

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
March 10, 2024
Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to worship

* * * *As a courtesy to others, please silence cell phones.* * * *

Gathering

Prelude Meditation on "If thou but trust in God to guide thee"

NEUMARK, arr. Julia Stitt

Jubilate Deo Ringers

Greeting and Welcome

Please sign the *Opportunity for Friendship* register and pass it to the person next to you.

Opening Prayer

Verse Song (11:00 a.m.)

"God So Loved the World" (John 3:16)

Garry Cornell

Cherub and Calvin Choirs

Call to Worship

(8:30 a.m.) *Jane Hallman*

(11:00 a.m.) *Rev. Carol Shaffer*

I give thanks to the Lord, who is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever.

God has rescued us from our enemies,

and brought us back from foreign countries.

O give thanks to the Lord, who is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let us worship the Lord.

◆ **Hymn 757**

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

Call to Reconciliation

*This is the judgment, that light has come into the world, for people
loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil.*

Let us uncover our sin before the liberating light of Christ.

◆ Please rise as you are able, in body or in spirit.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess the folly of our sin and the hypocrisy of our complaints. We grumble about the evils in our world, even as we commit injustices and profit through deceit. We fret about the scarcity of resources while hoarding earth's goods and cheating the poor. We protest the problems of our world, but we do not actively work to address them. Merciful God, expose our sin and free us from our foolish ways that we may know the joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

Lamb of God

FARLEE

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace; grant us peace.

Words of Life

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

◆ Lenten Response (GTG 447)

WE ARE FORGIVEN

We are for-giv-en. We are for-giv-en. Thanks be to

God. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

Time for Young Worshipers

◆ Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

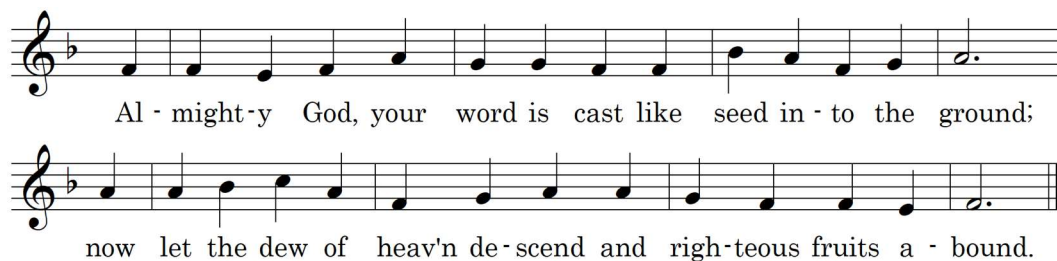
And also with you.

Let us share a sign of the peace of Christ with one another!

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

ST. FLAVIAN



Al - might-y God, your word is cast like seed in - to the ground;
now let the dew of heav'n de-scend and righ-teous fruits a - bound.

Reading from the Old Testament

Numbers 21:4-9

Reading from the Gospel

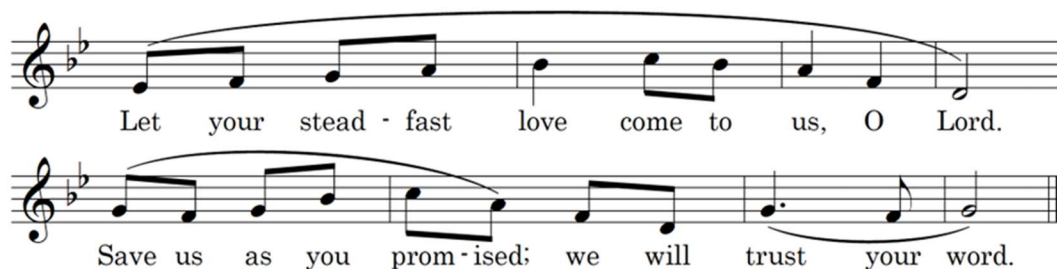
John 3:14-21

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Lenten Acclamation (8:30 a.m.)

Joel Martinson



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.
Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

(11:00 a.m.)

“O Salutaris Hostia”

Ludwig van Beethoven

O saving victim who opens the gate of heaven, our foes press on us: give strength, bring aid. To the Lord, three in one, be everlasting glory, for he gives us life without end in the Kingdom.

