



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 17, 2019, 10:30 A.M.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Worship begins when the first person arrives. Please worship silently through the prelude.

The congregation reads or sings parts in bold.

*Please stand if able

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Lent is a season that reflects the tension between faith and frailty, hope and doubt. The lessons today encourage us toward faith and hope through repentance and a turning toward God.

PRELUDE

Lent 2 from A Gregorian Liturgical Year
Variations on "Wondrous Love"

Gerald Near
Robert Lau

1. "What wondrous love is this, O my soul..."
2. "to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM"
3. "to bear the heavy cross for my soul..."
4. "And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on...."

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

Great Are You, Lord

C Dm G C F G
Great are you, Lord: you are ho-ly and just; by your pow-er we trust in your

F C C Dm G C
love. Great are you, Lord: you are faith-ful and true; by your

F G F C B^b
mer-cy you prove you are love. Great are you, Lord, and

F C B^b G C
wor-thy of glo-ry! Great are you, Lord, and wor-thy of praise.

B^b D G E Am
Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voice; we lift up our voice:

Dm G Am Am/G Dm G C
great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Robert Martin

(Please circulate the friendship forms found in the aisle seats.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist Andrew Stuart

L: The Lord is our light and our salvation;

P: whom shall we fear?

L: The Lord is the stronghold of our life;

P: of whom shall we be afraid?

L: Wait for the Lord. Be strong. Let our hearts take courage.

P: We will wait for the Lord!

When we stand in the light of God's goodness, we see ourselves for who we really are, including our shadows, our brokenness and our sin. We come before God in complete honesty, confessing our sins, and asking God by the grace of forgiveness, to restore what is broken.

The Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient responses in worship. Having received Christ's peace, we pass it on.

We invite young children to come to the front at this time.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called us to be faithful followers, but we do not do what you command. We are often silent when we should speak, fearful when we should be courageous, risk-adverse when we are called to be bold in our witness. Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive us, free us, empower us with your living truth, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ who, comes to us and takes on our pain and struggle. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF PARDON**

L: Friends, believe the good news.

P. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Gloria Patri - 579**

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 and Amen.

***Passing the Peace and Greetings**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Martin

(Children are encouraged to go downstairs for Children's Church following the Children's Moment.)

ANTHEM

With Heart and Hands/Now Thank We All Our God

John Rutter/Johann Cruger

For all the blessings you have granted us, Lord, give us thankful hearts, we pray; For life and health and happiness, and for the gift of each new day. For all our families and loved ones, the friends we meet along our way, we thank you, Lord: they are your gifts. Lord we praise you, Lord we bless you; in your service let us all your love repay. Look all around you; you'll see a miracle or two; every valley, hill and mountain is calling to you. For all the wonders of creation, a world whose marvels we behold; where winter turns to spring again, The changing scenes of life unfold. But there is One who never changes, throughout eternity the same. Be with us, Lord, forevermore, Alleluia, Lord, we praise your holy name.

Congregation Join: *Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, Who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices. Who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way; With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today. Amen, Amen.*

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to us, for we have gone astray from your ways. Bring us again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Psalm 27 (pages 503-504 in pew Bible)

Liturgist Stuart

Luke 13:31-35 (page 77 in pew Bible)

Rev. Martin

L. This is the Word of the Lord!

P: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Christ Comes Uninvited

Rev. Robert Martin

***HYMN 303**

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ABERYSTWYTH

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION (Community Food Initiatives)

Susie Huser

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Martin

Choral Response

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 now and forever. Amen.

On behalf of the congregation, the Pastor expresses the corporate prayers of the congregation. These prayers are for world, local and personal concerns.

Doxology literally means "words of glory." Doxologies have long been used by Jews and Christians to praise God. Here we honor and thank God "from whom all blessings flow."

OFFERING / OFFERTORY *As Pants the Hart for Cooling Streams*

Robert Powell

***Doxology - 592 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.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (in unison)

O God, bless these gifts that we have given as expressions of our love for you and our neighbors, that they may bring closer to fulfillment your reign of peace and love; through Jesus Christ our brother and our Savior. Amen.

***HYMN 263**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Choral Response

POSTLUDE

When All Thy Mercies, O My God

Robert Powell

Worshiping With Children

- * AFPC welcomes children in the worship service, whether in the pews or in the Children's Corner.
- * Nursery is available for infant thru age 6 downstairs.
- * Please tell childcare staff about any allergies.
- * Bathrooms are located at the top of the stairs to the overflow area and in Fellowship Hall.
- * Changing tables are located in the nursery and upstairs restroom.
- * All children are welcome to attend the church service with their families or the childcare staff until after the Children's Moment.
- * Ages Pre-K through 6th are invited to Sunday School downstairs following the children's moment.

Dates to Remember

Tuesdays March 19th, 26th, April 2nd, 9th and 16th - Lenten Soup and Studies - "Hollywood and Heaven" - Soup supper begins at 5:30 with Study to follow. This week's movie selection will be "Heaven Can Wait." See March newsletter for details and schedule of movie discussions.

March 24th - Kids Pretzel Making - Sunday, March 24th - 9:45 a.m., Church Fellowship Hall.

