

# First Sunday in Lent

February 26, 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.

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 Reverie Thomas H. Kerr

### The Call to Worship

Let us gather today and lift our voices in song and praise to God.

**For just as Adam and Eve, we have sinned and disobeyed the Lord.**

Yet in Christ we have been washed clean; in Christ we are forgiven.

**Let us come now and sing praise for God's mercy, grace, and love!**

For in the garden, we first sinned and through the cross, we are saved.

**Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

\*The Hymn of Praise "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" 466

### \*The Call to Confession (based on Psalm 32:3-5)

The Psalmist writes, "When I did not confess my sins, I was worn out from crying all day long. Day and night you punished me, Lord; my strength was completely drained, as moisture is dried up by the summer heat. Then I confessed my sins to you; I did not conceal my wrongdoings. I decided to confess them to you, and you forgave all my sins." With this confidence in God's forgiveness, let us now confess our sins.

### \*The Prayer of Confession

**Lord, even when you created for us a garden, we chose to be disobedient and eat the forbidden fruit. Still today, Lord, we have been your disobedient children and chosen to travel on paths that you have warned us are not your ways. We have given in to the temptations we face. Forgive us, Lord. As we open our hearts before you, show us anew the way you would have us go. [Silent reflection.]**

### \*The Assurance of Pardon (based on Psalm 32:1)

Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned. We have that assurance, that through Jesus Christ, our sins have been forgiven.

**Praise be to God!**

\*The Response *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* 280  
**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.**

The Anthem "A Clean Heart" Benjamin Harlan  
Chancel Choir

## The Word of God

The Old Testament Reading Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 page 3 OT

The Time with the Children

The New Testament Reading Romans 5:12-19 page 207 NT

The Gospel Reading Matthew 4:1-11 page 4 NT

The Sermon Rev. Ruth Estell

## Our Response to Serve

\*The Affirmation of Faith Apostle Creed (Traditional) page 14 hymnal

\*The Hymn "Just as I Am, Without One Plea" 370

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts  
The Offertory "Remember Me" Jay Althouse  
Chancel Choir

### \*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

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

(Hold the bread until all have been served. We will eat it together symbolizing our unity in Christ. Drink the cup when it is served symbolizing your individual relationship with Christ.)

Prayer

- \*The Hymn "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" 78
- \*The Charge and Benediction
- \*The Response "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" (verse 1) 540  
**God be with you till we meet again; Loving counsels guide uphold you, with a Shepherds care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.**
- \*Postlude St. Marten's, setting by Mark Fax

\* Congregation Standing - for those who are able.

**Liturgist:** Kitty Myers

**Greeter:** Christy Higley

**Ushers:** Pete & Ginny Brucker, Tom Poole, and Alan Poplewski

**Serving Communion Today:** Adam & Samantha Engel, Natalie Martinez, and Pam Moran

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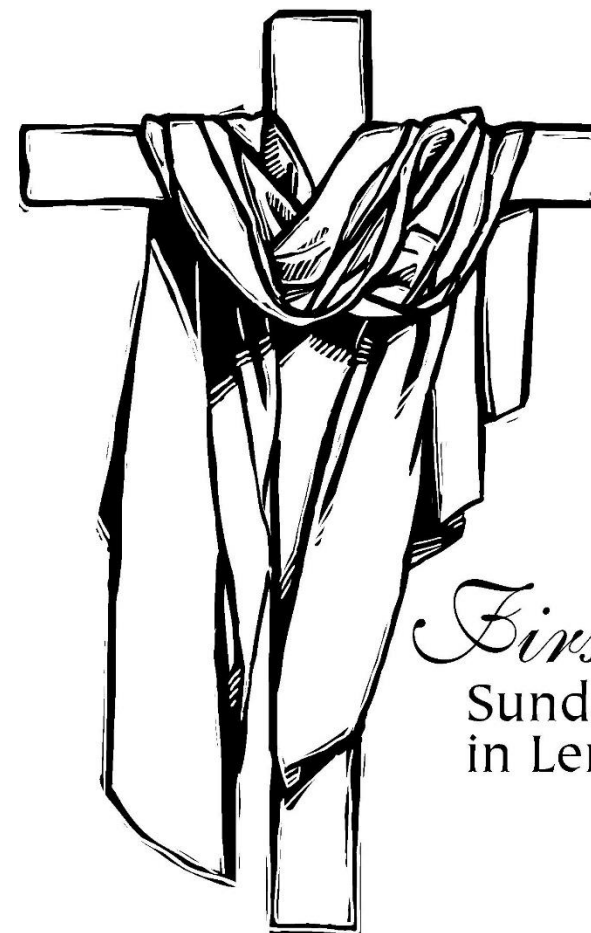
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# Second Presbyterian Church

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



### Rescue Mission Lunches

Saturday, **March 4**, please join us in the church kitchen to assemble bag lunches for the Saginaw Rescue Mission. This will be a recurring event on the **first Saturday of each month**. 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.

Many hands make light work! We look forward to seeing you as we gather to help those in need.

### 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 some 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.

### 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.

**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.**



### Dine-In and Take-Out Fish Fry

Mark your calendars for our next Fish Fry on **Friday, March 17, 2023!** We will need plenty of help to make this fish fry a success. Please keep an eye on Facebook to share our event! In the

future, sign-up sheets will be 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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### Mission News

#### "Go also the second mile" - Matthew 5:4



Our March Mission Focus will be collecting items for the Old Town Baby Pantry. Please pick up a list of needed items to donate to this wonderful organization & help give these mothers & fathers a helping hand with their new blessings. These gifts will be collected until March 31st.



please call the church office @ 792-1023.

We need a couple more 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,

### Boy Scout Troop 321



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The Scouts of Troop 321 would like to thank the congregation for their generous donations for the pancake breakfast they hosted on Sunday February 19. We are so grateful for your continued support of our troop. A special thanks goes out to the Presbyterian Men for their sponsorship of the supplies needed for the breakfast and to Troop 312 from Nouvel for giving support and providing help at the breakfast.