

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

MARCH 24, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

ADAGIO FROM 'FANTAISIE IN C MAJOR'
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

CÉSAR FRANCK
Op. 16

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL INTROIT

A NEW HEART
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR
I will give you a new heart.

MELISSA DUNPHY

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.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,
But to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? Through the foolishness of our
proclamation, God has decided to save those who believe.
**And it is not through signs or wisdom, but through the word of Christ crucified that
salvation is made available to all people.**
For God's foolishness is wiser than any human wisdom,
And God's weakness is stronger than every human strength.

Melissa Dunphy
(b. 1980)
immigrated from
Australia to the
United States in
2003, and is
known for her
innovative vocal
compositions. A
member of the
faculty at Rutgers
University,
Dunphy currently
resides in
Philadelphia.

* HYMN #307

GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

“CWM RHONDDA”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that we often go our own way. We seek personal gratification rather than the well-being of all your children. We compare ourselves to others, identifying their shortcomings but seldom noticing our own. We base our lives on our limited understandings rather than following your larger purposes. We tell ourselves that because we are better than many others, you hold us in special regard. Forgive us, we pray, for we have failed to comprehend both our own sinfulness and the breadth and depth of your love for all sinners. Bring us back to the way of Christ so that we may be more fully your people and more faithfully his followers...

(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 63 (To be sung by all.)

PSALTER #696

O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD ALONE (PSALM 63)

“GRATUS”

SECOND READING

LUKE 13:1-9

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 72

SERMON

REV. WALT PETERS

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #418

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY JESUS IS CALLING

“SOFTLY AND TENDERLY”

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 promise and faithfulness, was stitched by Emma Brugh.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

THE HIDDEN STREAM

ELEANOR DALEY

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

The hidden stream that feeds our daily acts of care
springs forth in worship when Christ leads
the church in song and prayer.

*Lord, through our lives may others hear
your living waters drawing near.*

The stream runs clear and deep and tastes
of heaven's skies, and where its ceaseless currents sweep
flows life that never dies.

A heart of stone and dust, of withered hopes and dreams,
becomes a spring of faith and trust
by drinking from these streams.

We leave this watered place to work on rocky ground,
yet even there, the streams of grace
sustain our daily round.

* 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 #649 *AMAZING GRACE, HOW SWEET THE SOUND*

"AMAZING GRACE"

* 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 C MINOR

J. S. BACH

BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

BWV 546

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.

The musical offering is based on a 1994 poem by hymnodist and Yale Divinity School professor Thomas Troeger, set to music in 2006 by Canadian composer Eleanor Daley.

* 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.....Sharon Karzary
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir
Sound TechnicianJoe Aurigemma
Ushers.....Paul and Barb Aber

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, MARCH (25)

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY, MARCH (26)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY, MARCH (27)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

10:30AM STAFF MEETING IN THE PARLOR

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 (28)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, MARCH (29)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, MARCH (30)

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

SUNDAY, MARCH (31)

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: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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 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 Neil Smith, by Nancy and Royce Hodges. **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.**

SIMEON'S WELL MUSICAL: Join Emmanuel Parish for an extra-special event—an original musical written by Lynn Getty showcasing the history of Emmanuel and Cumberland on **Saturday, March 30th and Sunday, March 31st at 7:30PM**. A juried Art Show will take place in the parish hall during the weekend. Opening Reception for the Art Show will be from 5:00-7:00PM on Saturday March 30.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: AGNES YOUNT & GARY HENDRICKSON

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of March 17, 2019
Total 2019 Pledges Promised	\$217,442.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 8,592.00
<u>2018 Pledge Balance Promised</u>	<u>\$205,850.00</u>
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$ 46,975.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 44,179.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 2,795.00

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

March 18, 2018

93

March 17, 2019

58



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.



**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!

EASTER FLOWERS 2019

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, April 7th.**

	Price Each	Quantity	Total
Lily	\$6.00	_____	\$_____
Tulips	\$6.00	_____	\$_____
Hyacinths	\$6.00	_____	\$_____
Chrysanthemums	\$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 2019

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, April 14th** if you want your dedication listed in the bulletin.