March 31st - Bells and Youth Liturgists during Worship

Following Worship - Presbyterian Farm "Lunch and Learn" (*see last page for more info*)

April 14th - Palm Sunday/One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

April 18th - Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 p.m.

April 19th - Ecumenical Good Friday Service - Noon - First United Methodist Church

April 21st - Easter Sunday 9:00 a.m. - Easter Breakfast

10:30 a.m. - Worship Service with Puppets, OhioBrass, and Bells

You can watch a broadcast of FPC Worship service on Athens Community Television. Schedule

1021 on your digital box

9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
Monday through Friday
and
5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday.

Women's Wednesday Noon Women of Faith Book Study Will Continue - The next session will begin on Wednesday, March 20th at noon, in the church library. The new book will be, "Grateful" by Diana Butler Bass. Please let Kirsten or the church office know right away if you would like a copy of the book. Otherwise, you purchase the book in whatever format you prefer.

Minister: Rev. Robert E. Martin

Clerk of Session: Andrew Stuart

CE Coordinator and Handbell Director: Kirsten Trachsel

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Deacon of the Month - Danny Moates - (740) 592-4064 - moates@ohio.edu

A friend to call in time of need

Ushers - Linda Parsons and Patrick Tegge

Liturgist - Andrew Stuart

Chancel Prep - Marla Longenecker

Acolytes - Abbey Heinrich and Andersen Trachsel

Fellowship - John Hauser and Linda Parsons

Church Activities for the Week

SUNDAY, March 17th - 2nd Sunday in Lent

- 9:45 A.M. - Chancel Choir rehearsal, choir room
- 10:00 A.M. - Children's chime choir rehearsal, classroom 3
- 10:30 A.M. - Minute for Mission during Worship, Sanctuary
- Following the Children's Moment - Children's Church, classrooms
- 11:30 A.M. - Children's crafts, classroom 3
- 11:35 A.M. - Coffee and fellowship, fellowship hall
- 1:00 P.M. - Lindley Hymn Sing, The Plains

MON., 18th - Noon - Al-Anon, library

- 1:00-3:00 P.M. - Gathering Place to cook meal, kitchen
- 5:00-8:30 P.M. - Calliope choir rehearsal, fellowship hall

TUES., 19th - Noon - Bible study, library

- 5:30-7:00 P.M. - Lenten Soup and Study, fellowship hall

WED., 20th - 7:00 A.M. - AA, library

- 1:00-3:00 P.M. - Gathering Place to cook meal, kitchen
- 6:00 P.M. - Bell Choir rehearsal, bell choir room
- 7:00 P.M. - Chancel Choir rehearsal, sanctuary

THURS., 21st - 11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. - College lunch and fellowship, kitchen and fellowship hall

- 6:30 P.M. - Church Community Committee meeting, church library
- 7:30 P.M. - Session meeting, fellowship hall

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**SUNDAY, March 24th - 3rd Sunday in Lent**

- 9:45 A.M. - Pretzel making, church kitchen
- 9:45 A.M. - Chancel Choir rehearsal, choir room
- 10:00 A.M. - Children's chime choir rehearsal, classroom 3
- 10:00 A.M. - Trail mix assembly, fellowship hall
- 10:30 A.M. - Puppets during Worship, Sanctuary
- Following the Children's Moment - Children's Church, classrooms
- 11:30 A.M. - Children's crafts, classroom 3
- 11:35 A.M. - Coffee and fellowship, fellowship hall
- 11:35 A.M. - Trail mix assembly, fellowship hall

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Bratton Scholarship 2019-2020 - The James and Martha Bratton Scholarship will be awarded annually to a student attending or planning to attend a college or technical school. The amount of the scholarship will not exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000). The applicant must be a member of a Christian church of Athens County and must have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. Application Deadline is 5:00 p.m., Monday, April 08, 2019. Application packet MUST include: the completed and signed application, two recommendation letters, official transcript from the school most recently attended and a one page essay sharing how your church and activities has influenced your career and college choices.

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**Lenten Soup Supper Volunteers Needed** - The Church Community Committee needs hosts/hostesses for the Lenten suppers, continues on Tuesday, March 19th, and continue through April 16th. Please sign up on the signup sheet in Fellowship Hall if you can provide soup and bread for 25-30 participants. This week's soup and study will feature the movie "Heaven Can Wait" (see newsletter for more details). Suppertime each week is 5:30 pm. The meal will be followed by a "Hollywood and Heaven" video and discussion. Thank you!

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Fellowship Hosts Volunteers - Are you willing to host Fellowship Hour after the church service some Sunday? If so, please sign the signup sheet on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. A letter will be sent to you that week with full instructions during the week prior to your Sunday. Simple snacks will be fine. No cooking skills required! Thank you!

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**Nelsonville Presbyterian Farm Intergenerational "Lunch and Learn"** - Sunday, March 31st - Interested in a ministry that is intergenerational? Interested in a ministry that cares for the earth, builds strong relational networks, and partners with other Presbyterians—all in a setting in the nearby beautiful Hocking Hills? Join others for a *Lunch and Learn* at the Nelsonville Presbyterian Farm on Sunday, March 31st, from 12:30-3pm. Bring a bag lunch, a lawn chair, and walking shoes for a tour of the grounds. Questions? Contact Rev. Peter Galbraith at 740-753-2435.