



First Presbyterian Church

Church Office: Wed., Thur., Fri. 9:00am - 3:00pm

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023, 11:00 AM

* Indicates that those who are able may stand

Bold type is spoken by the people.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

One Great Hour of Sharing

Diane Glasgow

VOLUNTARY:

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

Charles Lindberg

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: We come to sanctify ourselves.

ALL: We come seeking to be worthy of our call.

ONE: The Lord looks not at our outward selves,

ALL: but seeks to know what is in our hearts.

ONE: Let us learn what is pleasing to the Lord,

ALL: that we might live as children of the Most High.

*OPENING HYMN:

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

#377

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE: How do we know when our actions are right?

ALL: When the fruits of our labors are good and true.

ONE: Christ is the light that exposes all we keep hidden, but offers us healing and renewal instead of judgment. Therefore, let us hold up our sins to Christ's gaze, saying...

ALL: God of compassion and mercy, we sometimes fail to see what you are doing in the world. We want you to act in ways we predict, but we forget: you do what is good, not what is expected. Forgive us when we do not recognize your miracles. Forgive us when we doubt the wisdom of your actions. Most of all, forgive us when we do not respond to your call, ignoring what we need to do to show the world your love and grace. Amen.

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

*RESPONSE HYMN: Lord Have Mercy Upon Us #575

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: Jesus restores our souls and leads us in right paths for his name's sake.

ALL: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we will dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives long.

*GLORIA PATRI #581

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!

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Michael McLaughlin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 P.248

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 5:8-14 P.183

ONE: We proclaim Christ crucified-the wisdom and power of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: The Twenty-third Psalm

Harry H. Harter

Text: Psalm 23 from The Scottish Psalter (1650)

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want: He makes down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.
My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill;
For thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.
And goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me,
And in God's house forever more my dwelling-place shall be.

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON John 9:1-41 P.96

SERMON *Rev. Michael McLaughlin*

*SERMON HYMN Open My Eyes, That I May See #451

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call. Amen.

*GREETINGS

After an exchange of Peace between the Pastor and the Congregation, we encourage you to greet one another. The Greetings will conclude with the first verse of *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*.

ONE: ...The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

#306

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ONE: ... Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

ALL: 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.

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERTORY

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Paul Taylor

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

#606

**ALL: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING:

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Little Fugue for the Crumhorn

François Couperin

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY CALENDAR

- **Religion and Culture Class** – 9:30am-10:30am. Room 12 and via Zoom.
- **Higher Grounds Café** – 9:30am-11am, in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Adult Morning Bible Study.** 10am-10:45am, in the Library.
- **Nursery** - 10:45am-12:15pm - Ages 5 and under.
- **Sunday Night Youth at Play** – 5-7pm, in the Fellowship Hall.

WEDNESDAY CALENDAR

- **Wednesday Night Gathering** – Lenten Study, 5:15pm dinner, 6pm study begins.
- **Choir Rehearsal** – 7:30pm, in the Sanctuary.

BIRTHDAYS:

SANSOM, Margaret	03/02	PELREN, Alana	03/19
WINSCOTT, Mary	03/06	MYERS, Wayne	03/21
SAMON, Matthew	03/08	BURGESS, Willa	03/24
DORE, Jensen	03/12	SCOTT, Erica	03/27
NEIL, Richard	03/12	MCREYNOLDS, Mack	03/28
WEIDNER, Heidemarie	03/17	KINCAID, Breanna	03/31

STAFF:

The Rev. Michael D. McLaughlin.....	Pastor
Paul Thurmond.....	Director of Music
Amy Ainsley.....	Administrative Assistant
Virginia Kirby.....	SoulSong Coordinator
Katie Ory.....	Director of Children & Youth Ministry

ELDERS:

2023: Jon Dugle, John Nisbet, David Pelren
2024: Beverly Cardinal, Pat Wilhelm
2025: Dina Smith, Rick Woods

DEACONS:

2023: Myrna Estes, Ron Ledbetter, Amy Woods
2024: Sam Glasgow, Sidonie Sansom
2025: Ginny Butler, Chris McCormick, Erica Scott

CLERK OF SESSION: Linda Wilson

AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNICIANS: Cade Arnold, True McLaughlin, Sarah Pelren