

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**1st Sunday in Lent; 11:00 a.m. March 1, 2020**

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SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place. Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful comfort. Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed. Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 32

Leader: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**People: Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

Leader: While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

**People: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

Leader: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

**People: Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.**

Leader: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

**People: I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

**All: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE "Morning Has Broken" No 60

\*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.**

PASSING THE PEACE

May the Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 2 & 3 selected verses (pg. 2)

ANTHEM "Find Us Faithful" J. Mohr

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 4:1-11 (pg. 785)

SERMON The Rev. Natasha Sudderth

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS  
Heather Speas, Janeace Campbell, Stan Whiddon, Brenda Wilson

OFFERING

HYMN                      “In Remembrance”                      No. 322

SEE INSERT

HYMN                      “I Am Thine , O Lord”                      No. 358

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

**Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving. Christ be your shalom. Christ be your shalom.**

\*POSTLUDE

**\*Those who are able, please stand.**



Kramskoř, Ivan Nikolaevich, 1837-1887

**Prayer List**  
**March 2, 2020**

Loisell Coleman  
Hattie Adams  
Betty Lou Hendry  
Fanette Chesser  
Elvena Johnson  
Ben Sunderland  
Shirley Erwin  
Beverly Radcliff  
Chuck Davis  
John Ricketson  
Judy Neal  
Kendall Horne  
Rhonda Brooks

- Our new web page, [www.firstpresperry.org](http://www.firstpresperry.org)
- Email the church office, [office@firstpresperry.org](mailto:office@firstpresperry.org)
- Email the pastor, [pastor@firstpresperry.org](mailto:pastor@firstpresperry.org)

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS:** This Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, supper is potluck. Bring a casserole, meat, side dish, or dessert to share. The **potluck team** will set up. Dress is casual. Supper begins at 5:45 p.m.

We warmly greet all who have come to worship God. Your presence will enhance our worship experience and our fellowship together. Sincere thanks to each of you for your participation in the service. Glory be to God!

**Leading Worship:** The Rev. Natasha Sudderth-Davis, Pastor; Rayma Ball, Director of Music; Leah Metzger, Accompanist; Brenda Wilson, Liturgist and Elder of the Week; Bobby Harper, Babbs Radcliff, Mike Perrine, and Martha Davis, Ushers.  
Citation: Kramskoi, Ivan Nikolaevich, 1837-1887, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

**Children's Church (CC):** All children join their families in the 11:00 a.m. worship service. After Children's Time, children 1st grade and below will go out for children's bible activities.

**NURSERY** is provided for infants and toddlers. Hearing Assistance Devices are available. If you would like to use one of these aids, please check in at the sound booth.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### This week's events:

Sunday, March 1 <sup>st</sup>	9:30 am	Fellowship
	9:45 am	Assembly
	10:00 am	Small Groups
	11:00 am	Worship
	6:00 pm	Youth Group
Tuesday, March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00 am	Bible Study
Wednesday, March 4 <sup>th</sup>	5:45 pm	Fellowship Supper
Next Sunday, March 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	Fellowship
	9:45 am	Assembly
	10:00 am	Small Groups
	11:00 am	Worship
	2:00 pm	CFTC
	6:00 pm	Youth Group

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

(This table is open to all. All the bread served is gluten free. Let us love our neighbors by using hand sanitizer. Please pass the bread and hand sanitizer in your row.)

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

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

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe.

**People: You are our God, and we are the creatures of your hand. You made us from the dust of the earth, breathed into us the breath of life, and set us in your world to love and serve you.**

Leader: Even when we turned away from you, our Maker, you continued to love us, calling us through prophets to turn again to you in obedient love. You sent Jesus to free us from the tyranny of sin. He lived as one of us, fully human, a creature full of your Spirit, who taught us your ways.

**People: Baptized as one of your own,**

Leader: death by torture could not reduce him to nothing.

**People: By his rising, he released us from the bondage of sin,**

Leader: freeing us to live as new people, citizens of the Kingdom of God.

**People: Remembering all that Jesus taught us, we come to this table to serve one another in thanksgiving for all you've done for us, offering ourselves as a living sacrifice devoted to following in your way.**

Leader: We give you thanks...

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

## COMMUNION PRAYER