

First Presbyterian Church

**Welcomes you for Worship
February 25, 2018**

**Rev. David Smith
Minister**



Our Vision

**By the grace of Jesus Christ,
We will strive to share the
Good News with the world,
To nurture our faith, and to
Go into the world sharing
Christ's love and mercy.**

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2018

10:15 am

Assemble in God's Name

BIBLICAL AND INFORMAL GREETING

*Following brief announcements, the congregation is invited to prepare in silence for worship.
Please use this time to pray, to meditate, or to read the Scriptures for today.*

PRELUDE

“Jehovah, You We Glorify”

H. Schroeder

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Becky Schmehl

Let us glorify God!

God hears us when we cry out.

Those who seek God shall find reasons to praise.

Dominion belongs to the Lord, who rules over the nations.

Future generations will tell about the Lord.

They will proclaim deliverance to the people.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God, your Son Jesus Christ bore the cross for our salvation and was raised from the dead for the redemption of the world. Give us the courage to take up our cross and follow him, that through his grace we may accept the cost of faithful discipleship and receive the joy of everlasting life with Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***HYMN NO. 263 (Blue Hymnal)**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

ST. DENIO

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not been sincere Christians. We claim to follow Jesus but have not taken his path of sacrificial love. We profess to be disciples, but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship. We affirm the virtue of self-denial, but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for sincere repentance.

PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: God deems as righteous all who trust that Jesus has been raised from the dead for our salvation.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

***RESPONSE**

“What Does the Lord Require?”

No. 97 (Blue Hymnal)

What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you?

To seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.

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Proclaim God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 4:13-25
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

NT Pg. 155

ANTHEM

“”
Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:31-38
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ!

NT Pg. 44

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“Cross Bearing”

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 87 (Blue Hymnal) “The Glory of These Forty Days (new)”

Give Thanks To God

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

The congregation will be led in prayer, concluding with our Lord's Prayer (traditional, page 16 of the hymnal).

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*We use “debts” and “debtors.”*)

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Please sign the Fellowship Register and pass it on.

OFFERTORY

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

W. Held

*DOXOLOGY

No. 592 (Blue Hymnal)

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give you thanks and praise. Almighty God, we thank you for the covenant you established with Abraham and Sarah, which you have opened to us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept these offerings with the dedication of our lives, that we may be for the world a sign of your abiding love and a testament to your enduring promise. In Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

Go In God's Name

***HYMN (Black Binder)**

“The Old Rugged Cross”

***DISMISSAL AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

“Lord, to Thee I Make Confession”

F. W. Marpurg

**Indicates those who are able, please stand.*

WE EXTEND A WARM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WELCOME to all visitors who are worshiping with us this morning. If you are visiting, we would welcome the opportunity to tell you more about our church family. Please sign the Fellowship Register in your pew and include information that will enable us to be in touch.

WE HAVE ALTERED OUR TRADITION OF THE PASSING OF THE PEACE FOR A FEW WEEKS. Due to the severity of the flu season this year, we will proceed directly to the sung response after the liturgy.

THIS IS THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT. The Lenten season invites us to times of examination and introspection. We should do this individually and as a community. Each service in Lent will lift up a particular practice to help us in our journey.

WE INVITE YOU TO TAKE THE DEVOTIONAL INSERT IN THE BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU. Each day there is a suggested scripture, a focus for meditation, and a prayer. The theme this week is “Wilderness Temptations.”

ONE SPIRITUAL PRACTICE OUR CHURCH WILL OFFER THIS LENT IS A SCRIPTURAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS WALKING DEVOTION. By next Sunday all the stations will be up with associated scriptures and a reflection. There are longer reflections appropriate for adults and a shorter reflection intended for children, although adults will likely be blessed by the simple questions offered for the children. The first station will be by the chapel. Each station will contain instructions on where to move for the next station. You can do all the stations at one time or break them up over the course of Lent. The posters are ones we distributed to various groups last year to color. A couple still need to be colored.

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God by Linda Rhoads.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:

WORSHIP LEADER: Becky Schmehl

CHILDREN’S SERMON:

JUNIOR CHURCH:

SIP N CHAT: Congregational Lunch

SOUND SYSTEM:

FLOWER DELIVERY: The Congregation

ACOLYTE:

USHERS: Ted, Julie, Carrington and Becker Van Dyk, Bonita Smith

**ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF
February 25 – March 4**

Sunday

9:00 – Adult SunSch
9:00 – PresbyPraise
9:15 – Youth/Child. SS
10:15 – Worship
11:30 – Sip N Chat
11:45 – Glorify!
5:00 – Youth Group

Monday

Tuesday

5:00 – Book Club
5:00 – Glorify! Combo
6:00 - EVE

Wednesday

3:20 – Scholars
5:00 – Westminster Bells
6:30 – Joyful Hearts
7:15 – Chancel Choir

Thursday

5:30 - Girl Scouts
7:00 - AA

Friday

6:00 – Fun Night

Saturday

8:00 – Men’s Fellowship
9:00 – AA
10:00 – SDA Church School
& Worship

Next Sunday –

Scripture – Psalm 19 and
John 2:13-22

Sermon – “Cleansing”