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



Move your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 10

Lectionary for March

Third Sunday in Lent – March 3: Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

Fourth Sunday in Lent – March 10: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10;
John 3:14-21

Fifth Sunday in Lent – March 17: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12 *or* Psalm 119:9-16;
Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

Passion/Palm Sunday – March 24: *Liturgy of the Palms* – Mark 11:1-11 *or* John 12:12-16;
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Liturgy of the Passion – Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47 *or* Mark
15:1-39 (40-47)

Monday of Holy Week – March 25: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11

Tuesday of Holy Week – March 26: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31;
John 12:20-36

Wednesday of Holy Week – March 27: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70:1-5; Hebrews 12:1-3;
John 13:21-32

Maundy Thursday – March 28: Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2:12-19; 1 Corinthians
11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday – March 29: Isaiah 52:13-53; Psalm 22:1-31; Hebrews 10:16-25 *or* Hebrews 4:14-16,
5:7-9; John 18:1- 19:42.

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter – March 31: Acts 10:34-43 *or* Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-
24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 *or* Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 *or* Mark 16:1-8.



Palm Sunday – March 24 @ 9:00a.m. SPC
Maundy Thursday Service – March 28 @ 7:00p.m.
at First Presbyterian Church
Good Friday – March 29 @ 12:00p.m. & 12:30p.m. at
First United Methodist Saginaw
Easter Sunday – March 31 @ 9:00a.m. SPC

Easter Lilies



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, there are order forms in the gathering area. Flowers are \$12.00 each and **must be ordered by March 10th**.



Rescue Mission Lunches

Saturday, **March 2**, please join us in the church kitchen to assemble bag lunches for the Saginaw Rescue Mission. 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.

Busy Hands and Hearts

Will meet at the church **Monday, March 4 @ 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.



We will continue the Lenten Bible Study based on the book *Pause: Spending Lent with the Psalms* by Elizabeth Caldwell.

The Study will be held on the following Thursdays: March 7, 14, & 21. Join us at 6:45 pm for a time of fellowship leading up to the Bible Study which will begin around 7:00 pm. All are invited to come and take this time to pause during the Lenten season.

Support
Presbyterian Disaster
Assistance



We will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on Easter Sunday, March 31. Millions of Christians join together through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Your gifts will support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance, resettlement, and community development. There are special offering envelopes in the pews,

however if you just mark One Great Hour of Sharing on your check or donation, that will work too.



Dear Friends,

As March begins, we continue our Lenten journey. We reflect on what it meant for Jesus to be heading to the cross. We consider what he suffered for us and our salvation. It is a time to evaluate our lives, to repent of sins, and to recommit to faithfully following Christ.

But before this month is through, this journey takes us to the excitement of Palm Sunday, the sacredness of Maundy Thursday as Jesus gathered his disciples around him for that Last Supper, the solemnness of Good Friday as Jesus hung on the cross and died for our sins, and then the joy and hope of Easter morning as Jesus rose from the dead.

We take this journey ever year. By now, you probably know exactly what to expect. The palm branches will be out on March 24. In the services on March 28 and 29, we will sing familiar hymns such as *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*. On March 31, we expect the sanctuary to be filled with extra people and the fragrance of lilies. We know how it all goes. Perhaps it has even started to feel monotonous to you.

But imagine how it must have felt for those early followers of Jesus. Imagine their shock at what was unfolding. Were they fearful? Confused? Appalled? Disheartened, but trying to cling to any shred of hope they could find? What sort of conversations did they have with one another? How did they pray during this time? What did they believe was possible? What did they understand as to why this was all happening?

I encourage you to take some time to reflect on these questions. Try to imagine yourself as one of those early followers of Christ. Let us not just go through the motions as we continue this Lenten journey. This is such a meaningful time. It is my prayer that each one of us would be drawn closer to God as we continue this season of Lent. And then, let us joyfully gather together on Easter morning to celebrate our risen Lord!

