

Second Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2022

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. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

Our Approach to God

Prelude *Nocturne No. 5 in B-flat Major* John Field (abr.)

The Call to Worship

The Lord is our light,

light no darkness can overcome.

Jesus Christ is our salvation.

Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.

Let us worship the Lord together.

Amen

*The Hymn of Praise *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* 84
Congregation sings verses 1 & 2

*The Call to Confession Psalm 27:1
The Lord is our light and our salvation, whom shall we fear? With humble hearts, let us confess our sins before God and another.

*The Prayer of Confession
Loving God, you have formed a covenant with us, committing yourself to us and inviting us to walk with you. Yet we have resisted, seeking other companions, going in different ways, thinking that we know best. Now we find ourselves far from life, further still from you. Have mercy on our waywardness. Help us find our way back. Give us faith so that we can hold the hand you have extended to us in Jesus Christ. Hear us Lord, as we approach you from the silence of our hearts with our individual intentions (Silence). Merciful God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, conform our sin-weakened bodies to the glory of Christ, that we may be the body of Christ for the world. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

God, our light, and our salvation does not forsake us or leave us with our sin.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and offered the gift of healing repentance. Thanks be to God!

*The Gloria Patri 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 *How Beautiful* Twila Paris, arr. Lloyd Larson
Chancel Choir

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Psalm Psalm 27 page 609 OT

The Gospel Reading Luke 13:31-35 page 103 NT

The Sermon "The Cross" Pastor Philomena

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith (*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.21*)
The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

*The Hymn *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* 100
Congregation sings verses 1 & 3

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts
The Offertory *Loving Spirit* Shirley Erena Murray
arr. and sung by Collin Whitfield

*The Doxology
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 Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Prelude in G Major, BWV 860

J.S. Bach

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Good news! Following updated CDC guidelines, your Session has voted to allow masking in the church to be optional. Saginaw County is in the category of risk which allows this now, but please be aware that unmasking is always contingent upon upgraded or downgraded guidelines. We will be looking

forward to seeing your face this Sunday! (of course, if you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, that is acceptable).



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Announcements and Upcoming Events

Missions Committee Update

Operation Hope and Care Totes was an overwhelming success! Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, Second Presbyterian Church has collected over 300 personal care and items to be distributed to the Saginaw Rescue Mission. Thank you for your continued support for our Mission work as well as the members of our community in need.

For the month of March, our mission focus will be the **Old Town Baby Pantry**, which helps parents who need a hand with items for their new babies. We will have a crib set up in the hallway to accept any items that would be useful to new babies. Some of the suggested items include sleepers, onesies, outfits, snowsuits/jackets (all size 0-9 months), crib sheets, receiving blankets, hooded towels, wash cloths bibs, bottles, newborn diapers, wipes, diaper bags, shampoo/baby wash, baby powder, lotions, bassinets, pack'n'plays, highchairs, bouncy seats. We will be collecting items **through March 27th**.

Old Town Soup Kitchen

For those who are interested in volunteering at the Old Town Soup Kitchen, please see the sign-up sheet on the mission table. We will have a rotating schedule the first week of each month. Old Town Christian Outreach is a wonderful organization committed to helping those in need. It's a lot of fun, a little hard work, great fellowship, and the spirit of helping others!

SERRV Sale

St. Catherine's of Sienna Church in Bay City will serve as host for a Spring/Easter SERRV sale March 19 & 20. We will need many hands to help with setup, during the sale hours and take down. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the main hallway. Please consider volunteering to help whenever you can.



Scholarship Applications

The scholarship applications for interested students are available in the church office. There are 2 scholarships available to everyone, the Muriel Lakey scholarship and the Mary Ann Geiersbach scholarship, and a special scholarship available to anyone attending Alma College. Qualifications and guidelines will be attached to the application. **The due date for returning applications is April 10th**.



Easter Flowers

We will decorate our sanctuary this year with Easter Lilies for the Easter Sunday service. If you would like to order one in honor or memory of someone, please call the office @ 792-1023 or sign-up at the table in the main hallway. There will be an envelope on the table for your payment. Flowers are in 8" pots with foil and a bow for \$11 each and **must be ordered** by April 3rd. Easter Sunday is April 17th.

Wednesday Lenten Services

During the Season of Lent, the weekly Wednesday Worship service will be in person and live streamed at 6:30 p.m. The focus is The Symbols of Lenten Journey. Below is the Weekly Words with Scriptures:

Week 2-March 16 – “The Cross” Mark 8:31-38

Week 3-March 23 “The Coins” John 2:13-22

Week 4- March 30 “The Sandals” Exodus 3:1-6 & Mark 6:6b-13

Week 5-April 6 “The Oil” Psalm 23 & Matthew 26:6-13

Week 6- April 13 “The Coats, Towel, Thorns” Luke 19:29-40

Prayer Group

You are invited to come to Prayer Group. We meet Thursday mornings at 8:30 in the library. We hope you can come to help us pray for those in need.