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Seeking and Serving Christ, we are a Place for Growing Christians.



Move your clocks ahead 1 hour on Sunday, March 13.

From The Pastor's Desk

The Season of Lent: 40 Days!

A new Season in our Liturgical Calendar draws near. Lenten Season is with us for the next forty days. Lent begins on a humble note on Ash Wednesday when people make their way to church to receive an imprint of ashes on their forehead in the form of a cross. "These are to remind us of our mortality and our dependence on God" as well as the sacrifice of Christ, which makes it possible for sinful mortals to go to God. In the early church, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by new converts and then became a time of penance by all Christians. Lent is a time of self-examination and reflection on both the promises made to us and the promises we have made at our baptism. With this reflection, Lent is an opportunity for us to renew, grow and refresh ourselves in our baptism. Lent is a 40-day season, not including Sundays, where we engage in practices or disciplines which prepare us for or help us re-commit to living out our baptisms. Among these disciplines are the Wednesday Evening worship, personal devotions, and fasting.

Why Forty Days? Forty is a significant number in the Bible. It is a number associated with anticipation and preparation. Moses waited on Mt. Sinai forty days to receive the Law (Ex. 34:28), Israel wandered in the wilderness for forty years before entering the promised land (Ex. 16:35), Elijah walked forty days to meet with God at Mount Horeb (1 Kings 19:8), and most significantly, Jesus fasted for forty days in the wilderness before his temptation (Mark 1:13).

Lent is a time when some choose to abstain from something they enjoy such as chocolate, sugar, coffee, or television for the entire Lenten season. Others choose to fast from all food one day a week in order to give themselves to prayer and meditation on the work of Christ. So, for this Lenten Season whether we give up something or not, let us encourage ourselves with the symbols of our faith, from Baptism (water that cleanse) to the Oil of anointing, to the Cross of Christ who redeems us, to grow and connect with God. During this Lenten season, whether we are "Giving to" or doing something positive can be a very effective way to focus daily on God and grow closer to Him individually and as a family.

Prayer: Redeeming God, you bring transformation, relief, peace, and joy in ways and at times that are utterly unexpected. When we find ourselves in the ash heap, grant us your peace, assure us of your promises, give us a glimpse of hope to sustain us throughout these forty days in Lent. In raising up from the dust, never let us forget what it was like to be so down. Use our remembering to reach back and help others, and may our focus be on you O Lord, in growing closer to grace of your transforming love through your Son Jesus Christ. Amen!

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Philomena

Lectionary for March

Ash Wednesday – March 2: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 51:1-17.

2 Corinthians 5:20b – 6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

March 6: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

March 13: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17 – 4:1;

Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36

March 20: Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

February 27: Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Please keep these folks in your prayers:

Arlene Besner	Stephanie Bennett	Sally Day
Esther Egbert	Barbara Easton	Carole Fowler
Vera Dice	Nancy Huegel	Jim Berden
Vickie VonBerg	Pat Perea	Heather Rousseau
Carol Smith		



Ash Wednesday

There will be "Drive Through Ashes" on Ash Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Just pull up to the front doors of the church and Pastor will come to you.

Ash Wednesday Worship will be a joint service with First Presbyterian Church at **Second Presbyterian Church** March 2, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m. This service will be live streamed via YouTube.

Florence Gilmour Circle

All women of the church are invited to join us on Wednesday, March 9 at 9:30 a.m. in the church library for fellowship and fun as we study "The Bad Girls" of the Bible.



Finance Update

To keep the congregation abreast of the budget and financial needs of the church, we will continue to update the congregation monthly in the church newsletter. We thank you for your commitment to the ministry and your ongoing support for the programs here at Second Presbyterian Church.

Financial Report as of 01/31/2022	
Income	16,773.18
Expense	15,278.41
Excess	1,494.77

Per Capita

Per Capita is part of being a Presbyterian and connecting to the Presbyterian Church as a whole; it is

PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT

Every church is apportioned a share of the expenses of the presbytery, the synod, and the General Assembly for ecclesiastical purposes. The apportionment is based on church membership. The amount varies with the needs of the presbytery, synod, and General Assembly, and is a regular expense payable by this church at the spring meeting of presbytery. The amount to be paid this year per communicant member is

Name _____

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part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. The total 2022 Per Capita for our church is \$8,207.00, which equates to **\$29.00 per member** (not per household). This goes to General Assembly, Synod of the Covenant, and the Presbytery. If each member pays their Per Capita amount above their regular giving, then pressure on our budget is reduced. Please mark Per Capita on your check or envelope.