Text: Thomas Aquinas (sung in Latin)

Calvin Choir

Message

Toward a Safe Harbor

Rev. T.J. Parlette

Our Response

◆ Hymn 223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

◆ **Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles Creed (traditional)

**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.**

Prayers of the People

Merciful God ...
... hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer (*using 'debts' and 'debtors'*)

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Chorale Prelude on "If thou but trust in God to guide thee," BWV 647
J.S. Bach

◆ **Offertory Response** (GTG 717)

For the Life That You Have Given PLEADING SAVIOR

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:
 here we offer, Lord, our praises;
 heart and mind and strength we bring;
 give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

◆ **Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**Merciful God, we thank you for your wonderful works among
humankind. Accept this offering with the dedication of our lives
and help us be for the world an emblem of your steadfast love,
in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Sending

◆ **Hymn 846**

Fight the Good Fight

DUKE STREET

◆ **Benediction**

Postlude

Chorale Prelude on "If thou but trust in God to guide thee"
Craig Phillips

The flowers are given by Peter, Carol and Jeff Carryer
for the Glory of God in loving memory of Michael John Carryer.

Stained Glass Window

What is happening around FPC ...
Week of March 10, 2024



† **Sunday, March 10, 2024**
 Worship—8:30 & 11am
 Message: *Toward a Safe Harbor*
 Christian Formation & Fellowship—9:30am
 Kerygma Class—South Fireside Room
 Worship livestreamed—11am
A Festival of Music—4pm

† **Tuesday, March 12, 2024**
 Esther Circle—1pm

† **Wednesday, March 13, 2024**
 Prayer Shawl Group—1pm
 FPC @ Friendship Place—4pm & 7pm
 Calvin Choir—4:45pm
 Wednesday Dinner—5:30pm
Celebrate St. Patrick
 Lenten Bible Study—6:30pm

† **Thursday, March 14, 2024**
 Jubilate Deo—6pm
 Chancel Choir—7pm

† **Friday, March 16, 2024**
 Ruth Circle—10am

† **Sunday, March 17, 2024**
 Worship—8:30 & 11am
 Message: *Smelling Like a Rose*
 Christian Formation & Fellowship—9:30am
 Kerygma Class—South Fireside Room
 Worship livestreamed—11am
A Festival of Music—4pm

A FESTIVAL OF MUSIC PRESENTS ...



TODAY at 4pm
 Elisabeth Wright,
 Professor Emerita
 of harpsichord and fortepiano
 Historical Performance Institute
 Jacobs School of Music
 (Indiana University)



We hope you can attend!

Mark your calendar ...



Mark Mueller will be partnering with the parish nursing program to lead a series of family friendly group walks this summer.

Sundays—June 16 & July 21
Beginning at 1pm



Church



Family

Birthdays...

Celebrating this week:

- ◆ Otis Laurberg; Jeremy Eckhoff; Chloe Mohler; Von Sheridan; Helen Olson-Williams; Shay Carroll; Gail Baker.

Anniversaries..

- ♥ Fabian & Nadine Luna; and Melbourne & June Grovesnor.

The HYMN OF THE MONTH Project
GTG 196 All Glory, Laud, and Honor
VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN



EASTER FLOWER GARDEN

Judy Felten, Chancel Guild

Easter always brings our thoughts to Spring and we look forward to sharing our lovely, colorful plants (lilies and otherwise) from the Easter garden with our current C.A.R.E. members. If you would like to make a \$16 donation towards this wonderful tradition, please send a check to the church office and indicate "Easter lilies" in the memo line. Thank you for your generous contributions.

Next Lunch Bunch @ Forager



The next gathering for **Lunch Bunch** will be on March 24 (Palm Sunday) at Forager Cafe beginning at 12:30pm for a casual time of fellowship with one another. Please sign up in the atrium if you plan to attend.

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WHEN WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette, Senior Pastor
 John E. Stender, Director of Music and Organist
 Lee J. Afdahl, Director of Music Emeritus
 Harry E. Coleman, Facility Manager
 Emmanuel Bogani, Custodian
 Paul Herr, Security

Cindy Kunzman, Office Manager
 Sarah A. Stender, Assistant Director of Music
 Janine M. Yanisch, First Players Bands
 Juliet Parlette, Communications Associate
 Than Boutelle, Custodian/Sunday Host
 Beth Herr, Sunday Host

Sunday worship in-person at 8:30am; and in-person and livestreamed on YouTube at 11am;
 Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9am – 4pm

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