

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of Heaven, we confess that we often fear defeat and fail to trust you, for we both overestimate and underestimate the enemies of the cross of Christ. We have forgotten heavenly things and set our minds on earthly things. We have gloried in shameful acts, dismissed your word as spoken through the prophets, and ignored the holy deeds you have commanded us to do. Save us and forgive us, O God. Transform the body of our humiliation, that it may be conformed to the body of your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri #734

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Reading Philippians 3:17-4:1 p. 1829

Gospel Reading Luke 13:31-35 p. 1621

Choral Anthem “Infinite Grace” Parks

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

Old Testament Reading Genesis 15:1-20 p. 20

Sermon “All for One and One for All”

*Hymn of Response
Hymn #582 “O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns Be Rising” Welwyn

*Affirmation of Faith from “A Brief Statement of Faith”
In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good and makes
everyone equally in God’s image, male and female,
of every race and people, to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God
in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor
and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God’s condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a
covenant people to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing
in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ
Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer (Back cover of hymnal)

The Offering
Offertory “Lenten Prayer” Glyncannon
*Doxology #34
*Prayer of Dedication

*Sending Hymn
Hymn #501 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” CWM Rhondda

*Charge & Benediction

*Postlude “Recessionale” Broughton
*Those who are able, please stand.

Leaders in Worship:
Kristen Eby, Music Director
Jill Klinebriel, Choir Director
Beth Foxen, liturgist
Rev. Timothy Slemmons, preacher

Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:

Jeanne Armstrong, greeter
Mark & Deb Stant, 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

PLEASE SIGN the card in the Coffee Hour room and wish our missionary couple in Thailand a very happy anniversary!

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. Return them on Palm Sunday, April 14.

NEXT SATURDAY IS 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!

“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.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH! Janet Spoerl sends her heartfelt thanks to her church family. She appreciated the cards and visits while recovering from recent foot surgery.

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

Mar. 24 - Rev. Beth McCaw
Mar. 31 - Rev. Beth McCaw
Apr. 7 - Rev. Dan Emmert

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS are 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.

THESE DAYS for April, May, and June are available in the narthex. Please take one to use during your daily devotions.

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