

Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024

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.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Our Approach to God

Prelude *O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig, BWV 618* Bach

The Call to Worship

We gather to worship God not because we have faithfully obeyed his commands and not because we are deserving of his love.

We gather here because God calls us. God loved us before we could love him. God gave his only Son for our salvation.

Let us join all creation in praising God and blessing his holy name.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

*The Hymn of Praise *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* 138

*The Call to Confession

The Psalmist prayed, "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Let this be our heart's cry as we confess our sins to God.

*The Prayer of Confession (From "The Abingdon Worship Annual 2009")

With hearts of sorrow, we come before you, O God, to confess what you already know—we have failed to keep your laws. Again and again, we have followed our own selfish will, rather than your holy and life-giving will for our lives. We have twisted your decrees and institutions to suit our preconceptions and interests rather than your own. Forgive us, O God, and cleanse us from hidden faults, that the words of our mouths, and the meditations of all our hearts, may be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer.

*The Assurance of Pardon

If God kept a record of sins, who could stand before him? But with God there is forgiveness. For those who are in Christ Jesus, there is now no condemnation. Our sins are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

*The Gloria Patri *Glory Be to the Father* 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 Special Music *Adante con moto from Sonata V* Mendelssohn

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Old Testament Reading Exodus 20:1-17 page 87 OT

The Psalm Psalm 19:7-14 page 605 OT

The Gospel Reading John 2:13-22 page 126 NT

The Sermon Pastor Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed(traditional) hymnal, page 14

*The Hymn *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed* 78

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 *For the Little Organ Book* C. Hubert H. Parry

*The Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 592

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 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* 106

*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 *Fugue in E Minor, BWV 533* Bach

* Congregation Standing – for those who are able.

Liturgist : Connor Rousseau

Ushers: Ted Easlick, Lenny Fowler, Mike Patton and Scott Peters

Greeters: Betty Miller

Fellowship Hour:

Musical Talents: Thomas Heidenreich, Director of Music Ministry

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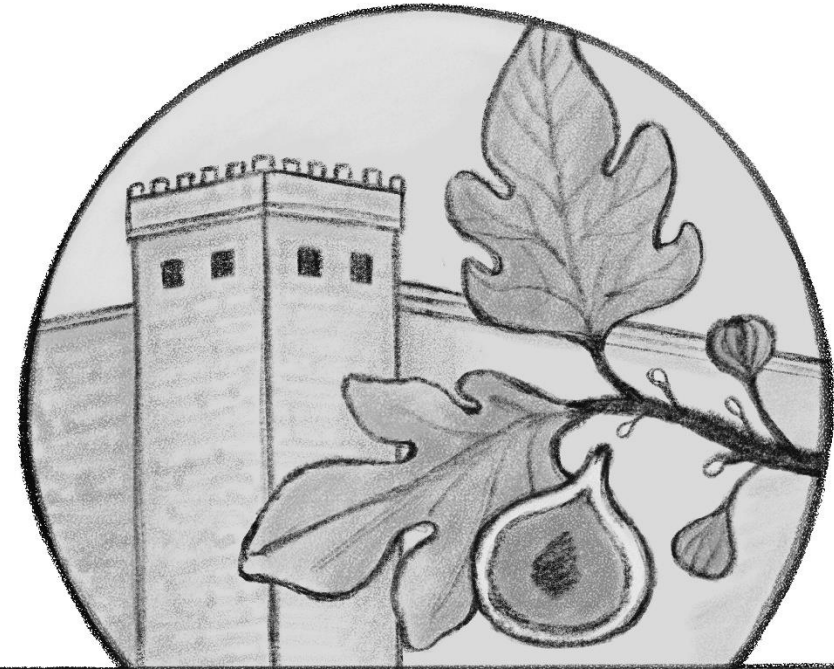
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Seeking and Serving Christ. We are a Place for Growing Christians.

Announcements and Upcoming Event



Move your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 10

Music Ministry

We warmly welcome Thomas Heidenreich as our new Director of Music Ministry! Thank you to those who helped to welcome him at the meet & greet yesterday. Please continue to welcome him as he gets settled in Saginaw and at both First and Second Pres. We thank God for him and his upcoming ministry in this congregation.

Rehearsals resume this week on Wednesday, March 6. JuBELLation Choir will meet at 6:00 pm and Chancel Choir at 7:00 pm. If you have been considering joining either of these choirs, now is a great time to join!

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.



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**.



We will continue the Lenten Bible Study this Thursday March 7 at 6:45 pm for a time of fellowship leading up to the Bible Study which will begin around 7:00 pm.

Mission News



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.

A special thank you to everyone for our wonderful “thank you” party. It was so nice to have a chance to talk with everyone and enjoy all the terrific goodies! We want to thank you all for your gift and the beautiful flowers. The members of Second Presbyterian are friendly, warm, giving, and kind. We feel truly blessed to know all of you.

Laurel and Deanna

The church secretary, Sonia Hoepfner, is on vacation March 1-10. As always, please call the church office before driving to the church.

Prayer of Illumination

Holy God,
Thank you for the gift of your Word. It is more precious than gold and sweeter than honey. May the meditations of our hearts and the words of our mouths be pleasing in your sight.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Exodus 20:1-17 New International Version

1 And God spoke all these words:

2 “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

3 “You shall have no other gods before^[a] me.

4 “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. **5** You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, **6** but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

7 “You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

8 “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. **9** Six days you shall labor and do all your work, **10** but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. **11** For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

12 “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

13 “You shall not murder.

14 “You shall not commit adultery.

15 “You shall not steal.

16 “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

17 “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

Psalms 19:7-14 New International Version

7 The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.

8 The precepts of the LORD are right,
giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the LORD are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever.

The decrees of the LORD are firm,
and all of them are righteous.

10 They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;

they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the honeycomb.

11 By them your servant is warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

12 But who can discern their own errors?
Forgive my hidden faults.

13 Keep your servant also from willful sins;
may they not rule over me.

Then I will be blameless,
innocent of great transgression.

14 May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight,
LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

John 2:13-22

New International Version

¹³ When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵ So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ To those who sold doves he said, “Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a market!” ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

¹⁸ The Jews then responded to him, “What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?”

¹⁹ Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.”

²⁰ They replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” ²¹ But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

