

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

MARCH 17, 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

INTERMEZZO FOUNDED ON AN IRISH AIR
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

C. V. STANFORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

CHORAL INTROIT

THE ROSE
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

MARY E. CALDWELL

I found a single perfect flower upon a red rose tree;
Beauty to match the sunlit hour, and a lovely thing to see.

Yet, in the crimson heart I saw a crystal tear displayed.
Was this because a crown of thorns, from crimson rose was made?

* CALL TO WORSHIP

In the season of Lent, we walk once again with Christ to the cross.
We acknowledge the betrayal and fear that are part of the story.
And we embrace God's love for humanity that is also part of the story.
Even in the midst of the Lenten darkness, we see light and hope and joy.
So let us come together for the journey with all that we are - heart, soul, mind, and body.
In confidence and faith let us worship our God.

Based on the popular tune *Londonderry Air*, **the opening voluntary** is a lesser known work of Irish-born composer Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924.) Stanford was known for his choral anthems.

Mary Caldwell (1909-2003) was a prolific American composer of vocal music, ranging from anthems to operas. While most of her hundreds of published works are out of print, there is now a resurgence of interest in her music among choral conductors.

* HYMN #638

O COME AND SING UNTO THE LORD

“IRISH”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for our neglect of the purposes of the Lenten journey. Christ calls us to walk with him, but we are easily sidetracked. Christ calls us to live out our mission in ministry to others, but we spend our time and effort fulfilling our own desires. Christ calls us to share the good news of the gospel, but we fear it will make us seem extreme or fanatical and so say nothing. Free us, we pray, from the burden of our faults and our failures. Save us from our tendency to wander away from the life to which you call us. Set us on the right path so that we may discover again that your way leads to the newness of life and the fullness of joy that you intend for us through Jesus 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. 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.)

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

PSALM 27 *(To be sung by all.)*

PSALTER #90

WAIT FOR THE LORD (PSALM 27)

“WAIT FOR THE LORD”

SECOND READING

LUKE 13:31-35

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 72

SERMON

REV. WALT PETERS

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #450

BE THOU MY VISION

“SLANE”

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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 6th with Ash Wednesday and will conclude on April 20th, the day before Easter Sunday.

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.

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

'TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS
THE JOYBELLS

ARR. KEVIN MCCHESENEY

* **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 #543**

GOD BE THE LOVE TO SEARCH AND KEEP ME

“GREEN TYLER”

* **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 B MINOR
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

J. S. BACH
BWV 544

* 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**.

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.

This Morning’s Worship Leaders

Preacher.....Rev. Walt Peters
Liturgist.....Aaron Hendrickson
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir
Sound TechnicianJoe Aurigemma
Ushers.....Sharon Squires and Barbara Leasure

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 loving 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.**

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 10, 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	\$ 43,081.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 40,163.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 2,917.00

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

March 11 2018

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March 10, 2019

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CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH

RULING ELDERS: LAURA FISCUS & JOSH GILHART

THE HIGHLANDERS GROUP will meet for lunch at Bob Evan's Restaurant in LaVale tomorrow, March 18, at noon. Highlanders is a fellowship group for senior adults. If you have any questions or if you need a ride, please contact Gail Plitnik at 301-689-2115.

JOIN US FOR GAME NIGHT: Please join us this 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 next Sunday, March 24th 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 today 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.

SAVE THE DATE: SOUTH DAKOTA LUNCHEON AND AUCTION: The annual South Dakota Luncheon & Auction will be held on Sunday, April 28. More information and sign-ups will be included in future bulletins.



Collecting Books Now Until Sunday, May 12th

Donations accepted HERE!

Please bring your new or gently used reading books for ages 4 to 15 years old!

They will be given away to Native American children of the Yankton Sioux Tribe in southeastern South Dakota this summer.

For questions or to arrange a pick up please contact Robin Bissell at 240-444-4219 or email rbissell444@gmail.com.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, MARCH (18)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
1:30 PM AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

TUESDAY, MARCH (19)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
7:00 PM CUMBERLAND MUSIC & ARTS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH (20)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
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 (21)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
7:00 PM SESSION MEETING IN THE LIBRARY

FRIDAY, MARCH (22)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
1:00 PM MOUNTAINSIDE BAROQUE REHEARSALS
6:30 PM YOUNG ADULT GAME NIGHT IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

SATURDAY, MARCH (23)

9:00 AM PEO MEETING IN THE PARLOR
10:00 AM MOUNTAINSIDE BAROQUE REHEARSALS
6:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

SUNDAY, MARCH (24)

9:45AM AN ILLUSTRATED COMPASSION: LEARNING TO LOVE LIKE GOD (2-5 YEAR OLDS)
9:45 AM FEASTING ON THE WORD - EARLY ELEMENTARY (K-2ND GRADE)
11:00AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
4:00 PM MOUNTAINSIDE BAROQUE CONCERT
4:00 PM MISSION OUTREACH DINNER



**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!