

Sunday Worship

March 5, 2023

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

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship pads and pass them back to the center aisle.

After worship, please greet your neighbors by name.

Our Approach to God

Prelude "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" setting by Robert J. Powell

The Call to Worship

Our Eternal Father, who loved us and set us free from our sins,

Who loves us still with a love that will not let us go,

And who will love us forever, calls us to worship him today.

We have gathered to praise our gracious God.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

*The Hymns of Praise "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" 376

*The Call to Confession (based on Isaiah 55:6-7)

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them. Let them return to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. Trusting ourselves to the grace of God, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

*The Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, whose Son, Jesus Christ, longs to gather us in the wide embrace of his love, we confess that we have been wayward children. We have disobeyed your commands; our ears have been deaf to your call; our hearts have been cold to your love. In thought, in word, and in deed we have hurt others and dishonored your name. In your great mercy receive us yet again as your well-beloved children, not because we are worthy but for the sake of him who loved us and gave himself for us. [Silent Confession.]

*The Assurance of Pardon(John 3:14-16)

Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,

so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

*The Gloria Patri

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Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Anthem "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" by Stuart Townend
arr. Larry Shakley (Collin Whitfield, vocalist)

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Psalm Psalm 121 page 682 OT

The Old Testament Reading Genesis 12:1-4a page 12 OT

The Gospel Reading John 3:1-17 page 126 NT

The Sermon Rev. Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) page 14

*The Hymn "What Wondrous Love is This" 85

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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 "What Wonderous Love is This" setting by D. N. Johnson

*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 Hymn "Lift High the Cross" 371

*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 "Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land," setting by R.A. Nelson

* Congregation Standing - for those who are able.

Liturgist: Karen Kalina

Greeter: Linda Mattson

Ushers:

Fellowship Hour: Natalie Martinez

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On Wednesday, March 8, the office will be closed from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday the office will be open 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



*Second
Sunday in Lent*

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

Scholarship Information

Applications for the Muriel Lakey Scholarship and the Mary Ann Rigterink Geiersbach Scholarship are available in top bin on the cart by the office starting March 5th. Applications need to be turned in by April 16th.

Easter Flowers



We will decorate our sanctuary this year with Daffodils, Tulips and Hyacinth for the Easter Sunday service. If you would like to order one in honor or memory of someone, there are order forms and envelopes on the table in the gathering area. Flowers are in 8" pots with foil for \$10 each and **must be ordered** by March 19. Easter Sunday is April, 9.

Busy Hands and Hearts

Will meet at the church **Monday, March 6 @ 1:00 p.m.** You do not have to sew or knit to join in. If you have any questions, please call Pam Moran @ 989-792-7388.



Florence Gilmour Circle

All women of the church are invited to join us on Wednesday, **March 8**, at 9:30 a.m. in the church library. We will continue our study of "Bad Girls of the Bible" moving onto chapter 9, "Out of Step" Come for a time of women's fellowship and fun!

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. There is a crib set up in the hallway to accept any items that would be useful to new babies. Some 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 26th.**



willing the help:
Paul DeWyse
Adam Engel
Alan Poplewski

Mark your calendars for our next Fish Fry on **Friday, March 17, 2023!** We will need plenty of help to make this fish fry a success.

Please keep an eye on Facebook to share our event! Sign-up sheets are in the gathering area. 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

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"Lord, here I am, send me..."

Second Presbyterian Church invites you to share with us in the joy of installing Rev. Ruth Estell as the solo pastor of our church. This celebration will be held on **Sunday, March 12, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.** in the sanctuary. We are excited about the future ministry of our church under the leadership of our new pastor. We desire that you join with us as we welcome her to our church.

A Pastor's installation service is an important event for both the pastor and her congregation. It is a festive, welcoming ceremony to recognize the calling of the pastor, to acknowledge her responsibilities and duties, and to celebrate the end of the interim period, and a new chapter in a congregation's life. There will be a cake and coffee reception in Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.