Mission Offering

Each March the "Missions Offering" envelope is in our box of offering envelopes. Any contributions given in this envelope are deposited directly to the Mission Committee Dedicated Fund account and are used for various mission projects. A few of the missions supported in the past using these funds are Community Village, Underground Railroad, Mustard Seed Ministries, and the Saginaw Rescue Mission. If

you do not use offering envelopes, but wish to contribute, simply mark the memo line of your check as "Mission Offering." We thank you for the continued support of all our mission projects.

PNC Update



The PNC continues to review the Pastor Information Forms and have contacted the candidates we feel would best serve the church. We will schedule initial interviews via Zoom according to the candidate and PNC availabilities. Please continue to pray for the Second Presbyterian Church PNC as we continue our efforts to find the best Pastor for our church.



2nd @ Second

2nd @ Second will continue to meet on Sunday after worship with the continuation of "The Story of the Bible" one of the Great Courses of Religion and Theology by Professor Luke Timothy Johnson. Join us in the church library for a time of discussion after watching a short video, sharing and reflection.

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

"Go also the second mile" Matthew 5:41

THANK YOU to everyone who donated to the second mile giving missions in January and February. Thanks to the continued generosity of the congregation, Second Presbyterian Church has raised \$290 for "Two Coins a Meal" to help combat hunger both locally and abroad. These funds will be shared between the First Presbyterian Church and Lake Huron Presbytery hunger relief programs. We were also able to collect a large number of personal care items for the Saginaw Rescue Mission through the "Operation Hope and Care Totes." These items are distributed to anyone seeking a place to stay at the rescue mission and are greatly appreciated by those in need. Thank you again for your continued support, allowing us to show God's love in the community through our mission work.

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 0-12 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.**



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.**



Drive-Thru Fish Fry

Mark your calendars for our second-ever drive-thru Fish Fry on **Friday, April 8, 2022!** Please keep an eye on the church Facebook page so you can share the event!

We will need plenty of help to make this fish fry a success. Sign-up sheets will be in the gathering area soon. Proceeds from the sale go to the Presbyterian Men’s Group, which performs many of the maintenance jobs around the church.

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

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Alan Poplewski	(989) 928-7957	alanpoplewski@hotmail.com

Thank you for your support!

A Message from Collin Whitfield, Director of Music:

I want to thank the congregation, the chancel choir, and the bell choir here at Second Presbyterian for your warm welcome in my first two weeks as Director of Music! I am absolutely thrilled to be starting a new chapter at Second Pres and look forward to nurturing our music ministries! If you would be interested in singing in the choir, playing in the bell choir, or simply offering your own individual talents as a vocalist or an instrumentalist, please contact me at collin.whitfield@gmail.com. If you do not have email, please leave a message with the main office and the best phone number for me to reach you at. We welcome all to share their musical gifts with our congregation!

Please notify the office if you have an address change. If we mail anything to the old address, we get charged for the returned mail with the address correction. If you do not wish to have the newsletter mailed, please let us know.



Inclement Weather Policy

When Saginaw Township Schools have been closed due to inclement weather (snow, ice, temperatures, etc.), any church programming for that day will also be cancelled. This includes any activity of the church or outside groups that use church facilities. Examples are (but not limited to): Session, Committee meetings, Choirs, Bible Study, Women’s Circle, Community events.

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. Signup sheets are on the table in the main hallway. Please consider volunteering to help whenever you can.

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 \$10 each and **must be ordered** by April 3rd. Easter Sunday is April 17th.



Feeding Individuals Sharing Hope – F.I.S.H.

On communion Sundays we also collect food for the First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry. We know 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. Please bring your non-perishable food and place them on the table in the main hallway on Sunday, March 6th.

SPC YouTube Channel

If you have yet to see our YouTube channel, be sure to check it out.

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Live-Streamed Worship
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Worship

Concerts and other events may also be Streamed here.

- Do not forget to Like, Subscribe, and hit the little bell to get notifications of our uploads. This will also give you an easy way to get to the live stream on Sundays.
- Let your friends know. They might be looking for a new place to worship, this is a nice commitment free way to get your worship each week. The best way to grow is by word of mouth.
- If we can get 1000 subscribers, this will open all kinds of YouTube features, including community posts.

