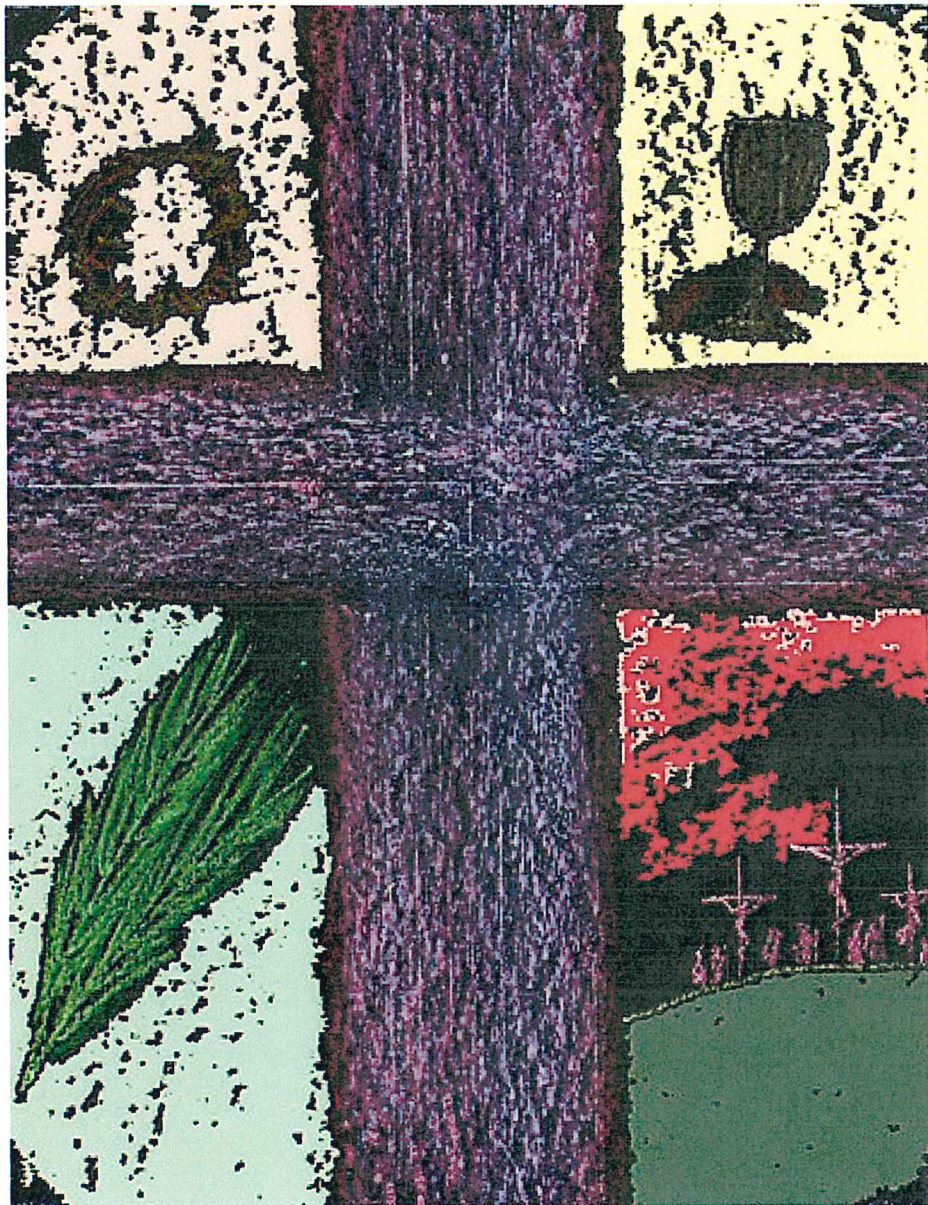


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2022

OPENING VOLUNTARY

I Have Found a Hiding Place

Arr. by Pamela French Block

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME

Linda Hogon

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,

People: So God seeks and saves the lost.

Leader: Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,

People: So God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.

Leader: As a father receives a returning wayward son,

People: So God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.

Leader: In worship we receive and welcome and rejoice over one another as those who have come home again to God's mercy.

People: Therefore, let us praise God in thanksgiving and sing of God's grace.

* HYMN OF PRAISE 182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wise and powerful God, you have given us your light and truth to guide us through confusion, yet we have relied instead on our human wisdom and have lost our way. You offer to share our burdens and give us your strength, yet we trust in our own efforts and find ourselves exhausted. Bring us back into your presence, O God; overcome our separation from one another and from you. By your Word and Spirit, fill us with the gifts that equip us to meet life's demands. We want to be your people in the world as we live in confidence and joy. We offer you our brokenness, our selfishness, and our sins.

