

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
MARCH 10, 2019 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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 the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

CHORAL INTROIT

THE ROAD TO THE LAMB  
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

T. FREDERICK CANDLYN

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame:  
A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Return, O Holy Dove, return sweet messenger of rest:  
I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.

The dearest idol I have known, what'er that idol be,  
help me to tear it from thy throne, and worship only thee.

So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame:  
So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

**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 March 6<sup>th</sup> with Ash Wednesday and will conclude on April 20<sup>th</sup>, the day before Easter Sunday.

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High God will rest in his shadow.  
They will say, **‘The Lord is my refuge and fortress, the God in whom I trust.**  
And if you make the Lord your dwelling place, then no harm may befall you.  
**For the Lord says, “I will rescue them and protect them and show them my salvation.**  
Let us worship our God.

\* **HYMN # 166**

LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS

“ST. FLAVIAN”

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Sovereign God, we confess our desire to reshape your world to suit ourselves. We are more concerned about what we will have for lunch than with those who have nothing to eat. Our own security is of more concern than the health and safety of all your children. We want you to keep your distance from us until we call, for we prefer promises without commands and gifts without responsibilities. Forgive us, O God, for our ways do not work. In this Lenten season, turn us back to the way of Jesus so that we may worship you in truth and serve you with joy, through Christ, our Lord...

*(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)*

**KYRIE ELEISON #437**

YOU ARE THE LORD, GIVER OF MERCY

“WAYFARING STRANGER”

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!  
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!  
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

\* **RESPONSE #581**

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

“GLORIA PATRI”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

\* **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**

**FIRST READING**

PSALM 91 *(To be sung by all.)*

**PSALTER #43**

YOU WHO DWELL IN THE SHELTER OF THE LORD (PSALM 91)

“ON EAGLE’S WINGS”

**SECOND READING**

LUKE 4:1-13

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 57

**SERMON**

REV. WALT PETERS

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.

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* HYMN #783

WHEN WE ARE TESTED

"ANGELS OF HEALING"

### INVITATION TO OFFERING

### MUSICAL OFFERING

PSALM 51

CARL J. NYGARD, JR.

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

Lord, I have sinned. Lord, I have strayed.  
O Lord, in thy gracious love, create in me a clean heart.  
Lord, through the night, through the day:  
O Lord, with thy holy arm, create in me a clean heart.

Renew my spirit in joy, I pray. Unto my spirit restore thy salvation.

Lord, take my sins, wash them away.  
Lord, in your gracious love, create in me a clean heart.  
Replace my doubting with hope renewed.  
Repeat thy promise of love in a new creation.

Lord, in thy light, O Lord, in thy peace,  
O Lord, with thy gracious love, O Lord, with thy holy arm,  
O Lord, my creator, create in me a clean heart.

\* AT THE PRESENTATION # 708 WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN (verse 1)

"SCHUMANN"

We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\* HYMN #816

IF THOU BUT TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDE THEE

"WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT"

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* SUNG BENEDICTION #306 BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

"DENNIS"

(Please join hands as we sing together.)

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

### CLOSING VOLUNTARY

PRELUDE IN E MINOR  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

J. S. BACH  
BWV 548

Many of us give our monetary **offering** weekly. Many of us give our offering monthly or even yearly. This morning, even if you are not putting your monetary offering in the plate today, please touch the inside of the plate when it goes by. This will help us remember that the gift we are offering is actually ourselves.

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.

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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. Walt Peters  
Liturgist.....David Stickler  
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr  
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir  
Sound Technician .....Joe Aurigemma  
Ushers.....Joe Weaver and John Mullan

## THE SESSION

**Class of 2019:** Shirley Giarritta, Gary Hendrickson, Phil Mills, and David Stickler

**Class of 2020:** Jeff Getty, Pam Jan, Ann Kellermeier, Cathy Levitas, and Joe Weaver

**Class of 2021:** Laura Fiscus, Josh Gilhart, Aaron Hendrickson, and Agnes Yount

Clerk of Session.....Jeff Getty  
Moderator.....Walt Peters

## 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

## 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:** 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.

**SPREAD THE WORD:** If you have any information for the weekly bulletin or that you’d like us to highlight on Sunday mornings, please send it to church administrator, Brittany Jackson, by Wednesday of each week. Liturgists can then include this in their Sunday morning announcements.

## ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: AGNES YOUNT & GARY HENDRICKSON

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of March 3, 2019
Total 2019 Pledges Promised	\$217,442.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 8,592.00
2018 Pledge Balance Promised	\$205,850.00
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$ 37,756.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 36,147.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 1,608.00

### SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

March 4 2018  
70

March 3, 2019  
67

## FAITH FORMATION

RULING ELDERS: JOE WEAVER & ANN KELLERMEYER

**YOUNG ADULT GATHERING:** Please join us Friday, March 22nd at 6:30PM for a game night in the Fellowship Hall and Heritage room. Drinks will be provided but please bring your favorite snacks and games to play. Feel free to invite a friend as well!

