

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT:  
HOLY BAPTISM & COMMUNION

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 3, 2018



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*PRELUDE IN D MINOR*  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

J. S. BACH  
BWV 539

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL INTROIT

*A LENTEN PRAYER*  
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

HAL H. HOPSON

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.

Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself;  
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself.

We must walk this lonesome valley, we have to walk it by ourselves;  
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us, we have to walk it by ourselves.

You must go and stand your trial, you have to stand it by yourself;  
Oh, nobody else can stand it for you, you have to stand it by yourself.

And through these days of penitence, and through thy Passion-tide.  
Yea, evermore, in life, in death, O Lord, with us abide.

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 14<sup>th</sup> with Ash Wednesday and will conclude on March 31<sup>st</sup>, the day before Easter Sunday.

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in love.  
The law of the Lord revives the soul;  
the word of God makes the simple wise.  
Let us worship God!

\* **HYMN #61**

YOUR LAW, O LORD, IS PERFECT

“CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN”

**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 gave us your law to guide us,  
but we seek the wisdom of the world.  
You made us a temple of living stones,  
but we dishonor the body of Christ.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Instruct us in our foolishness  
and strengthen us in our weakness  
so that we may be holy and whole;  
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**

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.

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING**

EXODUS 20:1-17

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 63

*After the reading:* We live not by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from 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 promise and faithfulness, was stitched by Emma Brugh.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

PSALM 19: 7-14

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 442

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 AND SEALING THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

JOSHUA GILHART

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

MUSICAL RESPONSE

*I WILL CHANGE YOUR NAME*

D. J. BUTLER

MEMBERS OF THE FPC YOUNG ADULT GROUP AND SANCTUARY CHOIR

\* 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.)*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

*SOMETHING IN THE WATER*

ARR. O.G. HARTMAN

CAROLINE KELLY, BEAU HARTMAN, MIKAYLA DODGE, AND ERIC RINGLER

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.

\* **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**

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Eternal God, it is right to give our thanks and praise ...

And so we join our voices with the multitude of the ages,  
singing joyfully of your wondrous love:

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul.**

**What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the heavy cross for my soul.**

Your love in Jesus Christ is wondrous, almighty God ...

And so we sing our praise to you for the wonder of this gift:

**To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing!**

And so gather us with those millions, loving Lord ...

And we are free to sing with all creation forever and ever:

**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity I'll sing on.**

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

The **Great Thanksgiving** tells the biblical story of our relationship with God and gives thanks for all that God has done for us. Today's prayer is interwoven with a 19<sup>th</sup> century shape note hymn.

Let us pray together as Jesus taught us, saying,

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.

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal and gracious One,  
though we live in a world of need,  
**here we have tasted your goodness  
and hungered for a world more just.**  
Though afflicted by brokenness and division,  
**here we have heard your call  
to be people of healing community.**  
Though daily we touch our limits,  
**here we have received  
the fullness of your grace.**  
Send us forth, O God,  
**in faith, in hope, and in love.**  
Amen.

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\* **HYMN #729**                      *LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN*                      "I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN"

## MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION-CORPORATION

*(All members are encouraged to stay; visitors are welcome.)*

\* **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

*TOCCATA IN D MINOR*  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

GORDON BALCH NEVIN

**We will receive communion** in our seats this morning. As you pass the bread to your neighbor, please say, "The bread of heaven". As you pass the tray of cups to your neighbor, please say, "The cup of salvation."

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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.....                    | Sharon Kazary                           |
| Director of Music Ministries..... | Bryan Lohr                              |
| Musicians.....                    | The Sanctuary Choir                     |
| Sound Technician.....             | Joe Aurigemma                           |
| Ushers.....                       | JoAnn Brotemarkle and Charlene Lelinski |

## 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

<http://www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland>

## 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](http://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 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 25, 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 | \$ 32,807.00            |
| Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date | \$ 31,917.00            |
| Over/(Under)                         | \$ 890.00               |

## SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

February 26, 2017  
87

February 25, 2018  
69

## 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 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.

**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 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 5-part video services 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 on Sunday, March 18, 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 next **today 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](mailto: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 next **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 Supper and Study

### 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 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, MARCH (5)

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

### TUESDAY, MARCH (6)

9:00AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
5:30 PM WORSHIP & MUSIC MEETING IN THE PARLOR  
6:30 PM MISSION MEETING IN THE PARLOR  
7:00 PM BUILDINGS & GROUNDS MEETING IN THE CHAPEL

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH (7)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
5:00 PM SEXTON SEARCH COMMITTEE 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 (8)

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

### FRIDAY, MARCH (9)

9:00AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### SATURDAY, MARCH (10)

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

### SUNDAY, MARCH (11)

9:45AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY & 2-5 YEAR OLD CLASS: AN ILLUSTRATED COMPASSION  
11:00AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
12:00 PM USHER TRAINING IN THE SANCTUARY