

First Presbyterian Church

Welcome Home!

Order of Worship

2nd Sunday in Lent March 8, 2020 11 AM

PREPARATION

A Prayer of Preparation

We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own goodness, but in your all-embracing love and mercy. We are not worthy even to gather up the crumbs under your table, but it is your nature always to have mercy. So feed us with the body and blood of Jesus Christ, your Son, that we may forever live in him and he in us. Amen.

Welcome

Rev. Shon Peppers

Ministry of Friendship

Please pass the friendship register so all may sign it; pass it back so you may become acquainted with those sitting on your pew.

Prelude

Erhalt uns Herr bei deinem Wort

Dietrich Buxtehude

ADORATION

*Call to Worship (Genesis 12, Psalm 121, John 3)

One: Come, all who need help!

Many: **Our help comes from God,
the one who made heaven and earth.**

One: Come, all who desire blessing!

Many: **Our blessing comes from God, the God of Abraham,
the God of the ages.**

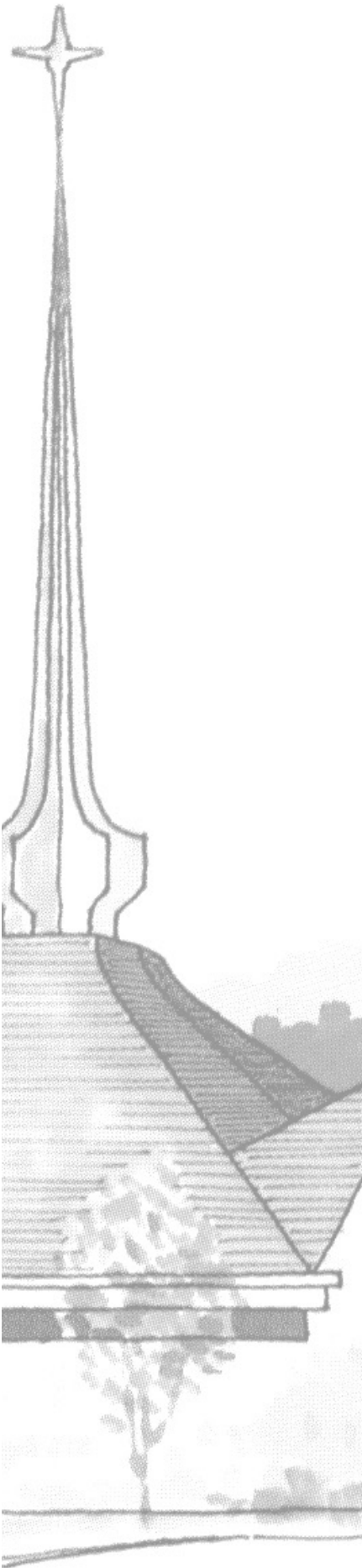
One: Come, all who long for salvation!

Many: **Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ,
the one sent by God to save the world.**

*Hymn 49

The God of Abraham Praise

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Large print bulletins are available. Please let an usher know if you would like one.

The 11 am service is streamed live at www.fpcga.org and later is available on our website. Sunday sermons are also broadcast on WDUN AM 550 each Sunday following the 8:30 am news.

We give thanks to God for the musical gifts of our Chancel Choir, proclaiming the good news in song this morning.

CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession

God, forgive us. We are in a hurry. We want what we want, and we want it NOW. We want to build places of worship and relationships and celebrations that rival anything anyone has ever built before. We have even made celebrations of you and worship of you about us. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to stop and refocus our priorities, trusting that you will bring all things together for good, according to your will..

(Silent Prayers of Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Dr. Margaret Turney-Ayer

*Celebration of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News of Salvation (Hymn 441, v. 1)

NETTLETON

**Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.**

Time with Our Children

Rev. Lee Koontz

All children are invited to come forward. When dismissed, children (ages three through second graders) may participate in Children's Church in the Sonshine Lodge in the Children's Wing.

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Genesis 12:1-4a
(Pew Bible page 10)

Offertory

O Saviour of the World

John Goss

O Saviour of the World, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us. Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord. Amen.

New Testament Reading
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
(Pew Bible page 146)

Sermon

The Call

Rev. Koontz

Moment of Reflection on God's Word

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

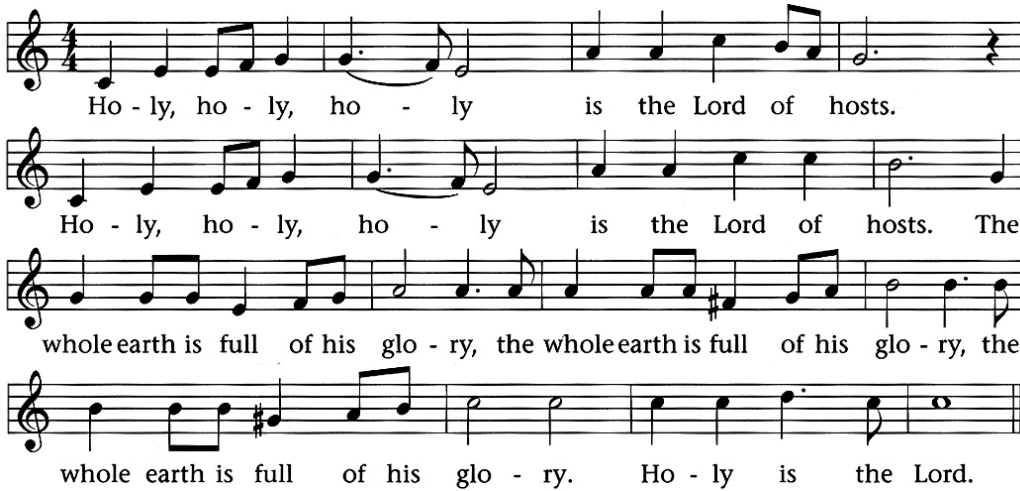
Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Dallas Thompson

