



Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you despise nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are repentant. Create in us new hearts that, truly repenting of our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, we may obtain from you full pardon and forgiveness, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Silent Confession (Here let each worshiper offer silent, personal prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri #734

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 p. 930

Choral Anthem “Seed That in Earth Is Dying” arr. Ellingboe  
Seed that in earth is dying grows into ears of grain. Grapes that are crushed in the vessel turn into golden wine. God, through this mystery grant us faith in our deepest darkness, life in our night and death. We were baptized in Jesus, into his death and grave, to resurrection's promise: praise and eternal life. Heaven’s own praises begin here where you yourself are near us, deep in our night and death. Seed that in earth is dying rises to bear much fruit. Christ, as we meet at your table, give us the bread of life. Lord, we do thank and adore you! Unceasing praise of the ages rises from night and death.

Children’s Message (Children through age 5 are invited to the nursery)

Second Reading Luke 4:1-13 p. 1595

Sermon “Ready to Accept the Invitation?”

\*Hymn of Response  
Hymn #252 “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” Land of Rest

\*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.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

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

The Offering

Offertory “Lead Me to Calvary” arr. Forrest  
\*Doxology #34  
\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Sending Hymn  
Hymn #429 “If You Will Trust in God to Guide You” Neumark

\*Charge & Benediction

\*Postlude “Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah” arr. Forrest  
\*Those who are able, please stand.

Leaders in Worship:  
Kristen Eby, Music Director  
Jill Klinebriel, Choir Director  
Bryan Blair, liturgist  
Rev. John Armstrong , preacher

Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:  
Jean, Audrey & Michael Holdener, greeters  
Tim & Victoria Slemmons, Coffee Fellowship hosts  
Courtney Schnoor and Florence Siefker, Nursery

Who We Are  
“We love because God first loved us.” I John 4:19  
First Presbyterian is a community of people who are experiencing the Father’s love in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. We are called through the Scriptures to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. In thankful response for all God has done for us, we serve our church, neighborhood, and world through ministries of worship, nurture, education and outreach.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING will be collected during Lent (March 10-April 21). This offering is divided between the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Self Development of People programs of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Last year, we raised \$1,575. Can we match last year’s giving? Please give generously, using the envelopes in the pews.

OGHS FISH BANKS and CALENDARS are also available for home use. Pick up yours today in the narthex. Plan to return them on Palm Sunday, April 14.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR FAMILY GAME NIGHT. On March 23, the Congregational Life committee will host another fun family game night from 4:00 -7:00 pm. Food, laughter, and fellowship will be on the agenda. Join us!

WE ARE UPDATING THE DIRECTORY. Please complete the insert with your information for the directory. Complete the form even if there are no changes from what is in the most current directory. The back side asks you if would be willing to provide a meal for a church member/ family should the need arise. Please place the completed form in the offering plates.

“LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY”, the disciples said to Jesus. The adult Sunday school class is learning about prayer using Gary Hansen’s book Kneeling With Giants. Beth McCaw and John Eby are leading the class. Copies of the book are provided. Please join us as we refresh and renew our prayer life.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL dates are set - June 24-28 from 9:00-11:30 a.m.! Please mark your calendars. Kids ages 4 - entering 6th grade are invited to attend as we take a “Journey with Jesus”. Registration forms will be available soon.

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS  
Mar. 17 - Rev. Tim Slemmons  
Mar. 24 - Rev. Beth McCaw  
Mar. 31 - Rev. Beth McCaw

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS are desperately needed! Please sign up today in the Coffee Hour room to provide light refreshments for a Sunday in March or April. This important ministry of hospitality is appreciated by all.

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$13,564 per month. Offerings received through March 3rd totaled \$4,387.85.