

Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 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 "My Song Is Love Unknown" arr. Benjamin M. Culli

The Call to Worship (Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7)

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

O come, let us worship and bow down, Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

*The Hymn of Praise "Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show" 481

*The Call to Confession (based on Romans 5:8-9)

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! With this assurance of salvation, let us confess our sins.

*The Prayer of Confession

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you did not disdain the company of sinners, but welcomed them with love. Look upon us in mercy, we pray. Our sins are more than we can bear; our pasts enslave us; our misdeeds are beyond correcting. Forgive the wrongs we cannot undo; free us from a past we cannot change; heal what we can no longer fix. Grace our lives with your love and turn the tears of our past into the joys of new life with you. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal. God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free. Receive the forgiving love of God.

Thanks be to God.

*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. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Anthem

"Love Unmeasured, Love of God"
SPC Chancel Choir

by Lloyd Larson

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Old Testament Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

page 83 OT

The Psalm

Psalm 95

page 658 OT

The Gospel Reading

Romans 5:1-11

page 206 NT

The New Testament Reading

John 4:5-42

page 128 NT

The Sermon

Rev. Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

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*The Hymn

"Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

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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 "When I Survey the Wonderous Cross" arr. David Schelet

*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 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" 343

*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, Lover of My Soul" arr. Ashley Grote

* Congregation Standing - for those who are able.

Liturgist: Karen Schadel

Greeter: Diane Kememer

Ushers: Adam Engel, Mike Patton, Isaiah Sova and Gannon Sova

Fellowship Hour: Rebecca and Charlotte LaLonde and Adam Engel

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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.

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.**



Friday, March 17, 2023 is the Fish Fry! 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 willing the help:

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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 **Today 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.

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.

The church office will continue to be open Monday -Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Please call (989) 792-1023 if you need to schedule a different time to come and conduct any church business.