You can find us on YouTube at:

Second Presbyterian Church SPCSaginaw

March 2022 Second Presbyterian Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Drive Thru Ashes 11-6 Service @ 7:00 p.m. 	3 8:30 a.m. Prayer Group	4	5 Rescue Mission Lunches 9:30 a.m.
6 9:00 a.m. Worship Service Communion 	7	8	9 Florence Gilmour Circle 9:30 a.m. Lenten Service 6:30 p.m.	10 8:30 a.m. Prayer Group	11	12
13 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 	14 	15	16 Lenten Service 6:30 p.m.	17 8:30 a.m. Prayer Group	18	19
20 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 	21	22 Session 7:00 p.m.	23 Lenten Service 6:30 p.m.	24 8:30 a.m. Prayer Group	25	26
27 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 	28	29	30 Lenten Service 6:30 p.m.	31 8:30 a.m. Prayer Group		

LENT 2022

Daily Scripture and Reflections for the Sacred Season

HEAL ME, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise.

— JEREMIAH 17:14

Wednesday

2 MARCH
Ash Wed.

Returning to the Lord means opening our hearts to him to be filled with his love.

Joel 2:12-18

Thursday

3 Choose Life

When we choose life, we hold fast to our God, listening closely to his Word and will.

Deut. 30:15-20

Friday

4 Wash Me

Washed clean of sin by Christ, we have the opportunity to spread his steadfast love to others.

Psalms 51:1-6, 18-19

Saturday

5 Great Physician

Jesus came to give us a prescription to cure our sinful condition: his death on the cross.

Luke 5:27-32

Sunday

6 Speak of Christ

Open your mouth to say what is in your heart about the One who saves.

Romans 10:8-13

Monday

7 Care for Others

The care we give to others is an offering of care to Christ, and a reflection of his care to us.

Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday

8 Growth in the Word

The Word of the Lord sprouts and flourishes in us to bring about growth in our faith and life.

Isaiah 55:10-11

9 Sign of Jonah

Just as Jonah called for repentance from the Ninevites, who repented, Christ calls us to repent.

Luke 11:29-32

10 Helping Hand

The Lord stretches out his hand to help us in trouble. So we reach out to him.

Psalms 138:1-3, 7-8

11 Out of the Depths

We cry to God from our deepest places of despair. He listens and lifts us up onto solid ground.

Psalms 130:1-8

12 Treasured

We are the treasured possession of our God, who promises to keep us as his own as we follow him.

Deut. 26:16-19

13 Citizens

We are citizens of heaven and we worship the One who came from there to bring glory to all.

Phil. 3:20-4:1

14 Returning the Love

For every act of mercy, love, forgiveness and care, we receive the same.

Luke 6:36-38

15 White as Snow

God has the ability to make every crimson stain of sin in us as white as snow, pure and undefiled.

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20

16 Servants

Christ came to serve, and so we seek to be servants of one another in honor of him.

Matthew 20:17-28

17 Rich or Poor?

Those who listen to God's Word are rich. Those who ignore it are poor. Be rich in your obeying the Lord.

Luke 16:19-31

18 Tenants

Though tenants of this earth killed the Heir, that death became our entry into the family of God.

Matt. 21:33-43, 45-46

19 In His Name

We are only saved in the name of Jesus. There is no other name by which sin is removed.

Matt. 1:16, 18-21, 24

20 Holy Ground

Wherever God dwells is holy ground, and we step foot in those places in reverent awe.

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

21 Made Clean

Washed in the waters of Baptism, we are made clean of our sin by the Word of the Lord.

2 Kings 5:1-15

22 Show Mercy

Pass on to others the abundant mercy you have received from the Master of all mercy.

Matthew 18:21-35

23 Forget Not

Forget not what the Lord has taught you and keep teaching God's ways to your children.

Deut. 4:1, 5-9

24 Strength

We have the strength of the Lord on our side to protect us against the devil.

