



Service For The Lord's Day

Third Sunday in Lent/Communion

March 4, 2018

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

10:00 A.M. Worship

WELCOME! We are glad you are worshiping with us today. We pray that you will be challenged and find joy, hope and celebration in this hour spent together in the presence of God. *Please sign and pass the "Ritual of Friendship" booklet; then, return it to the first person. Note those who worship with you so that you might greet them by name.*

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

You have been embraced by God's power and love. Dare to face the world, bearing God's wisdom. Be careful in your use of God's wisdom. Be careful in your use of God's name. Live in awe that God chooses you as a witness. The scriptures will guide us toward God's truth. God's steadfast love will sustain us. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** *(Please greet nearby worshipers and return to your seat.)*

PRELUDE

"Smokey Mountain Suite"

Margaret Kelsey

INTROIT

"For All the Faithful Women"

Stuempfle/Evans

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Responsive)

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God. The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

All: We celebrate the steadfast love of our Creator. Surely God is faithful to all who live in covenant.

Leader: From the sun's rising to its setting, the creation speaks. Day and night, earth's creatures announce God's works.

All: The commandments of God are clear, enlightening the eyes. God's law is perfect, calling forth our best.

Leader: God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

All: The ordinances of God are true and righteous. In following them, we gain wisdom and strength.

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** (In Unison)

Wise and loving God, we are drawn together in this place because all our knowledge and discernment is not enough to give meaning to our lives. All the pieces of our busy days need a center, and we have come to see that center in the cross. There, the paths of service were lifted up above our passion for personal gain. We long for the wholeness only You can offer. Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to You, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” No. 281

***CALL TO CONFESSION** (Lay Reader)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (In Unison)

We have come to Your temple, loving God. This is Your place, not ours. We confess that we sometimes forget whose house this is. We forget that all the world belongs to You. Our actions deny Your love, which is at the heart of Your perfect law. Our minds have justified the bending and breaking of Your law to suit current trends and feelings. We cry out for forgiveness and the opportunity for a fresh start. Clear us of hidden faults and redeem us from those we recognize and confess. Amen.

***KYRIE** No. 574

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (Lay Reader)

***GLORIA PATRI** No. 579

GOD’S PEOPLE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (In Unison)

Everlasting God, Whose law is perfect and Whose judgments are just, speak and act among us today to challenge all we do in Your church and in our lives that is out of step with Your law so we may be raised to new life and become authentic witnesses to Your love in all we do, wherever we go, that the world might come to know and serve You. Amen.

FIRST READING Psalm 19

ANTHEM “Lowly of Heart” Jean Pasquet

CHILDREN’S TIME (Afterward, children may go to early release.)

SECOND READING

John 2:13-22

SERMON

“Changing Times”

Rev. Rusty Cowden

***HYMN**

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

No. 84

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements (Eat the Bread as you are served; hold the Cup - we will take together).

Communion music

“Smokey Mountain Suite”

Margaret Kelsey

Prayer

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The Apostles’ Creed” (Traditional)

Hymnal p. 14

OFFERTORY

“Aria”

Cynthia Dobrinski

FPC Bell Choir

***DOXOLOGY**

No. 592

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

(In Unison)

We bring our offerings, O God, not to buy Your favor, but to express our gratitude, not to support an institution, but to further Your mission. We support the church in its efforts to challenge the false wisdom that pervades our culture. We seek to make this community of faith a center of values that are consistent with Your will. May we be zealous in Your service, willing to sacrifice for love’s sake, and eager to embrace Your word in our everyday living. Amen.

***HYMN**

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

No.430

GOD’S PEOPLE GO FORTH TO SERVE

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

BENEDICTION

“Amen”

POSTLUDE

“Smokey Mountain Suite”

Margaret Kelsey

***THE CELEBRATION HAS ENDED;
LET OUR SERVICE BEGIN!***

WELCOME VISITORS! We are pleased you chose to worship with us today. To learn more about First Presbyterian Church of Warren, we invite you to pick up a Welcome Packet at one of the Sanctuary entrances.

FPC VISION: Glorify and enjoy God through worship, education and service.

FPC'S WEB PAGE ADDRESS is <http://www.fpcwarren.org> – come visit us on the ‘Net! Our e-mail address is fpcwarren@hotmail.com.

HEARING DEVICES to better enable you to hear the service are available from one of the ushers. Please return the device at the end of the service.

JOIN US THURSDAY MORNINGS . . . for our weekly prayer talk. We meet in Fellowship Hall for guided devotionals with scripture and prayer and fellowship at 8:30 a.m. All are welcome. Please join us. *...let us walk in the light of the Lord* **Isaiah2:5**

RADIO MINISTRY is funded this morning by **Jim and Barb Sherwood**. Our service is broadcast at 10:00 a.m. Sundays on WHKZ-1440 AM. If you would like to contribute to this ministry, donations designated for the Radio Ministry may be placed in the offering plate; contributions may also be mailed to the Church Office with “Radio Ministry” in the memo of the check. Our radio ministry costs approximately \$150.00 per week; your financial support will keep this ministry alive.

