

First Presbyterian Church

**Welcomes you for Worship
March 10, 2019**

**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
First Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2019

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.*



"Fantasy on 'Kingsfold'"
Westminster Bells

H. Dean Wagner

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Meredith Davis

The season of Lent sets us on a journey. The journey begins in the wilderness.

We follow the way of Jesus, who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.
Like Jesus, we are not alone.

The Holy Spirit is with us. God's Word is on our lips.
Our call is to trust in God alone, to do God's will in all things.
God leads us into the wilderness, and also through the wilderness.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

God Most High, thank you for signs of your power and grace, shown to us in the wilderness. Give us courage to stand firm in your Word in every time of trial and testing, that we may enter the land of your freedom and receive the salvation you so generously give; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



***HYMN 210 (Blue Hymnal)**

"O God Our Help in Ages Past"

ST. ANNE



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, our refuge and fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust in you. We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words; we speak false words of our own. We choose our ease and comfort over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world. In turning from you, we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend. Forgive us, we pray. Do not let us be put to shame, O God. Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation.

PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The Lord is generous to all who call on God's name.
Friends, believe the good news: God does not turn away from us,
but desires to bring us into the glorious freedom offered in Jesus Christ.

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. 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 (White 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.
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.*

Proclaim God’s Word



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



SPECIAL MUSIC

“Call Home”
Joyful Hearts

arr. M. Lister



FIRST SCRIPTURE

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

OT 548

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Ann Stewart



ANTHEM

“A Lenten Prayer”
Chancel Choir

L. Larson

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,
teach us with you to mourn our sins, and close by you to stay.

As you with Satan did contend, and did the victory win,
O give us strength in you to fight, in you to conquer sin.

As you did hunger and did thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and so to live by your most holy Word.

And through these days of penitence, and through your Passion-tide,
forevermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

Abide with us that through this life of doubts and hope and pain,
an Easter of unending joy: We may at least attain! Amen.



SECOND SCRIPTURE

Luke 4:1-13
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

NT 61

THE CHILDREN’S SERMON

Brad Thomas



THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“Shelter”

The Rev. David Smith

*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.*

Give Thanks To God



*HYMN 77 (Blue Hymnal)

“Forty Days and Forty Nights”

AUS DER TIEFE RUFE ICH

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.



THE LORD’S PRAYER (*Traditional, page 16 of the hymnal. We use “debts” and “debtors.”*)

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS (*Visitors, we invite you to share your contact info on a Welcome Card.*)



OFFERTORY

“Sacred Silence”

Karissa Dennis



*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. Gracious and Generous God, we are amazed by the good gifts you give in abundance. Thank you for food that sustains us. Thank you for the company of saints to whom we are joined. Thank you for giving us your work to do on earth. We offer back to you a portion of all that we have received in celebration of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.



Go In God's Name



*HYMN 260 (Blue Hymnal)

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

EIN’ FESTE BURG

*DISMISSAL AND BLESSING



POSTLUDE

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

arr. J. Schrader

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

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN! If you are visiting, we would welcome the opportunity to tell you more about our church family. We invite you to use one of the Welcome Cards you will find in the pew racks to share your information with us.

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS TODAY are given by the Crago Family with praise and thanks to God for His loving care.

DURING THE PEAK OF THE FLU SEASON WE HAVE ALTERED THE PASSING OF THE PEACE. Following the verbal passing of the peace, we will sing the response. Greet one another following the service but please be respectful of any who may wish to avoid close contact.

SPECIAL THANKS TO WESTMINSTER BELLS, JOYFUL HEARTS AND CHANCEL CHOIR FOR SHARING THEIR MUSICAL TALENTS THIS MORNING!

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:

WORSHIP LEADER: Meredith Davis CHILDREN'S SERMON: Brad Thomas
JUNIOR CHURCH: Maria Berner SOUND SYSTEM: John Lee
FLOWER DELIVERY: The Congregation LIVESTREAM: Randy Urbaniak
SIP N CHAT: Crago Family – Helen's 89th birthday
USHERS: Mike, Stacy, Patrick & Andrew Elliott, Peggy Malcomb

HONDURAS MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER. Saturday, March 9 there will be a pancake breakfast fundraiser at Applebee's in Marietta to help raise funds for a Mission trip to Honduras. If you have any questions or would like to purchase tickets please see Judy Peoples. Tickets are \$5.

