

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 8, 2020

11:00 AM

PRELUDE

ADORATION
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

FLORENCE PRICE (1887-1953)

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS

CHORAL INTROIT

THE ROSE
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

MARY E. CALDWELL (1909-2003)

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

God sent Christ into the world not to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.

God's love endures forever.

God is our refuge and strength, a present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear

though the earth should change,

though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

though the waters roar and foam,

though the mountains tremble with its tumult. God's love endures forever.

Let us pray..

Almighty God,

you despise nothing you have made and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent.

Create in us new and contrite hearts, so that truly repenting of our sins,

and acknowledging our brokenness, we may obtain from you,

full pardon and forgiveness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Redeemer,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

* HYMN #386

COME, WORSHIP GOD

“O QUANTA QUALIA”

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy,
you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.
We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way.
We are misled by pride,
for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small.
We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.
Return us to paths of righteousness
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

* SUNG RESPONSE #166

LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS (V. 1)

“ST. FLAVIAN”

Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us did fast and pray,
teach us with you to mourn our sins
and close by you to stay.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PSALM 121:1-2

Brothers and sisters, hear these words from the scriptures:
“I lift my eyes to the hills from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.”
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Please greet one another with signs of peace.)

* RESPONSE #166

LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS (V.4)

“ST. FLAVIAN”

Abide with us, till when this life
of suffering shall be past,
an Easter of unending joy
we may attain at last.

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

PSALM 32

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 479

ANTHEM

LORD, WHAT IS MAN
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

ARR. ALICE PARKER (B. 1925)

Lord, what is man, poor feeble man, born of the earth at first;
his life a shadow, light and vain, still hastening to the dust.

O, what is feeble, dying man, or any of his race,
that God should make it his concern to visit him with grace.

That God who darts his lightnings down, who shakes the worlds above,
and mountains tremble at his frown: How wondrous is his love.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

MATTHEW 26:57-66

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 17

SERMON

THE JOURNEY TO THE CROSS: BEFORE THE JEWISH AUTHORITIES

REV. DR. JAMES R.M. YOUNG

* HYMN #785

IN DEEPEST NIGHT

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

PSALM 108: O GOD, MY HEART IS STEADFAST!
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

EMMA LOU DIEMER (B. 1927)

* SONG OF PRAISE & PRESENTATION # 609 PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

"LASST UNS ERFREUEN"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

* HYMN #838

STANDING ON THE PROMISES

"PROMISES"

* BENEDICTION

* SUNG RESPONSE #306

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS
(Please join hands as we sing together.)

"DENNIS"

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

TOCCATA OSTINATA
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

CARLOTTA FERRARI (B. 1975)

* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, if you are able, please stand.
Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

WORSHIP NOTES

In honor of International Women's Day, all of the organ and choral music in this morning's service has been written or arranged by female composers.

Lent is the 40-day season before Easter (not including Sundays). Originally, it was a time of preparing candidates for baptism on Easter. 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 26 with Ash Wednesday and concludes with Easter Sunday, April 12th.

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. The first panel, symbolizing the themes of repentance and return, was stitched by Renee Kiddy. This week's panel, symbolizing the themes of God's protection, faith and salvation, was stitched by Juanita Fix.

This Morning's Worship Leaders

Preacher..... Rev. Dr. James R.M. Young
 Liturgist.....David Stickler
 Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
 Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir
 Sound TechnicianJoe Aurigemma
 Ushers.....Mike and Cathy Levitas

EASTER FLOWERS 2020

If you would like to purchase flowers for the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please indicate below whether you wish to take your flowers home afterward, 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 5th.**

	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 2020

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 who provide special music during worship on holidays and throughout the year.

Note: Special Music contributions may also 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 the form returned to the church no later than **Sunday, April 5th** if you want your dedication listed in the bulletin.

WELCOME

A very warm welcome to everyone who comes to worship with us here at First Presbyterian Church! Whether you are very young, in your teens, adult, older adult; black, white, brown, or any other color; straight, gay, transgendered; very well off financially or not so much; feel greet today or your bones are hurting again; have little cares or are weighed down with a lot of concern speak English or speak little English; raised in a church, not raised in a church, haven't been since that special person was baptized, or just exploring spirituality, whoever you are, YOU are welcome here!

