

The Service for the Lord's Day

The Second Sunday in Lent

25 February 2024

Worship will begin promptly at 11:00am.

We invite you to listen for the Chiming of the Hour & the Prelude to attune yourself to God's Spirit for this time of worship to come.

Gathering as a Community to Worship

Chiming the Hour
Prelude & Processional

Welcome & Greeting
Opening Words

Our faith depends upon the grace of God

Praise the Lord, who gives life to the dead.

Jesus calls us to be his disciples,

We take up our crosses to follow him.

Come, let us worship our Lord!

✠ Gathering Hymn

"Forty Days and Forty Nights"

GtG 167

Confessing to God's Mercy

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, our Lord was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross for the world. Grant us faith to perceive his glory, even when we have refused and neglected to bear our crosses as commanded by him. We pray to be changed more into his likeness by rejecting the sin that attempts to take sway over our lives.

Forgive us, Great God, and enable us to share in his light as reflections of your boundless and beautiful love. We pray in the name of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon
Exchanging the Peace of Christ
May the Peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

✠ Gloria Patri

GtG 581

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.

Proclaiming God's Word

Children's Message followed by Dismissal to Children's Church
Prayer for Illumination
Scripture Reading John 8.12-20
Sermon

NT / CT p. 101

Responding to God's Love

Prayers of the People, concluded with the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done in 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Announcements

Stewardship Offering with Pennies for Hunger Collection

Choral Proclamation

"God so Loved the World"

John Stainer

God so loved the world,

*God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son,
that whoso believeth, believeth in him should not perish,
should not perish but have everlasting life.*

For God sent not his Son

*into the world to condemn the world, God sent not his Son
into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world through him might be saved.*

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✠ Doxology

GtG 606

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above the heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✠ Affirmation of Faith, "The Apostle's Creed"

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into
heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall
come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the
forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Departing into the Community to Serve

✠ Departing Hymn

"Lord, the Light Of Your Love Is Shining"

GtG192

✠ Charge & Benediction

✠ Postlude

Announcements

- Our brief mission statement: "Loving and serving through Jesus Christ."
- In our Order for Worship, we invite you to join your voices where **print is in bold**. OT / HT refers to the Old / Hebrew Testament; NT / CT refers to the New / Christian Testament.
- Next Sunday, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Communion during worship. Following worship, the Congregational Care Committee invites recent members, frequent visitors, and new guests to a casual coffee and conversation with Pastor Jeremy in the Fellowship Room. Conversation will include information about the Church and ways to be involved in our congregational life.
- The new Bible / Book Series has begun 6:00pm Wednesday, 21 February in the Heritage Room. The series uses the book titled "The Crown and the Fire." The Church has order 15 books at the cost of \$21.00 each. The author is N.T. Wright if you prefer to purchase your own book.
- Session material is due to Jeremy by Monday, 26 February, at noon. Ruling Elders and Committee Chairs are asked to provide all minutes by then. Thank You.
- OWLS will be Tuesday, 5 March at 12:30 in Fourth Creek Meeting Hall. Please contact Sarah Davis or Martha Rothwell if you can attend.
- Wonderful Wednesdays will be held 28 February. Serving will begin at 5:00pm. We will be experimenting with a new method of paying, either with cash or debit/credit card. The new price will be \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children. The menu for 28 February is Spaghetti, Salad, and a Dinner Roll.
- Clinkers will not be held during March but will resume 18 April and will be hosted by Pastor Jeremy at the Manse.
- Your Girl Scout Troop 13084 will be set up in front of the Church on N. Meeting Street from 12-2pm today, Sunday, 25 February. Come by and pick up your favorite flavors from Hattie and Bronwen. Cookies are \$5.00 each. Funds go toward the continued funding and growth of Troop 13084 at FPC. We are grateful and thankful for all your support.

This Week at the Church

Sunday **25** 9:45am Sunday School
February 11:00am Sunday Worship (Sanc) with Pennies for Hunger Collection
4:00pm Congregational Care Committee (HR)
5:00pm Youth Activities (MR/YR)

Monday **26** 12:00pm Session Information Due
February

Tuesday **27** 10:00am Chair Yoga (4CMH)
February

Wednesday **28** 10:30am Fall Prevention Class (4CMH)
February 2:00pm Worship and Music Committee Meeting (FR)
4:00pm Children's Choir (MR)
5:00pm Wonderful Wednesday (4CMH)
6:00pm Bible/Book Study (HR)
6:00pm Handbell Choir Practice (Sanc)
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice (Sanc)

Sunday **3** 9:45am Sunday School
March 10:40am Session: Communion Meeting (Chap)
11:00am Sunday Worship w/Pennies for Hunger Collection (Sanc)
12:15pm Visitor's Coffee and Conversation (FR)
5:00pm Youth Activities (MR/YR)

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