

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025 9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Our Approach to God

Prelude Aus der Tiefe K. Leighton

The Call to Worship

We gather here because God has called us.

God loved us when we were still his enemies.

God sent his Son to this world for our salvation.

Jesus went to the cross because of our sins.

The Lord has done great things for us.

And we are filled with joy! We offer God our praise and thanks!

*The Hymn of Praise I Will Sing of My Redeemer see insert

*The Call to Confession

The proof of God’s amazing love for us is this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ, let us confess our sins.

*The Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you love us with a love that is beyond our understanding. We are ashamed of how easily we forget you and all that you have done for us. We get distracted by the pleasures of this world, we get caught up in our own lives, and we lose our way without even realizing it. Forgive us, Lord. We are sorry for how lightly we take our sins, forgetting what our sins cost you. [Silent confession.] Merciful God, as we remember your lavish gift of grace and love, we praise you. We give you thanks that you forgive us yet again. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith. This is not of our own doing. It is the gift of God. In Christ, our sins are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

*The Gloria Patri Glory Be to the Father 579

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. Amen.

The Anthem O Sacred Head, Now Wounded A.B. Sherman
JuBELLation Choir

The Word of God

The Time with the Children Marsha Bennett

The Gospel Reading John 12:1-8 page 1531

The Sermon Are you thankful? Pastor Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed(traditional) hymnal, page 14

*The Hymn Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed 78

The Morning Prayers and the Lord’s Prayer (using sins)

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; 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 of our Tithes and Gifts
The Offertory A Clean Heart B. Harlan

*The Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 592
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all
creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*The Prayer of Dedication

*The Hymn *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me* 366

*The Charge and Benediction

*The Congregational Response *Go with Us, Lord* 535
**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
That in Your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.**

Postlude *Prelude on Caswall* P. Hurford

Liturgist : Peggy Donaldson

Ushers: Pete & Ginny Brucker, Brady Mulvaney, and Piper Sova

Greeter: Sandra Rease

Fellowship Hour: Peggy Donaldson

Musical Talents: Thomas Heidenreich – Director of Music Ministry, The Chancel
and JuBELLation Choirs.

**Please join us immediately following worship in the gathering area for
fellowship hour.**

*****NO 2nd @ Second today*****

Florence Gilmore Circle

All women of the church are invited to join us on **Wednesday,
April 9**, at 9:30 a.m. as we continue to study “12 Women of the
Bible” focusing on Gomer, while enjoying some treats and
fellowship. If you have any questions, please call Carol Poole
@ 989-793-7485.



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Seeking and Serving Christ. We are a Place for Growing Christians.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

For The Hearing Impaired

The service audio is being broadcast on 96.7-FM throughout the building and parking lot. Feel free to bring your pocket size radio, with headphones or earbuds, and listen to the service at an audio level that is more comfortable for you.



Our Fish Fry is this **Friday, April 11, 2025!**
Please consider distributing the enclosed flyer to a friend or business and sharing our event on Facebook!

We will need plenty of help to make this fish fry a success. It really is a fun event! Sign-up sheets are in the gathering area. Proceeds from the sale go to the Presbyterian Men’s Group, which pays for many of the maintenance jobs around the church.

Please let one of the following individuals know if you are willing to help:

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| Paul DeWyse | (989) 284-7975 | pdewyse@aol.com |
| Adam Engel | (989) 781-1218 | schmiel42@aol.com |
| Alan Poplewski | (989) 928-7957 | alanpoplewski@hotmail.com |

Thank You

“ I wish to thank the congregation for their concern, and prayers during the past couple of months as I recover from surgery.” – Peggy Knutson

Directory Update

Russell Latty has gone to live with his son. His new mailing address is:
1538 Eastwood St.
Bldg B-6
Monroe, MI 48161



ARE YOU LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY to make a difference at Second Presbyterian Church?
If so, you may be interested in adopting an island! We are looking for approximately 10 individuals, families, or groups of friends to help maintain the island and curb areas of the parking lot. This would entail being responsible for one (or more) of the islands or curb/gutter areas of the lot, keeping the gutters and stones free of weeds, leaves, maple helicopters, and the like. Dividing the responsibility between us divides the time and effort, allowing each individual or group to work at times convenient to them and at their own pace. Contact Billie Bauer @ 989-280-7207 for more information and to sign up.

Next Sunday, April 13, is Palm Sunday.
Communion will be celebrated during the worship service. We hold an open Communion at Second Presbyterian Church which means all believing Christians are welcome to participate. We also invite you to bring non-perishable food items for **The Ecumenical Food Pantry at First Presbyterian Church.** We do so knowing that it is our privilege to feed the hungry and care for the poor as we are fed and sustained by the grace of God.



Scholarship Information

Applications for the Muriel Lakey Scholarship and the Mary Ann Rigterink-Geiersbach Scholarship are available in the top bin on the cart by the office. Applications need to be turned in by April 14th.



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12 Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. **2** Here a dinner was given in Jesus’ honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. **3** Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus’ feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

4 But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, **5** “Why wasn’t this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year’s wages.” **6** He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

7 “Leave her alone,” Jesus replied. “It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. **8** You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.”

650 I Will Sing of My Redeemer

The musical score is written for a single voice in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 9/8. It consists of four systems of music. The first system (measures 1-2) has a G major chord above the first measure and a D major chord above the second. The second system (measures 3-4) has a D7 chord above the first measure, a G major chord above the second, and a D7 chord above the third. The third system (measures 5-6) has a D major chord above the first measure, a D7 chord above the second, and a G major chord above the third. The fourth system (measures 7-8) is the refrain, starting with a G major chord above the first measure, a C major chord above the second, and a G major chord above the third. The fifth system (measures 9-10) has a D7 chord above the first measure, a G major chord above the second, and a C major chord above the third. The sixth system (measures 11-12) has a G major chord above the first measure, a D major chord above the second, a G major chord above the third, a D major chord above the fourth, a G major chord above the fifth, a C/G major chord above the sixth, and a G major chord above the seventh. The score ends with a double bar line.

1. I will sing of my Re - deem - er, and his
2. I will tell the won - drous sto - ry, how my
3. I will praise my dear Re - deem - er, his tri -
4. I will sing of my Re - deem - er and his
won - drous love to me; on the cru - el cross he
lost es - tate to save, in his bound - less love and
um - phant pow'r I'll tell, how the vic - to - ry he
heav'n - ly love to me; he from death to life has
suf - fered, from the curse to set me free.
mer - cy, he the ran - som free - ly gave.
giv - eth o - ver sin and death and hell.
brought me, Son of God, with him to be.
REFRAIN
Sing, O sing of my Re - deem - er! With his
blood he pur - chased me; on the cross he sealed my
par - don, paid the debt and made me free.

Trinity Hymnal 650
TEXT: Philip P. Bliss, 1876
TUNE (MY REDEEMER 8.7.8.7.ref.): James McGranahan, 1840-1907