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 speak to the pastor, the ushers, or anyone here! Also, please 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. If you are interested, 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. 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: 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: GARY HENDRICKSON & CINDY CORLEY

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of March 1, 2020
Total 2020 Pledges Promised	\$206,064.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 17,368.00
<u>2020 Pledge Balance Promised</u>	<u>\$188,696.00</u>
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$ 35,026.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 32,837.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 2,188.00

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

March 3, 2019

67

March 1, 2020

55

BUILDING & GROUNDS

RULING ELDERS: SHIRLEY GIARRITTA & BOB COURTNEY

BUILDING & GROUNDS WORK NIGHT: Our Tuesday night work nights are making head way. The Tuesday crew works from 6:30 to 8:30 PM most Tuesdays. Check the bulletin calendar and come join the fun. More hands let us get more accomplished! **The next work night will be March 10.**

CARE & OUTREACH

RULING ELDERS: LAURA FISCUS & JOSH GILHART

FIRST SUNDAY FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP will be held today in the **Gathering Place after worship!** Today we are saying farewell to two long time members of our church, Shirley Giarritta and Kay Williams, who will both be moving to Cincinnati, Ohio by the end of the month. Please stay for lunch in the Gathering Place and say goodbye to these lovely ladies who have given their time and talents over the years to First Presbyterian. We will miss you both.

SIGHT AND SOUND TRIP: The Congregational Care and Outreach committee would like to begin planning another trip to Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA. They will begin showing their new musical, "*Queen Esther*" in March. Weekend spots at the theater are filling up rapidly. Ticket prices for the seats range between \$60.00 and \$90.00 depending on the day of the week. Transportation costs will vary depending on the number of people attending and method of transportation. Last time we rented a 15-passenger van which added \$25.00 to each person's total cost. Please contact Josh Gilhart if you have any questions or if you are interested in attending.

FAITH FORMATION

RULING ELDERS: JOE WEAVER & ANN KELLERMEYER

SUNDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP: A few weeks ago, we began a weekly book group which meets from 10:00 AM to 10:50 AM on Sunday mornings. Participants read and discuss books on religious, social, and other topics of interest. The Faith Formation committee will suggest a list of books, but we also encourage participants to suggest books they are personally interested in to add to the list.

The committee selected a book to start us out, but moving forward all books will be voted on by the group. Our first book is *Searching for Sunday* by Rachel Held Evans. This book deals with the author's struggles with loving, falling away from, and finding her way back to church. The book is available for \$9.49 at Amazon.com. Anyone interested please contact Joshua Gilhart. If anyone interested is in need of child care please let him know in advance and it will be arranged.

LENTEN STUDY: On **Thursdays, March 19, 26, and April 2**, we will have a light supper at 5:30 PM followed by a study led by Rev. Young and taken from the Lenten devotionals, *Becoming a Beloved Community*. Join us on these evenings to try and grow together as the "beloved community" by "facing our fears, prejudices and our flawed understandings, so that in Christ, wrongs may be righted, hearts may be changed and we might live together in peace." If you are in need of childcare, let Ann Kellermeyer or Julie Courtney know.

MISSION

RULING ELDERS: PAM JAN & AARON HENDRICKSON

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SOUTH DAKOTA THIS SUMMER? If you would like to learn more about the 11th annual Learning Camp, please join Robin Bissell and Janet Hendershot after worship **today and March 22nd** in the Gathering Place for a short slideshow and plenty of time for your questions. Other times to discuss the camp may be arranged by contacting Robin at rbissell444@gmail.com.

INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY DONATION BOX: The Mission Committee is looking for a volunteer from the congregation to monitor the box located in the lobby which is used to collect food for the Interfaith Food Pantry. This person would be responsible for checking the bin and when it is full, taking the food items to the food pantry. Anyone interested in taking on this important mission opportunity, please contact Pam Jan or Aaron Hendrickson for further details

MISSION OUTREACH DINNER: The monthly outreach dinner will be held **on Sunday, March 22nd** at **Christ United Methodist Church, 336 Race Street**. Dinner will be served from 4:00-5:30PM. If anyone can volunteer to serve dinner, help clean tables, and/or provide cookies; please let Judy Stern (814-977-8880), Phil Mills, or Linda Smith (301-395-8165) know. **We are in need of volunteers to provide cookies for this dinner!**

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Due to concerns about the coronavirus, Rev. Robert Gamble has decided to cancel his visit for today at First Presbyterian Church. Hopefully he can visit at a future date.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, MARCH (9)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
4:45 PM ADMIN & FINANCE MEETING IN THE PARLOR

TUESDAY, MARCH (10)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
5:00 PM FAITH FORMATION MEETING IN THE PARLOR
6:30 PM BUILDING & GROUNDS WORK NIGHT
6:30 PM PARENT EDUCATION SEMINAR HOSTED BY THE LEARNING TREE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH (11)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
5:15 PM CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH MEETING
6:15 PM JOYBELLS REHEARSAL
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM
7:30 PM SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, MARCH (12)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
5:30 PM NEW TESTAMENT STUDY WITH REV. JIM YOUNG

FRIDAY, MARCH (13)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, MARCH (14)

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

SUNDAY, MARCH (15)

11:00AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 1, 2020
FIRST SUNDAY
IN LENT

taking+
 faith
 home

Wanting to be like God.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 4:1-11	Temptation of Jesus
Monday	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7	First sin and its punishment
Tuesday	Romans 5:12-19	Adam and Christ
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Christ was raised to life
Thursday	1 Peter 4:7-11	Love wipes away many sins
Friday	Galatians 6:1-10	Bear one another's burdens
Saturday	Psalms 32	The joy of forgiveness
Sunday	John 3:1-17	For God so loved the world

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." Genesis 3:4-5 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, help us to trust in our Lord Jesus Christ, to know him as your Son, that we may live in the protection of your care, keeping us from all harm. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear Lord, just as you freely fed Adam and Eve in the garden, we thank you for providing us with the fruit of the earth today. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord be your hiding place; may God preserve you from all trouble and give you peace. (Psalms 32:7)



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MARCH 1, 2020
HYMN OF THE WEEK
 By Gracious Powers

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- Is it easy or difficult to talk about sin? Explain.
- Why do you think sin is not a popular word in today's culture?
- Sin is often seen as rebellion. It is also about being deceived. Give examples of how people deceive themselves in today's world.

DEVOTIONS

Read: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7.

The snake, part of God's own creation, was the first to create the temptation to move away from a trusting relationship with God. The world of sin is greater than what is experienced by humans. The snake gave a half-truth. Adam and Eve would learn the difference between good and evil; they just couldn't choose the good. The story of the "fall" is less about a fall from perfection and grace and more about a rebellion that wants to be like God. At some level, we may all want to be like God and to know the difference between good and evil. We tend to turn to our own prejudices, the preferred thinking that makes us most comfortable and most empowered. There are a lot of half-truths in our conversations, both public and private. A half-truth can be worse than a flat-out lie. Because it has the appearance of truth, it is more deceptive. We need a Savior who can turn us from our half-truth worlds that deceive and destroy life and relationships. We need Jesus. Can you think of a time when you heard a half-truth that deceived you? Explain.

Pray: God of truth and grace, cleanse us from our sinful lives; give us glad hearts that know we have received grace upon grace, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

When Jesus was tempted in the wilderness, he responded with words from Scripture, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him'" (Matthew 4:10). One way of serving God is to care for your neighbor. How do you worship and serve God by caring for your neighbor?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

To establish a ritual during Lent, make a Lenten Candle Cross. Place six purple tea-light or votive candles in the shape of a cross, using a white seventh candle for the center. Each week, a candle will be lit during prayer time in your home. The acronym ACTS (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication) will be introduced as a way to pray. This first week in Lent represents "A" for Adoration, meaning love, respect, and worship. [Light a purple candle] **Pray:** Dear God, we praise your name and worship you. I praise you for . . . , in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, amen.



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