

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
2nd Sunday in Lent; 11:00 a.m. March 8, 2020

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SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Patient God, we have come here, not because we have all the answers but because Christ Jesus has invited us to continue to learn from him. We have come, not because we are better or more pious than others but because we know that God does not reject sinners who wish to learn. We have come, not because our lives always run smoothly but because by faith, we journey together, through highlands and lowlands towards a promised land. We are here to worship a God who never gets weary, and to praise a Saviour who sees the purpose and good in all. Amen.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 121

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills-- from where will my help come?

**People: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

**People: He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

Leader: The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

**People: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

Leader: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

**All: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 26

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

\*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.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(We will refrain from the assurance of pardon until Maundy Thursday, at which time participation in Christ's passion shows us the cost of our forgiveness, a price God was willing to pay out of great divine love for us and for our salvation. We will instead offer a prayer.)

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

Rachel Poppell

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 12:1-9 (pg. 8)

ANTHEM

“Take My Yoke Upon You”

J. P. Wilson  
D. Nolan

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:1-17 (pg. 863)

SERMON

The Rev. Natasha Sudderth

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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**

HYMN

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

No. 259

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION No. 625  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*HYMN "Blessed Assurance" No. 345

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION  
**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.**

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; Velinda Root, Accompanist; Bob Bell, Liturgist and Elder of the Week; Warren Gregory, Efren Torres, Cheryl Gregory, Babbs Radcliff, Penny Larche, and Andy Larche, Ushers. Citation: Tanner, Henry Ossawa, 1859-1937.

Nicodemus and Jesus on a Rooftop, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville,

**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.



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## Prayer List March 8, 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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### This week's events:

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
Tuesday, March 10 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Bible Study
Wednesday, March 11 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 pm	Lenten Study
	4:30 pm	Worship Meeting
	5:45 pm	Fellowship Supper
	7:00 pm	Lenten Studies
Next Sunday, March 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	Fellowship
	9:45 am	Assembly
	10:00 am	Small Groups
	11:00 am	Worship
	Session Meeting Following Worship	

- Our web page, [www.firstpresperry.org](http://www.firstpresperry.org)
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**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS:** Reservations are not necessary, and dress is casual. Meal costs are: 6<sup>th</sup> grade - adult, \$3.50, and children \$2.00. The maximum charge for a family with children is \$10.00. **AJ & Sandi Hilgendorf/Youth's team** will cook, set-up and clean-up.