## MISSION

RULING ELDERS: PHIL MILLS & PAM JAN

**MISSION OUTREACH DINNER ADDRESS UPDATE:** The monthly outreach dinner will be held on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at Christ United Methodist Church, 336 Race Street. Dinner will be served from 4:00-5:30PM. If anyone can volunteer to serve dinner and/or help clean tables, 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 tenth annual Learning Camp, please join Robin Bissell and Janet Hendershot after worship **next Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>** in the parlor 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).**

# MARCH 10, 2019 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

## taking faith home

*Jesus speaks God's word faithfully.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 4:1-13	The temptation of Jesus
Monday	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	A confession of faith
Tuesday	Romans 10:8b-13	Salvation is for all
Wednesday	Zechariah 3:1-10	The Lord clothes Joshua
Thursday	1 John 2:1-6	Christ helps us
Friday	Job 1:1-22	Job and his family
Saturday	Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16	The Lord is my fortress
Sunday	Luke 13:31-35	Jesus' sorrow over Jerusalem

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Jesus answered [the devil], "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' " Luke 4:8 (NRSV)

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

**A Prayer for the Week:**

Dear God of truth, your word is true and in you only can we trust. Thank you for Jesus, the one whose trust in you is our hope and salvation. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**

We thank you for this gift of food to satisfy us and to remind us of your care and saving presence. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

May the Lord your God be with you in times of trouble and rescue you and honor you all the days of your life. (Psalm 91:15)



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# MARCH 10, 2019 HYMN OF THE WEEK

## taking faith home

*Lord, Speak to Us,  
that We May Speak*

### CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What does it mean to be a good listener?
- What gets in the way of good listening?
- In Luke 4, the devil valued himself at the center of the universe. Jesus places God at the center. When we see ourselves as the most important part of a conversation, how does that influence how we listen to others?

### DEVOTIONS

*Read: Luke 4:1-13.*

This story is often called the "Temptation of Jesus." That description focuses on Jesus' ability to resist sin. However, the Hebrew word for "tempted" can also be translated as "tested." This other translation is helpful since the story is more about testing Jesus to see what kind of messiah he plans to be, one who seeks personal power and prestige, or one who is faithful to the God of the Bible. When the focus is on temptation, we can easily miss how we, like the devil, can try to change Jesus into someone who serves our desires for personal importance. Both Jesus and the devil quote Scripture. We can use the Bible and our faith in unfaithful ways. Part of our sinfulness is to make Jesus into someone who serves our desires instead of the one who points us to worship and trust God to take care of our real needs. Think about or discuss how Jesus is our Savior by overcoming evil and idolatry (desire for personal power and glory) and by placing his trust in God.

*Pray:* Dear God, we thank you that Jesus speaks your word faithfully; help us to listen to your word and trust in you. Amen.

### SERVICE

Romans 10:8b states, "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim)." Confessing faith in the Lord not only assures you of your salvation, but is a source of proclamation so that others may be encouraged to have faith in Christ. The Reformation theme of the priesthood of all believers includes our calling to tell others of the good news of Jesus Christ. Use your voice this week to affirm faith in Jesus. It may be as simple as a table grace, nighttime prayer, or blessing given to a family member or friend.

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

During the forty days of Lent we do not hear the word "Alleluia" spoken or sung during worship. We reflect on repentance and what it means. In Luke 4, Jesus is led by the Spirit to go into the desert for a time of spiritual reflection. Time for spiritual reflection and devotions is a traditional part of the Christian life. Commit to a regular time in your home during Lent when you can read scripture and pray. Place this Taking Faith Home bulletin on a table where you can easily use it to do a portion of it each day.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

### MONDAY, MARCH (11)

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

### TUESDAY, MARCH (12)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
6:00 PM CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH MEETING IN THE PARLOR  
6:30 PM BUILDINGS & GROUNDS WORK NIGHT

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH (13)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
10:30 AM STAFF MEETING IN THE PARLOR  
5:15 PM FAITH FORMATION MEETING IN THE PARLOR  
5:15 PM WORSHIP & MUSIC MEETING IN THE CHAPEL  
6:15 PM JOYBELLS REHEARSAL IN THE LIBRARY  
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM  
7:30 PM SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL IN THE CHOIR ROOM

### THURSDAY, MARCH (14)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### FRIDAY, MARCH (15)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### SATURDAY, MARCH (16)

6:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

### SUNDAY, MARCH (17)

9:45AM AN ILLUSTRATED COMPASSION: LEARNING TO LOVE LIKE GOD (2-5 YEAR OLDS)  
9:45 AM FEASTING ON THE WORD - EARLY ELEMENTARY (K-2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE)  
9:45 AM PERSONALIZED BIBLE STORIES (ADULTS)  
11:00AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



**Donate your gently worn, used  
and new shoes to  
Learning Tree  
Nursery School**

**Now-March 31st**

Help us raise funds for our school by donating your shoes! The shoes will go to support and develop micro-enterprises in developing countries.

Drop your donations in the bin found in the hallway.

Don't forget to ask your family, neighbors and co-workers to donate, also! We get paid by weight!