

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27, 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 *Prelude(Raindrop) in D-flat Major, Op. 28, No. 15(abr)* by F. Chopin

The Call to Worship

We are ambassadors for Christ.

God has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation.

We gather as God's beloved family to worship God and offer our praise.

Let us join our hearts in song and in prayer.

*The Hymn of Praise *Just as I Am, Without One Plea* 370
Congregation sings verses 1&4

*The Call to Confession

If we keep silent, our sin will flourish, and we will groan all day long. Therefore, let all who are faithful acknowledge our sin and hide our transgression no more. In faith and with courage let us confess our sin to God.

*The Prayer of Confession Luke 15:11b-24

Holy God, we confess that we keep silent when we should speak.

We see iniquity and the injustices of the world yet are content not to call them out. We withhold kind words yet are quick to speak in judgment. Forgive us, O God. Direct the way we should go and help us to use our voices to spread your grace and truth.

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

Holy God, draw our wondering hearts back to you that we may find freedom in obedience to your love. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon 2 Corinthians 5:17-19
So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

All this is from God, who reconciled us to God's self through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to God's self, not counting their sins against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. Believe the promise 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 *Lamb of God* by Twila Paris, arr. Lloyd Larson
Chancel Choir

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Old Testament Reading Joshua 5:9-12 page 236 OT

The Gospel Reading Luke 15:1-3,11-32 page 105 NT

The Sermon "Quickly, Quickly Sandals on His Feet" Pastor Philomena

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith (From The Heidelberg Catechism)

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. Amen.

*The Hymn *The Church's One Foundation* 442
Congregation sings verses 1 & 3

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 Charge and Benediction

*Postlude *Prelude No. 5 in D Major, BWV 850* by J.S. Bach

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Liturgist: Larry Long Jr.

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Seeking and Serving Christ We are a Place for Growing Christians

Announcements and Upcoming Event

April Mission

The mission and stewardship focus for April is the First Presbyterian Church food pantry. Donations of non-perishable food items as well as monetary donations will be collected through April 24th.

Old Town Soup Kitchen

For those who are interested in volunteering at the Old Town Soup Kitchen, please see the signup 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!



Rescue Mission Lunches

Please join us Saturday, April 2 @ 9:30 a.m. in the church kitchen to assemble bag lunches for the Saginaw Rescue Mission. (Please enter from parking lot through Fellowship Hall door). Visit and share in the work of making sandwiches and lunches for those struggling with hunger. Many hands make light work! We look forward to seeing you as we gather to help those in need.

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 10th.**



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 3rd. Easter Sunday is April 17th.



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 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

Prayer Group

You are invited to come to Prayer Group. We meet Thursday mornings at 8:30 in the library. We hope you can come to help us pray for those in need.

Drive-Thru Fish Fry

Mark your calendars for our second-ever drive-thru Fish Fry on **Friday, April 8, 2022!** Please keep an eye on the church Facebook page so you can share the event!

We will need plenty of help to make this fish fry a success. Sign-up sheets are in the main hallway. Proceeds from the sale go to the Presbyterian Men's Group, which pays for 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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