

# First Sunday in Lent

March 6, 2022

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

## Our Approach to God

Prelude *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* arr. Collin Whitfield  
JuBELLation Choir

### The Call to Worship

The Season of Lent sets us on a journey.

**The journey beings in the wilderness.**

Remember the story of our faith.

**We are the people God has delivered.**

Rejoice in the hope of our faith.

**God goes with us, step by step.**

Cling to the promise of our faith.

**For God leads us not only into the wilderness, but also through the wilderness.**

Let us worship the Lord together. **Amen.**

\*The Hymn of Praise *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* 81  
Congregation sings verses 1 & 3

### \*The Call to Confession

The journey of life without doubt leads to wilderness, times marked by guilt, frustration, and the sense that we are not in the right place. But even in the wilderness, God is with us. Even in the wilderness, God's mercy is sure.

### \*The Prayer of Confession

**As Lent unfolds before us, great God, we see how far we have to go to Jerusalem. The road is long, our sins are many, and our burdens are heavy. We can't imagine new life, Easter life, because our current lives are filled with bad choices and failed efforts. Meet us in our weakness.**

**Take up our sins. Ease our burdens. Carry us on the way.**

**O Lord, hear us now as we approach you from the silence of our hearts with our individual intentions (Silence).**

**Bring us to Jerusalem, at last. Show us a love that is stronger than death, a love no tomb can hold.**

### \*The Assurance of Pardon

Walking this earth, facing temptation, defeating sin,

**Jesus has done for us what we could never do for ourselves.**

This is good news! **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

### \*The Gloria Patri

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**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

*On Eagles Wings*  
arr. Douglas Wagner - Chancel Choir

by Michael Joncas

## The Word of God

### The Time with the Children

The Psalm Psalm 91:1-2,9-16 page 656 OT

The Gospel Reading Luke 4:1-13 page 82 NT

The Sermon "The Temptation" Pastor Philomena

## Our Response to Serve

\*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles Creed hymnal page 14

\*The Hymn *What Wonderful Love Is This* 85  
Congregation sings verses 1 & 2

### The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory Improvisation of Wondrous Love

### \*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 Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
Invitation

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.**

Words of Institution

Distribution of the elements

(We now eat together symbolizing our unity in Christ. We drink from the cup symbolizing our individual relationship with Christ.)

The Prayer After Communion

**Thank you, gracious God, for giving us bread for the journey of these forty days. As we travel on through the wilderness, help us to share your grace with others and draw us ever closer to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Communion Music

*Bread of the World in Mercy Broken* Louis Bourgeois  
Instrumental only

\*The Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

*Prelude in A-flat Major, BMV 862*

by J.S. Bach

\* Congregation Standing - for those who are able.

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**Move your clocks ahead 1 hour NEXT Sunday, March 13.**

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# Announcements and Upcoming Events

## 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.

## Missions Committee Update

Operation Hope and Care Totes was an overwhelming success! Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, Second Presbyterian Church has collected over 300 personal care and items to be distributed to the Saginaw Rescue Mission. Thank you for your continued support for our Mission work as well as the members of our community in need.

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 0-9 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**.

## Old Town Soup Kitchen

For those who are interested in volunteering at the Old Town Soup Kitchen, please see the sign up sheet on the mission table. We will have a rotating schedule the first week of each month. Old Town Christian Outreach is a wonderful organization committed to helping those in need. It's a lot of fun, a little hard work, great fellowship, and the spirit of helping others!

## 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.



## 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 10<sup>th</sup>.**

## 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 \$11 each and **must be ordered** by April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Easter Sunday is April 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Wednesday Lenten Services

During the Season of Lent, the weekly Wednesday Worship service will be in person and live-streamed at 6:30 p.m. The focus is The Symbols of Lenten Journey. Below is the Weekly Words with Scriptures:

**Week 1-March 9-"Bread From Heaven" Exodus 16:4-12**

**Week 2-March 16 -"The Cross" Mark 8:31-38**

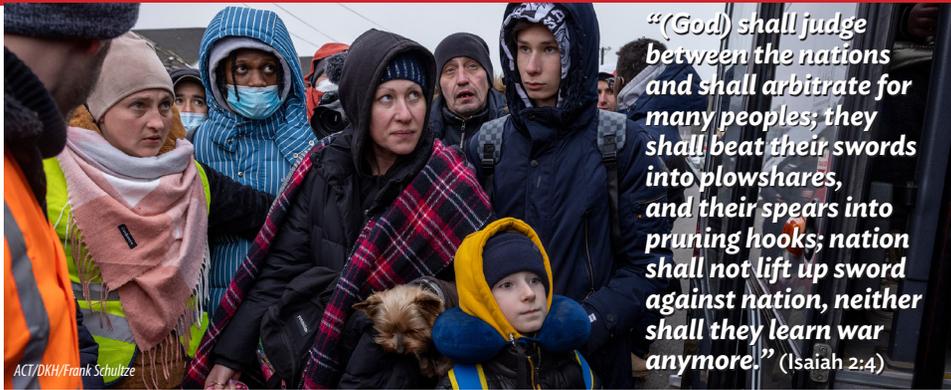
**Week 3-March 23"The Coins" John 2:13-22**

**Week 4- March 30"The Sandals" Exodus 3:1-6 & Mark 6:6b-13**

**Week 5-April 6"The Oil" Psalm 23 & Matthew 26:6-13**

**Week 6- April 13"The Coats, Towel, Thorns" Luke 19:29-40**

# Emergency response to Ukraine war



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**GIVE:** To support emergency relief for those fleeing Ukraine, designate gifts to DR000156 . You can also text PDAUKR to 41444 to donate. Gifts can be made online at [pcusa.org/UK22](http://pcusa.org/UK22), by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check using the below reply device.

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**PRAY:** *May we undergird our prayers with tangible resources to help. May we reach deeply, give generously, and welcome extravagantly. May we lift our voices in a strong and unified advocacy. May we all, even as we breathe in lament, breathe out mercy, hope and peace. And in this Lenten season, when we walk the way toward death and resurrection, repent our complicity in cultures of violence and renew our efforts toward justice and peace.*

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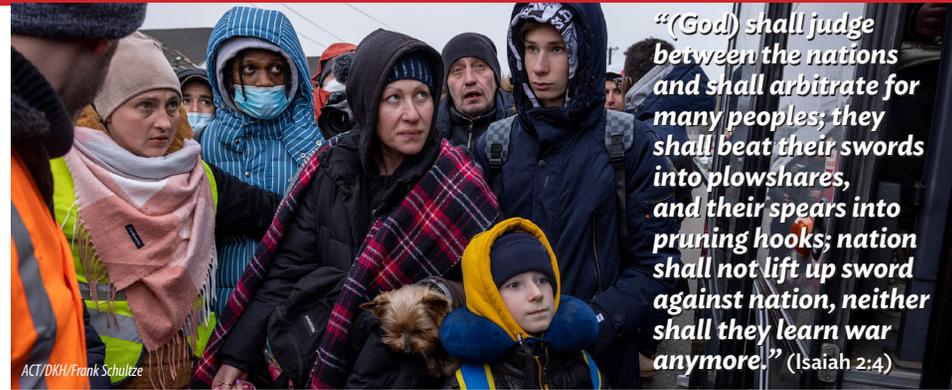
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