship God.

\* HYMN #63

THE LORD IS GOD

"AZMON"

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 write your law in our hearts,  
yet we pretend we do not know you.  
You lifted up Christ for all to see,  
yet we turn away from your glory.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Teach us to delight in your way,  
to seek you with all our hearts,  
and to trust in your saving love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord...

*(Time for silent reflection and prayer)*

KYRIE #167

FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS (verse 1)

"AUS DER TIEFE RUF EICH"

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.)*

We lead **the acts**  
of **confession and**  
**assurance of**  
**forgiveness** from  
the baptismal  
font, since it is in  
baptism that we  
first receive the  
promises of  
forgiveness and  
rebirth.

# PROCLAIMING THE WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READING

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

PEW BIBLE, OT, P.691

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

### ANTHEM

A NEW HEART

“DUNPHY”

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

I will give you a new heart.

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you.  
I will take away your heart of stone; I will give you a heart of flesh.

### SERMON

REV. PAVEL FREITINGER

REV. CAROLINE KELLY

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### \* HYMN #53

O GOD, WHO GIVES US LIFE

“NOEL”

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

JAX KENNEDY BOOR

#### PRESENTATION

#### VOWS

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

#### ACT OF BAPTIZING

#### BLESSING

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

**Presbyterians practice both adult and infant baptism.** Adult baptism witnesses to the truth that God's gift of grace calls for our grateful response. Infant baptism witnesses to the truth that God claims people in love even before they are able to respond in faith.

## MUSICAL RESPONSE

COME TO THE WATER

JOHN FOLEY AND MATT MAHER

BEAU HARTMAN

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water and let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord.  
Without money, without price, why should you pay the price, except for the Lord?

And let all who seek, let them come to the water and let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord.  
Without money, without strife, why should you spend your life, except for the Lord?

Let all who toil, let them come to the water, and let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord.  
All who labor without rest, how can your soul find rest, except for the Lord?

And let all the poor, let them come to the water, and let the ones who are laden, let them come to the Lord.  
Bring the children without might, ease the load and light: Come to the Lord.

Come to the Lord, come to the Lord. I will run to you, Lord, I will run to you, my Lord.

## 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

CHRIST IS LORD, PRAISE HIS NAME  
THE JOYBELLS

HOWARD F. STARKS

\* **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**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\* **HYMN #450** BE THOU MY VISION "SLANE"

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **SUNG BENEDICTION** AN IRISH BLESSING ARR. LORIE LINE AND KEVIN MCCHESEY  
THE JOYBELLS AND SANCTUARY CHOIR

May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face, may the rains fall soft upon your fields,  
and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

### CLOSING VOLUNTARY

FUGUE IN C MAJOR  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

JAN KRITTEL VAÑHAL

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  
forgiveness and  
reconciliation, was  
stitched by  
Eleanor Johnson.

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\* 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.....	Kim Mills
Director of Music Ministries.....	Bryan Lohr
Musicians.....	The Sanctuary Choir
Sound Technician.....	Joe Aurigemma
Ushers.....	Phil Mills and Rolfe Singerman

## 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](http://www.fpc-cumberland.org) and [www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland](https://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](http://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 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 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 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	\$ 43,553.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 39,896.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 3,657.00

## SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

March 12, 2017  
65

March 11, 2018  
55

## 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 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

**YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP:** The Young Adult Fellowship group will meet today following worship for brunch at the Queen City Creamery.

**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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 START TODAY!** 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 series 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 today from 5:00-6:30PM.** Please let Rev. Kelly know if you are interested.

## 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 **today**, 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](mailto:rbissell444@gmail.com).**

**MISSION OUTREACH DINNER:** The monthly outreach dinner that we help with will be held on **Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING:** On Easter Sunday our congregation will have the opportunity to donate to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. 32% of the funds raised go to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Here's where some of your contributions went from last year's Offering:

**On the National level:** 25 states received help following natural and human-caused disasters, including flooding in North and South Carolina, Texas, Missouri, Kansas, Indiana, Michigan and New York; wildfires in California, Tennessee, Texas and Kansas; ongoing response to Superstorm Sandy and Hurricane Matthew; and various public violence incidents. Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria devastated islands in the Caribbean and communities in the U.S. PDA will be doing long-term recovery and is expected to assist the affected areas for at least 3-5 years, if not longer.

**On the International level:** In the first half of 2017, 11 countries received aid and support after catastrophic events, including the violence and famine in South Sudan, flooding in Peru and Colombia, cholera prevention and food security in Haiti, drought in Malawi and Kenya, and ongoing assistance for refugees and internally displaced persons related to Syria. Please consider giving generously to the One Great Hour of Sharing on Easter Sunday.

## WORSHIP & MUSIC

RULING ELDERS: CAROLYN MATHEWS & DAVID STICKLER

**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](mailto: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 25<sup>th</sup>.**

	Price Each	Quantity	Total
Lily	\$6.00	_____	\$ _____
Tulips	\$6.00	_____	\$ _____
Hyacinths	\$6.00	_____	\$ _____
Mums	\$6.00	_____	\$ _____
		<b>Total</b> _____	<b>\$</b> _____

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 25<sup>th</sup>** if you want your dedication listed in the bulletin.

## 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

## 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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## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

### MONDAY, MARCH (19)

9:00AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
1:30 PM AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

### TUESDAY, MARCH (20)

9:00AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH (21)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
10:30 AM STAFF MEETING IN THE PASTOR'S OFFICE  
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 (22)

9:00AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### FRIDAY, MARCH (23)

9:00AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### SATURDAY, MARCH (24)

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

### SUNDAY, MARCH (25)

9:45AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY & 2-5 YEAR OLD CLASS: AN ILLUSTRATED COMPASSION  
11:00AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: PALM/PASSION SUNDAY  
4:00 PM HRDC MISSION OUTREACH DINNER