(Silence for Personal Confession)

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old has gone; a new life has begun. Those who have lost their way have been found by the God who welcomes them home. Friends, believe the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: We have heard the good news, and we believe.

Thanks be to God now and forever. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI

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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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Come! Come! Everybody Worship!

Natalie Sleeth

Children's Choir

Following the Children's Moment, children preschool through 2nd grade are invited to Children in Worship. Parents can pick up their children from the third floor after worship.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 32

Edmunds DuBose

(Pew Bible, pg. 506, Old Testament)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Rev. Bob Brearley

(Pew Bible, pg. 78, New Testament)

SERMON

"Lost and Found"

Rev. Bob Brearley

*** 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.

INVITATION TO PRAYER (Remain seated) (Sing twice)

SHEPHERD ME

*Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
Beyond my fears, from death into life.*

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.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Call to Giving

Offertory Anthem

Come By Here

Kyle Peterson

Chancel Choir with Kelsie Decker and John Michael Osteen, Soloists

* Doxology

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

OLD HUNDREDTH

* Offertory Prayer

* HYMN 649

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 166

ST. FLAVIAN

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Setting by John Purifoy

* Please stand as you are able

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WELCOME!

We especially welcome those of you who are guests today. We invite you to fill out a Welcome card found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate as it is passed. We look forward to meeting you. If you have particular questions, please speak to Rev. Brearley.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Elders: Linda Hogon, John Moorman
Assisting in Worship: Linda Hogon
Deacons: John Michael Osteen, Lark Haynie
Youth Liturgist: Edmunds DuBose
Junior Usher: Lucas DuBose

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Elders: Jack Osteen, Whit Shaw
Assisting in Worship: Jack Osteen
Deacons: Elyn Croft, Colin Davis
Youth Liturgist: Madison White
Junior Usher: Stuart Ward

CONFIRMATION CLASS

The Confirmation Class continues to meet on Sundays at 5:30 p.m. in the Confirmation Room. Confirmation Sunday will be Sunday, May 1.

FRASER EDMUNDS CLASS TO BEGIN 6-WEEK STUDY

The Nehemiah Code: It's Never Too Late for a New Beginning

By O. S. Hawkins

All men are invited to join the Fraser Edmunds Sunday School Class as they begin a new study on April 3, *The Nehemiah Code: It's Never Too Late for a New Beginning*. The Fraser Edmunds Class meets in the Chapel on Sunday mornings.



EASTER EGG HUNT

Palm Sunday, April 10

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited!

As we start preparing for this fun event, we need your help with Easter eggs. We need plastic eggs filled with individually wrapped candy or stickers. Please no chocolate (it melts), or peanuts (due to peanut allergies). All donations are needed in the church office by Sunday, April 3. Any questions, please contact Ashley Blum.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 10

10:30 a.m. ~ Worship with Communion

3:00 p.m. ~ Easter Egg Hunt

Good Friday, April 15

7:00 p.m. ~ Worship with Communion

Easter Sunday, April 17

10:30 a.m. ~ Worship

Please bring blooms from your yard to decorate the cross in celebration of the risen Christ.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

National Healthcare: Jennie Linn Duffie

Home: Nancy Smith, Harold Gadson, Bill Scobee, Robert Stage II (Son of Marta Stage)

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OFFICERS

Recommendations for the office of Elder and Deacon are now being received from the congregation by the Officer Nominating Committee.

The Book of Order, Presbyterian Church, USA, sets down the following qualifications for officers:

- **ELDERS** – Elders should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the world. Elders should have already proven themselves to be committed and dedicated to the life, ministry, and mission of the church. (Book of Order G-2.0301)
- **DEACONS** – The office of Deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of sympathy, witness and service after the example of Jesus Christ. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, of exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, warm sympathies, and sound judgment should be chosen for this office. (Book of Order G-2.0201)

There are two ways to submit your recommendations to the Church Office. The deadline to receive recommendations is Tuesday, March 29.

1. Return the below form to the church office.
2. Contact Missy Coulter (coultervm@aol.com) or Liza Cooper (tblandcooper@aol.com) with your recommendations.

Name(s) you wish to be considered for nomination as Elder.

Name(s) you wish to be considered for nomination as Deacon.

Comments on the above.

Signature

THOUGHTS ON SERVICE

- 1) This process is not a popularity or status vote.
- 2) We have reorganized our ministry areas in a way that does not require Elders or Deacons to be committee chairs.
- 3) We ask all church family members to serve, and we strive to match all members' talents and interests to our congregation's ministry goals.
- 4) We ask everyone to be prayerful as they consider service to our church and its members.
- 5) We are seeking members who are called to servant leadership in First Presbyterian Church (PCUSA).