In Christ,

Pastor Ruth



Florence Gilmore Circle

All women of the church are invited to join us on **Wednesday, March 13**, at 9:30 a.m. in the church library as we continue watching and discussing the DVD "The Jesus I Never Knew" by Philip Yancey.

Sunday School

Sunday School will meet the following Sunday's: **March 3, 17 & 24.** Please let the Christian Education Committee know if you are interested in helping out on Sunday mornings. The members are; Pam Moran @ 989-792-7388, Laura Bosley @ 989-780-1420, and Christy Higley @ 989-798-6678.



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.



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.



Our Fish Fry is fast approaching on **Friday, March 15, 2024!** 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 performs many of the maintenance jobs around the church.

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

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 for your support!

Bake Sale



We will have a bake sale during the fish fry on Friday, March 15. We will need donations of baked goods to sell (plated and ready), and volunteers to set-up, price, sell the items donated, and clean up after the sale. There are sign-up sheets for the bake sale in the gathering area. If you have any questions, please call Carol Poole @ 989-793-7485. All proceeds from the bake sale go to Florence Gilmore Circle (Second Presbyterian Women's

group) which provides funding for the Rescue Mission lunches, along with donations to many charitable organizations.

Financial Report as of 01/31/2024	
Income	20,049.36
Expense	13,152.47
Excess	6,896.89

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.

Online Giving



If you utilize online giving and changed your Estimate of Giving for 2024 you will need to go www.spcsaginaw.org and click the "Give Now" button to modify your giving amount. You can also scan this QR code with your smart phone to modify your online giving.

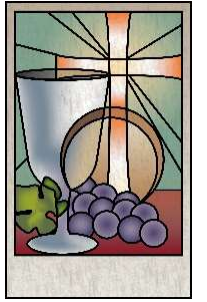


Mission News "Go the Second Mile" Mark 5:41

"Anyone with a mission-minded heart is welcome to join the Mission Committee, and you may reach out to Billie Bauer or any committee member for more information. New ideas and a caring spirit are always welcome as we organize and plan the year's mission projects of your Second Presbyterian Church. "

THANK YOU to the congregation for your ongoing support to the missions of Second Presbyterian Church. So far for 2024, we have been able to raise \$305.84 to fight hunger both locally and abroad through the "Two Coins a Meal" mission, and we have collected numerous hygiene and personal care items for the Saginaw Rescue Mission "Operation Hope and Care Totes." These collections will truly make an impact in our community and allow us to share God's love to those in need.

Sunday, March 24, 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.



For the month of March, our mission focus will be the Old Town Baby Pantry. The pantry 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 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 31st.

We need 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 sign up on the sheet in the gathering area or call the church office @ 792-1023.



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.

Sonia Hoeppner, Church Secretary, will be on vacation March 1 Thru March 10. As always, please call 989-792-1023 before driving to the church

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.



Hosanna!



March 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Rescue Mission Lunches 9:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m. Meet & Greet for Thomas Heidenreich
3 9:00 a.m. Worship 3rd Sunday in Lent Sunday School	4  Busy Hands 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	5	6	7 	8	9
10 9:00 a.m. Worship 4th Sunday in Lent	11	12	13 9:30 a.m. - Florence Gilmore Circle	14	15 Fish Fry 4:30-6:30p.m.	16 
17 9:00 a.m. Worship 5th Sunday in Lent Sunday School	18	19 	20	21	22	23
24 9:00 a.m. Worship Palm Sunday Sunday School	25	26 7:00 p.m. Session	27	28 Maundy Thursday Service @ First Pres. 7:00 p.m.	29 Good Friday Service @ First United Methodist Saginaw 12:00 & 12:30 p.m.	30
31 9:00 a.m. Worship Easter						

\$15

Per Meal
Cash, Please.

**DINE IN
- OR -
TAKE OUT**

2665 Midland Road,
North of State Street

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN

FISH FRY

ALL YOU CAN EAT

**Friday,
March 15, 2024
4:30 - 6:30 PM**



989-792-1023

Fried Alaskan Pollock, Potatoes,
Coleslaw, Bread, and Dessert

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