MEMBERS, WE INVITE YOU TO HELP DEFRAY THE COST OF PER CAPITA. Per Capita is a per member apportionment the church makes to the denomination to support expenses at the local, regional and national level. This year's per capita is \$30.56. Please consider a donation to help with this \$6700 line-item in the budget. Please mark your contribution "per capita".

THE 2019 FLOWER CALENDAR HAS BEEN POSTED. You can sign up to purchase flowers for a Sunday. The cost is \$15. Please email or call the office with the message you would like to appear in the bulletin for that Sunday. **The next available Sundays are March 17, May 19 and May 26.**

THE SIP N CHAT HOSTING SIGN UP FOR THE FIRST SEVERAL MONTHS OF 2019 IS POSTED. The next few open dates are **March 17, 24 and 31.** Simple snacks are fine.

PLEASE TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO REVIEW THE MUSIC BULLETIN BOARD! There's new information every week!!

WELCOME AND PRAYER REQUESTS CARDS, AND DONATION ENVELOPES ARE IN THE PEW RACKS.

REDUCING EXPENSES & OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT! We are printing fewer bulletins and inviting those worshipping to share.

PARENTS, WE HAVE BAGS WITH COLORING AND DRAWING SUPPLIES FOR CHILDREN TO USE DURING WORSHIP. These are in the narthex (the entryway to the sanctuary) on one of the pews. Ushers can help you locate these. Included are a children's bulletin and a coloring page.

HAVE INPUT FOR OUR CHURCH LEADERS? *Open Line to Session* cards can be found on the table at the top of the main stairwell. Cards must be signed when providing input.

VBS SAVE THE DATE: VBS IS COMING! We are very excited about our upcoming program on the beatitudes! Our VBS this year will be held on June 14th -15th. Stay tuned for more info and opportunities to volunteer, serve, and donate!

YOUTH GROUP MEETING DATES:
March 10, 17, 31 (1-3PM) FOR 6TH THROUGH 12TH GRADE
March 10, 24 (7-8:30PM) FOR HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE

SPECIAL EVENT!!!

March 23 - Winter Jam - 3PM - ?

We are headed to Winter Jam this year! The concert is being hosted in Charleston, WV and we will be traveling from the church on Saturday, March 23rd. We will meet at 2:30PM and leave by 3PM. There will be concessions and merchandise available at the venue and the cost for admission is \$15. After the show, we will make our way back to Marietta, and based on the needs of our concert-goers will stop for food on the way home. Please bring money for the tickets and anything else you may want to purchase. If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please contact Brad.

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE AND OFFERINGS

Youth Group for 6th through 12th grade – Sundays 1 to 3pm

Fellowship, music, lessons and group games

High School & College Group – Normally biweekly, Sundays 7 to 8:30pm at FPC

Off weeks we will look at some off-campus locations

Signups for volunteers are located on the bulletin board by the Wooster Street entrance

ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH 10 - 17

Sunday

9:00 – Adult SunSch
10:15 – Worship
11:30 – Sip N Chat
11:45- Glorify!
12:30 – Jim W. Praise Band
1:00 – Youth Group
7:00 – High School &
College Group

Monday

Tuesday

4:00 – Glorify! Combo
7:00 - Session
7:00 – AA District 15

Wednesday

5:00 – Westminster Bells
6:30 – Joyful Hearts
7:45 – Chancel Choir

Thursday

5:30 – Girl Scouts
5:30 – Stampin Up
7:00 – AA

Friday

Saturday

8:00 – Men’s Fellowship
9:00 – AA
10:00 – SDA Church School
& Worship
12:00 – SDA Fellowship

Next Sunday –

Scriptures – Psalm 27
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Sermon – “Salvation”