

# The Service for the Lord's Day

## The Fourth Sunday in Lent

*Laetare Sunday*

10 March 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

"Through Adam's Fall"

*Gottfried Homilius*

Welcome & Greeting

Opening Words from Isaiah 66.10 and Psalm 122.1

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her;

**rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her—**

that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast;

**I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"**

✠ Gathering Hymn

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

*GtG 645*

### Confessing to God's Mercy

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, you sent your Son to be the light of the world, that we might discern good from evil. We confess our blindness to the light he is for us, leading us along paths of righteousness.**

**As Christ's light shines upon us, may we learn what pleases you that we may live into your truth and goodness. Remind us of our redemption by Christ Jesus our Lord. 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 10. 11-18

*NT / CT p.103*

Sermon

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## 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 "Lead Me to Calvary"

arr. Jantz A. Black

*King of my life, I crown thee now, thine shall the glory be;  
lest I forget thy thorn-crowned brow, lead me to Calvary.  
Lest I forget Gethsemane, lest I forget thine agony,  
lest I forget thy love for me, lead me to Calvary.*

*Show me the tomb where thou wast laid, Tenderly mourned and wept;  
angels in robes of light arrayed guarded thee whilst thou slept.  
Lest I forget Gethsemane, lest I forget thine agony,  
lest I forget thy love for me, lead me to Calvary.*

*May I be willing Lord, to bear daily my cross for thee;  
even thy cup of grief to share, thou hast borne all for me.  
Lest I forget Gethsemane, lest I forget thine agony,  
lest I forget thy love for me, lead me to Calvary.  
Lead me to Calvary.*

✠ 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

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

GtG 803

✠ Charge & Benediction

✠ Choral Benediction

✠ Postlude

"O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"

arr. E. Power Biggs

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## 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.
- Today is the Fourth Sunday in Lent, which is traditionally called "Laetare Sunday." It is a day of celebration in the middle of the "darker" season of introspection. As a bright Sunday, it is appropriate for rose-colored vestments to be worn.
- The Session is calling for a brief congregational meeting to take place on Sunday, 17 March 2024 for the purposes of voting upon the slate for the Nominating Committee. The slate being presented is:  
Session: Catherine Baker, Joanne Dodick, & Scott Stevenson  
Congregational Reps: Caroline Ciampanella, Susan Hollingsworth, Jonna Sears, & Thomas Tuck
- Thank you to the Congregational Care Committee (specifically Joanne Dodick, Anne Herschler, and Lynn Purdie-Brennan) for a wonderful Meet & Greet with Pastor Jeremy, last Sunday following worship. We would like to thank Jan Ambrose, Elizabeth Parker Ford, Jonna Sears, and Dr. Hanna Lee for their great assistance in cleaning and organizing the kitchen two Thursdays ago.
- The Church has a Church wide clean up on 16 March beginning at 8:30am.
- The Historic Cemeteries Committee will be having a Headstone Cleaning day in Allison Cemetery. The address is 734 Bryant Street, Statesville, (just to the left of Dr. Hunter's dentist office.) The date is Saturday, 16 March, and will begin at 12:30pm, will conclude around 2:30pm. All are welcome to come out and help preserve the legacy of those whom knew our church as the Fourth Creek Meeting House. Bring your own snacks and drinks, dress for the weather and possibly getting a little grimy. Bring gloves. If you are a Middle or High School student, this would be a good way to earn a few hours of community service credit. Why Allison Cemetery? Because FPC owns it, and we strive to get it back into good condition.
- Please continue to bring your cans for the Missions Committee March Madness Canned Food Drive to benefit ICM. We will collect until Palm Sunday, 24 March, 2024.
- We continue to collect candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. Please leave your bag outside the office in the bin by the pew. Thank you.
- Wonderful Wednesdays will be held 13 March. Serving will begin at 5:00pm. KitchenTeam 4 will be assisting. The new price is \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children. The menu for 13 March is BBQ.
- The FPC Piecemakers are gathering each Wednesday, 9:30am until late afternoon. Currently, they are working on Fidget Quilts for Alzheimer patients in Hospice Care. No sewing skills are required as there will be plenty other ways to help with this mission project.
- PW Circle 3 will meet at the home of Anne Herschler, 304 Oakhurst Road, Tuesday, 19 March 6:00pm.
- **Music Notes:**  
Today's Prelude & Processional is an organ chorale prelude by Gottfried August Homilius (1714-1785, often considered one of the most important church music

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composers in the generation following J. S. Bach's. The piece is based on the German chorale (hymn) "Durch Adams Fall ist ganz verderb", which means: "Through Adam's fall has all been corrupted." The chorale text, written by Martin Luther, is about mankind's sinful nature and the need for God's redemption.

The choir's Choral Proclamation is a new arrangement (published in 2024) by Jantz Black of the hymn "Lead Me to Calvary." The hymn was published in 1921. Its lyrics are by Jennie Hussey, a Quaker, and Pennsylvania song composer William Kirkpatrick wrote the music specifically to go with the expressive essence of the words. For example, there is a leap to the highest notes in the melody at the start of the phrase: "lest I forget thy love for me." The arrangement gives the hymn a tasteful, twenty-first century flavor while preserving the melody from 1921.

The Postlude & Recessional is an arrangement of the tune "Deo Gratias" by famed American organist E. Power Biggs (1906-1977), an important figure in the resurgence of interest in classical organ music in the mid twentieth century. Although "Deo Gratias" was originally a song celebrating an English victory in battle, it was published in 1854 as the tune of a hymn. The hymn's lyrics are an English adaptation of the text of an old Latin hymn, one that is about Jesus's Incarnation and everything He did for us on Earth. The words "for us" fall prominently at the start of the inner verses, as they did in the original Latin. The hymn is now in our hymnbook as "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High," GtG #618.

### **We Pray for...**

Becky Dickerson, Kirky Kirkman, Mary Neely, Ann Speaks, Roany Thomas (Health), John F., Betty M. (Health), Cynthia Mc. (Health), & Our military

## *Easter Lily Form*

Please print names as you would like them acknowledged in the Order for Worship on Resurrection Sunday. Donations of any amount are accepted for your memorial or honorarium, with proceeds beyond cost to go to a beneficiary to be determined by the Flower Guild.

This form **must be** turned into the church office by Sunday, 24 March 2024.



**In Memory of:**

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**In Honor of:**

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**Given by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

## This Week at the Church

Sunday March	<b>10</b>	9:45am 11:00am 5:00pm	Sunday School Sunday Worship w/ Pennies for Hunger Collection (Sanc) Youth Activities (MR/YR)
Monday March	<b>11</b>	5:00pm	Missions Committee (FR)
Tuesday March	<b>12</b>	10:00am	Chair Yoga (4CMH)
Wednesday March	<b>13</b>	9:30am 10:30am 2:00pm 4:00pm 5:00pm 6:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm	FPC Piecemakers (YR) Fall Prevention Class (4CMH) Worship and Music Committee (FR) Children's Choir (MR) Wonderful Wednesday (4CMH) Bible/Book Study (HR) Handbell Choir Practice (Sanc) Sanctuary Choir Practice (Sanc)
Saturday March	<b>16</b>	8:30am 12:34pm	Church Cleanup Day Allison Cemetery Cleanup
Sunday March	<b>17</b>	9:45am 11:00am 12:15pm 12:45pm 4:00pm 5:00pm	Sunday School Sunday Worship w/Pennies for Hunger Collection (Sanc) Living in Faith Birthday Luncheon (4CMH) Finance & Stewardship Committee (FR) Christian Education Committee (FR) Youth Activities (MR/YR)

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