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts. The
whole earth is full of his glo - ry, the whole earth is full of his glo - ry, the
whole earth is full of his glo - ry. Ho - ly is the Lord.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; 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

Celebration of Communion

(Gluten free bread is available. Please ask your server.)

(Piano solo: Mike Henry)

Prayer After Communion

Rev. Dr. Margaret Turney-Ayer

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn 165

The Glory of These Forty Days

ERHALT UNS, HERR

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Praeludium in E Minor

Nicolaus Bruhns

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are to the glory of God and in memory of Betty Lindsey, given by Fay Lindsey.

The white rose in the narthex is in memory of Doug Fowler, who passed away Wednesday, February 26.

TODAY'S SERVANTS

Chancel Flower Guild

Patsy Seals, Judy Holcomb, Kathy Seals, Amy Holcomb

Sound and Lighting

Jerry Reeves

Ushers and Greeters

Cid DeLisle, head usher;
Joe and Susan Bidy, Don and Gerri Crane, Sally DeLisle, Andy and Stacy Morley, ushers; Garry and Margaret McGlaun, Dottie Rigby, greeters

* Please stand as you are able.

Welcome, guests!

Your presence is a wonderful blessing to this church family! If you would like to know more about the church or would like to ask for prayer, please speak with one of the pastors following the service. We would love the opportunity to get to know you and minister to you!

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Marriage Retreat

Fri-Sat, March 13 – 15
Smithgall Woods Cottage
Family and Marriage Counselor Starla Abernathy — Contact Rev. Shon Peppers for more information.

Give Blood

Sunday, March 22 • 9:00–1:00
Life South Bloodmobile in
FPC parking lot

BE THOU MY VISION

Women's Retreat

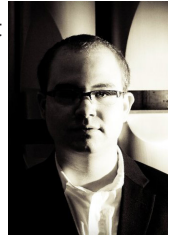
Fri-Sat, March 20 – March 21
Junior League Lodge
1547 Riverside Drive

Do you sometimes wonder where you are going? How you are going to get there? Does it really matter? If you are female, youth to nineties, please join us for a time of conversation and reflection, singing and crafting with great company, much laughter, excellent food, and sharing of stories, led by Dallas Thompson.

Brochures with registration forms are at the Information Centers. Contact Margaret Turney-Ayer or Ali Thompson to register (registration \$25, light supper \$10, luncheon buffet \$15).

BENJI STEGNER | Organist

Presenting a recital of hymn-based works by modern American composers
Sunday, March 29, 4 PM
FPC Sanctuary



BBQ Contest and Covered Dish

Sunday, March 22
Call the church office to sign up to enter your BBQ for the contest. Bring your entry at 3:30 to be judged. The covered dish supper is 4:00-6:00.



All Aboard!

VBS Volunteers needed **July 6-10**
9:30–12:30
athompson@fpcga.org

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

9:00am Life South Blood Drive
9:00am Chancel Ringers
9:00am Morning Light Worship SH
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
6:00pm Financial Peace M303
6:00pm Youth Fellowship, Cheddars

MONDAY, MARCH 9

12:00pm Ladies Bible Study M303
1:00pm Stephen Ministry Leaders CR
2:00pm Gentle Yoga SH503

3:00pm Evangelism Meeting CR*

6:00pm Perspectives Class SH
6:00pm PEO Parlor

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

9:00am Yoga SH503
10:00am Prayer Group, Cabin 1
5:00pm Adult Ministry CR*
6:30pm Congregational Care, Cabin 1*
6:30pm Fellowship Ministry M303*
6:30pm Outreach Ministry, Cabin 4*
7:15pm The Diaconate M303*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

10:45am Primetime Singers
12:00pm Gentle Yoga SH503
12:00pm Lenten Lunch & Worship, Grace Episcopal

5:00pm WOW Planning CR*

5:15pm Andrew Ministry, Cabin 1
5:45pm WOW Supper & Activities
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

9:00am Yoga SH503
5:00pm Youth Ministry Team, Youth Area*

6:00pm Children's Ministry Team M303*

7:00pm Book Club CR

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

Marriage Retreat, Smithgall Woods thru 3/15
6:00pm Kids Night Out

*Committee Meeting

CR-Conference Room
SH-Swetenburg Hall