THE DEACONS would like to thank all who remember the Deacons’ Cupboard while shopping. They are requesting **bar soap, dish soap, shampoo and Kleenex** for the month of **March**. You may leave your items in the Deacons’ box in Fellowship Hall.

IN SYMPATHY: Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Betty McKibben; she passed away Wednesday, February 28. The memorial service will be at FPC on March 10.

CELEBRATE THE GIFTS OF WOMEN SUNDAY: Today is Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday. By action of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) General Assembly (Orlando, 1993), Celebrate the Gifts of Women appears in the planning calendar each year on the Sunday closest to March 5, International Women’s Day. Congregations and individuals are encouraged to celebrate this day each year, recognizing the gifts women bring to God, the Church and the community. The 2018 theme is “Women Called to Lead with Love.” Join us today as we celebrate the gifts that many women of this congregation have shared with our church and the community.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – With each New Year comes an opportunity to give of your talents. We are in need of Usher Captains and Greeters. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary if you can help. Contact A.T. with any questions.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY- Friday, March 9, is the third of the Lenten Bible Study series; we will meet at 6 pm for dinner, fellowship and study. Salad, beverage and dessert will be provided; please bring your favorite salad fixings. Each study is self-contained, so you can attend what fits your schedule. Please sign-up on the sheet posted in Fellowship Hall.

THANK YOU: A huge thank you to all who said prayers and sent wishes for a speedy recovery during my last surgery. Bless you all, Janet Rudkin.

MESSIAH SING-ALONG: Stambaugh Chorus and Warren Civic Music Chorus, under the direction of Dr. Hae Jong Lee, will present a Messiah Sing-along, at 4:00 pm, Sunday, March 18, at Christ Episcopal Church, 2627 Atlantic St. NE. The program will feature the Lenten and Easter portions of the Messiah. A free-will offering will be received.

DAILY DEVOTIONALS: The new Daily Bread and Upper Room devotionals are available in the rack outside the Church Office.

DON'T FORGET...to turn your clocks one hour ahead on Saturday, March 10, before going to bed. Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 11.

LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNALS ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST FROM OUR USHERS AND GREETERS.

LAY READER:

USHER CAPTAIN:

GREETERS:

RADIO, LIGHTS AND SOUND SYSTEM:

VIDEO PROJECTION:

Caryn Ewell

Zam Zampedro

Marilou Zampedro and Others

Bill Kemp, Gary Wireman, Luke Heiligenberg

Bob Stahl



EASTER FLOWERS – Easter is Sunday, April 1, 2018. We are now taking orders for flowers to grace our Sanctuary. We will again offer a variety of flowers. Please complete the form below and include payment with your order. Checks should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church. Please turn in the completed form (with payment) to the Church Office or put it in the offering plate. Orders must be received by **Wednesday, March 21**, in order to secure your selections. (If orders are received after the deadline, choices cannot be guaranteed.)

-----Tear here-----

In memory/honor of (circle one) _____

Given by _____

Easter Lilies/**\$10.00** each _____

Red Tulips/**\$ 10.00** each _____

Yellow Mums/**\$11.00** each _____

Blue Hydrangeas/**\$16.00** each _____

Pink Assorted Azaleas/**\$16.00** each _____

\$ _____ for FPC Scholarship Fund

\$ _____ for FPC Endowment Fund

\$ _____ for _____

Your Name _____

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

- Sun, Mar. 4 - **Communion Sunday/2 Cents a Meal/Third Sunday in Lent**
 - **Motet Choir** 8:30 am
 - **Sunday School** 9:00 am
 - **Worship**..... 10:00 am
 - **B&G, Mission and Church Growth Mtgs.**..... 11:15 am
- Mon, Mar. 5 - Girl Scouts, B..... 5:30 pm
 - AA, MC..... 7:30 pm
- Tue, Mar. 6 - Al-Anon, MC 9:30 am
 - Rev. Thornton Bible Study, FH 12:00 pm
 - Presbytery, Poland 3:00 pm
 - Relay Meeting, FH..... 6:00 pm
 - NA, MC..... 7:00 pm
- Wed, Mar. 7 - AA, MC..... 6:30 pm
 - **Chimes**..... 7:00 pm
 - **Bells** 7:30 pm
- Thur, Mar. 8 - **Prayer Talk, FH** 8:30 am
- Fri, Mar. 9 - **Lent Bible Study**..... 6:00 pm
- Sun, Mar. 11 - **Fourth Sunday in Lent/Daylight Saving Time Begins**
 - **Motet Choir** 8:30 am
 - **Sunday School** 9:00 am
 - **Worship**..... 10:00 am
 - **InSPIREd Choirs** 10:30 am
 - **CE and Worship Meetings** 11:15 am
 - **Lenten Crafts, FH** 11:15 am

FH-Fellowship Hall MC-Mable Culver P-Parlor B-Badger Hall T-Tieffle Lounge



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