

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 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

Our Approach to God

Prelude "Where Charity and Love Prevail" arr. Robert A. Hardy

The Call to Worship (based on Matthew 11:28)

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." God invites us into his presence and calls us to worship.

We come, as God's dearly loved children. We bring all our joy and pain, hurt and hope. We praise God for his tender care and everlasting love.

Let us worship God!

*The Hymn of Praise "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" 457

*The Call to Confession (based on Psalm 130:3-4)

If God kept a record of sins, who could escape from being condemned? But with God there is forgiveness. And so, we stand in awe of God and we humbly confess our sins before God and one another.

*The Prayer of Confession

Lord, you showed us true humility by becoming one of us, yet too often we practice pride. You cried alongside your friends, yet too often we rush past the pain of others. You loved those who were weak, despised, or cast out, yet too often we love those who are strong, respected, or popular. You freely forgave and healed, yet too often we hold grudges and cause pain. You lived a perfectly holy life, yet too often we do not yearn for righteousness. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon (based on Psalm 130:7-8)

Trust in the Lord because his love is constant and he is always willing to save. He will save his people from all their sins. Receive this good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **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 "Once Upon A Tree" by Pepper Choplin
Chancel Choir

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Psalm Psalm 130 page 684 OT

The Gospel Reading John 11:1-45 page 140 NT

The Sermon Rev. Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith (A Brief Statement of Faith, 10.1 – 10.2)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins for the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

*The Hymn "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" 403

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

*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 "Hope of the World" 360

*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 Christus, unser Heiland," BuxWV 198 by Buxtehude
(We invite you to remain seated and enjoy the postlude.)

* Congregation Standing - for those who are able.

Liturgist: Linda Poplewski

Greeter: Beverly Briggs

Ushers:

Fellowship Hour: Sandra Rease

The flowers today are in memory of Ray Shepherd. The Shepherd family would like to thank everyone for their support during this time.

Second Presbyterian family,

Thank you for the cards, visits, and calls while I continue to recuperate. --
Dick Rice

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



Palm Sunday

Next Sunday, April 2, is Palm Sunday. There will be palms available as you enter the sanctuary. We encourage you to take the palm home with you. The service will be the regular 9:00 a.m. start time.

ATTN: If your information is incorrect in the Directory, please note that we will not print new directories, but will put a corrections list in the April newsletter.



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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. Applications need to be turned in by April 16th.

Mission Minutes

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.**



We need a couple more members to join our Green Team. Joining the team would mean mowing, trimming, blowing the grass off the sidewalks all using the equipment we have at the Church. If you are interested, please call the church office @ 792-1023.



Music and Worship Committee

We need your help!! The Music and Worship Committee is looking for volunteers to help with Fellowship Hour, Liturgists, Greeters and Ushers on Sundays. There are sign-up sheets available so please look for a Sunday service you can help! Thank you for supporting Second Presbyterian Church!

We also need people willing to learn and help with the Live-Stream operations. Please see Linda Poplewski, Fred Herter, Karen Schadel or Bruce Smith if you are interested in learning the live-stream process.

Building and Maintenance Committee

Second Presbyterian is putting together a group of volunteers that can help with the upkeep and small maintenance projects at the church. We need all sorts of talented people that can help with painting, small plumbing projects, carpentry, landscaping, and more. If you have an interest in helping, please call either Alan Poplewski @ 989-928-7957 or Sonia Hoepfner @ 989-781-0542 or call the church office @ 989-792-1023.

Rescue Mission Lunches



Saturday, **April 1**, please join us in the church kitchen to assemble bag lunches for the Saginaw Rescue Mission. This will be a recurring event on the **first Saturday of each month**. We will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the church kitchen (Please enter from parking lot through Fellowship Hall door) to visit and share in the work of making sandwiches and lunches for those struggling with hunger. We look forward to seeing you as we gather to help those in need.