Luke 11:14-23

25 Possible

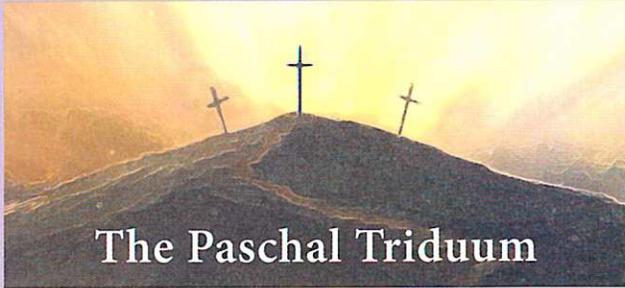
All things that once seemed impossible are now made possible through Jesus.

Luke 1:26-38

26 Humble Approach

Instead of holding your head high, lower your face before the Lord, in humble confession of sin.

Luke 18:9-14

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>27 Wayward</p> <p>We who have been wayward return with repentant hearts to open arms of welcome. <i>Luke 15:1-3, 11-32</i></p>	<p>28 New</p> <p>A new heaven and earth are on the horizon. Keep your eyes peeled for the Lord's renewal. <i>Isaiah 65:17-21</i></p>	<p>29 Living Water</p> <p>Let living water flow from the dwelling place of God and replenish the earth with his favor. <i>Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12</i></p>	<p>30 Engraved</p> <p>We are engraved on the hands of our Lord. We will never be abandoned by him. We are his. <i>Isaiah 49:8-15</i></p>	<p>31 Believe</p> <p>Bearing witness to Christ in the world reveals the power of his glory at work in our lives. <i>John 5:31-47</i></p>	<p>1 APRIL Known</p> <p>Jesus is made known to us and to all the world through the one who sent him, God the Father. <i>John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30</i></p>	<p>2 Gentle Lamb</p> <p>Like a lamb led to the slaughter or a tree cut off from the land, Jesus sacrifices himself for us. <i>Jeremiah 11:18-20</i></p>
<p>3 Forgiven</p> <p>No one is without sin except Jesus, who opens our eyes to our need to forgive others. <i>John 8:1-11</i></p>	<p>4 Light</p> <p>The Light of the world dispels the darkness of all sin and reveals the knowledge of God to us. <i>John 8:12-20</i></p>	<p>5 Going Away</p> <p>Jesus says that he is going away to his Father, where we will one day go to be with him. <i>John 8:21-30</i></p>	<p>6 Abide in the Truth</p> <p>The truth that Jesus brings sets us free to live in his presence, never to be enslaved by sin again. <i>John 8:31-42</i></p>	<p>7 Covenant</p> <p>The covenant God made with Abraham continues to us and is confirmed on the cross. <i>Genesis 17:3-9</i></p>	<p>8 Commit to Him</p> <p>We commit our cause to the God who conquers all our enemies and triumphs over every threat. <i>Jeremiah 20:10-13</i></p>	<p>9 One for All</p> <p>Jesus was the one man who was called to die for all the people. <i>John 11:45-56</i></p>
<p>10 Hosanna</p> <p>Peace, blessing and salvation are found in the One praised with palm branches. <i>Luke 19:28-40</i></p>	<p>11 Help Is Here</p> <p>Bruised reeds and dimly burning wicks will not be discarded, but will be given new life in Christ. <i>Isaiah 42:1-7</i></p>	<p>12 Gathered to God</p> <p>From far and near God gathers his people to be strengthened and served by the Holy One. <i>Isaiah 49:1-6</i></p>	<p>13 It Is Time</p> <p>The time has come for Jesus to be betrayed into the hands of sinners to save them. <i>Matthew 26:14-25</i></p>	 <p>The Paschal Triduum</p>		
<p>Traditional Lenten Disciplines</p> <p>Worship & Meditation: During Lent, many congregations offer added opportunities for public worship and encourage their members to more frequent and fervent prayer, Bible study and private meditation on the saving love of God in Jesus Christ.</p> <p>Fasting & Abstinence: As an aid to devotional life, many Christians give up certain foods or activities through Lent. Some also set aside certain days for more rigorous fasting in the Lord's honor.</p> <p>Almsgiving: Moved by the sacrifice of Christ, many Christians combine almsgiving with fasting, giving to the poor the money they saved by eating, drinking or buying less as they rely more upon God's abundant grace.</p>						



DRIVE THRU ONLY

Friday, April 8, 2022

4:30 - 6:30 PM

\$12.00

Fried Fish (Alaskan Pollock), Potatoes, Coleslaw,
Bread, and Dessert

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