

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
3rd Sunday in Lent/Holy Communion
March 3, 2024

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE "Cantabile" C. Franck

PRAYER (TO BE PRAYED SILENTLY UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY)
From Ephesians 4:2- 4: Father, please help us to walk in a manner worthy of You and Your call to us. Give us a spirit of humility, gentleness and patience that we may show tolerance for one another in love. Help us to be diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS

INTROIT "There is a longing in our hearts"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lord, you have called us to the mountaintop.

People: Help us to look forward to where you would have us go.

Leader: Help us to listen carefully to the words of your healing love.

People: Open our hearts and spirits to receive your glorious directions.

Leader: Place your trust in the Lord in all your ways.

People: Lord, we have come here to give our lives to you. AMEN.

*HYMN "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" No. 2
(Red Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of peace: Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: Lord Jesus, you are the Son of God and Son of Mary: Christ, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Minister: Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendor of the Father: Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI No. 623(Red Hymnal)
"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."

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

ANTHEM "We Fall Down" Words and Music by
Chris Tomlin. Choral setting by Jack Schrader

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 19

*HYMN "Fill My Cup, Lord" No. 398
(Red Hymnal)

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 4:5-30

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Dr. Don McGarity
Changed Lives- The Woman At The Well

*THE APOSTLES' CREED (see insert)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Wondrous Love" R. Lau

*DOXOLOGY No. 624 (Red Hymnal)

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen."

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)

Everything in heaven and earth comes from you, Lord Jesus. We give you only what is yours. May you be praised forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Prayers Of and For The People
First Presbyterian Church

Eric Hilgendorf, ongoing therapy
Thankful for Warren & AJ safe travel
Rita's friend
Tues Bible Studies, Sunday School, and Revelation Study
Care giver ministry
Soup for the Soul
Our Wed supper workers
Sandi, thankfulness
Homebound
OCC ministry
Carrie Albritton
Margie and Doc Rawls
Betty Jeans sister
Dr McGarity and family
Michael, from Valdosta
Valinda Root, grieving
John Singer
Our mission outreach in Perry
PNC
Our session
Visitors to our church

Pastor Nominating Committee members: Emaley Gentry, Jamie Poppell, Juanita Ratliff, Randy Speas, and Shona Whiddon

Session Committee leaders

Administration-Michael McMillan Joey Ratliff, Chuck Eckel
Christian Education-Martha Davis
Clerk-Cindy Brown
Congregation Care-Nancy Bell
Fellowship- Jim Culbreath
Finance-Chuck Eckel
Mission/Outreach- Cindy Brown
Worship/Music- Zach Wiggins, Marilyn Culpepper

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

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!

Presbyterians celebrate an "Open Communion." All professing Christians who have been baptized "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" are encouraged to partake of this Holy Sacrament.

Leading Worship: Dr. Don McGarity, Minister; Shona Whiddon, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director; Dr. Mark Coffey, Guest Organist

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

Notes & Announcements

- **Christian Education** committee meeting Thursday, March 7th at 10:30 am
- **Finance** committee meeting Thursday, March 7th at 3 pm
- **Daylight savings time begins** Sunday, March 10th
- **Ushers** for March 10th: Bobby Harper, Jim Culbreath, Martha Davis, Mike Perrine, Nancy Bell
- **Liturgist** for March 10th: Margaret Poppell
- Contact the church office at 850-584-3826 for more information or visit our website www.firstpresperry.org

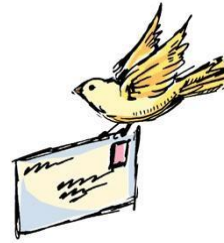


Lent

February 14, 2024 - March 30, 2024

For us, Lent is a season of reflection on our own deep needs for God's redemption, as well as contemplation of the mystery of God's salvation in Jesus Christ. Lent is not just a time to give up something, but principally to give ourselves up to God anew as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Sundays are not counted in the forty days before Easter that comprise the season of Lent. The reason is that Sunday is always the Lord's Day, the day of Resurrection, a "little Easter", and therefore a day of rejoicing, quite in contrast with the penitential mood of Lent. So while we reckon the Sundays in Lent, they are not of Lent. Adult and Children devotionals are available soon.



To my Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to thank each and every one of you for your love, prayers, notes, cards, texts and phone calls during my stay in the hospital. It sure brightened up my days to have the love and support of my church family. I have been so blessed by you all!

Don, thank you so much for your visits and prayers. It really meant a lot to me. You are so good to visit and pray for your church members!

I thank all of you from the bottom of my heart!

In Christian Love,
Polly Kincaid



Easter lily order forms are available. Cost is \$15.00 per plant. *(The church is covering some of the cost this year. If you would like to cover the full amount of \$18.50, you are welcome to.)*

Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and mark "Easter Lily". Last date to order is Sunday, March 24, 2024.