

8:30 & 11:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
February 28, 2010
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" arr. Gilbert M. Martin

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH
(Please sign the Welcome Pads at the end of each pew)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP (8:30 AM only)
(A brief moment of prayer and reflection in preparation for worship.)

#CHORAL INTROIT "What Wondrous Love Is This" *Wondrous Love*
The words may be found in verse 2 of Hymn #85.

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 95:1-3, 6-7

LEADER: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

PEOPLE: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

ALL: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

LEADER: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

ALL: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

*HYMN (insert) "I Exalt Thee"
"Glorify Your Name" Pete Sanchez, Jr.
Donna Adkins

*CONFESSION OF SIN (unison)

Holy God, this Lenten season is a gift. We are invited to reflect upon our lives and our faith. But we confess that due to the comfort of routines and the hectic pace of life, Lent is often little more than "fish on Friday." We confess we fail to wonder about the meaning of life. We confess that we often fail to learn from our experiences. We confess we often fail to change. We also confess that our worship life is often "thin," as we seek a holy place, and not the Holy One. (Silent Confession)

Merciful God, in Jesus Christ you have forgiven us, and have called us "the children of God." Through the power of your Holy Spirit may we have the discipline and courage to reflect on our lives and faith this Lenten season. May we come to worship waiting on you, and may our lives be filled with justice and faithfulness. This we pray in the name of the One who bids us to follow as disciples, Jesus Christ. Amen.

#*CONFESSION RESPONSE "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" J. Berthier
O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call answer me; come and listen to me.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*ASSURANCE RESPONSE #280 v. 1 *Amazing Grace*
"Amazing Grace"

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."

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Missa Eaton

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 23:23-28 (p. 24)

#ANTHEM "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" arr. Moses Hogan
The words may be found in Hymn #372.

#THE GOOD NEWS FOR THE YOUNGER DISCIPLES
(Children 0-4 years return to the nursery, and children grades K-5 are dismissed to "Children in Worship.")

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Amos 4:4-13 (p. 804); 5:21-24 (p. 806)

THE GOOD NEWS FOR THE OLDER DISCIPLES Dr. Hink
"24/7/365"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN #427 "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" *Blaenhafren*
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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer/Silent Prayer/Congregational Prayer

#280 v. 4

“Amazing Grace”

Amazing Grace

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

OFFERING

#Offertory “Twenty-Third Psalm – An Interpretation” F. Waterman

All around me deep inside me, my creator sings His song, and its music is the beauty of this world where I belong. With the sun He lifts my eyes up to behold His righteousness, On the wind He sends me comfort, with the rain He sends me rest, though the clouds of sorrow gather, and the night falls all too soon. Hope of morning fills my dwelling, and my fears can find no room. Surely goodness is not fleeting, Surely mercy is not dust, I will go into forever on His rising wing of trust.

*Response #428 v. 1 “We Give Thee but Thine Own” Schumann

We give Thee but Thine own, whate’er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

*Prayer of Dedication and The Lord’s Prayer

“...sins, and those who sin against us...”

*HYMN (insert)

“There Is a Redeemer”

Keith Green

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

##*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Surely the Presence of the Lord” Lanny Wolfe

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place, I can feel His mighty power and His grace, I can hear the brush of angels’ wings, I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

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*POSTLUDE

“Glorify Your Name”

arr. Mark Hayes

The conclusion of worship, and the beginning of service.

*Please stand if you are able. #11:00 AM service only.

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2ND
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“Real people, committed to Christ, living the Great Commandment”

February 28th

8:30 & 11:00 AM Services

2nd Sunday of Lent

9:15 & 10:30 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
9:30 AM	Sunday School K-Adult	
9:30 AM	Membership Class	Dr. Hink's study
10:30 AM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Room #303
11:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
1:00 PM	Youth leave for Splash Lagoon	

Monday, March 1

9:00AM-3:00 PM	Program Staff Retreat at Villa Maria	
7:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop #3	Scout Room

Tuesday, March 2

7:00 PM	Nominating Committee	Conference Room
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Wednesday, March 3

7:00 AM	Men's Fellowship Breakfast	Panera's
6:30-8:00 PM	"The Big Picture of the Prophets"	Room #206

Thursday, March 4

10:30 AM	Staff Meeting	Conference Room
2:30 PM	After School @ First	
6:00 PM	Handbell Practice	Room #206
7:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir Practice	Room #303

Friday, March 5

1:00-3:00 PM	World Day of Prayer	1 st Methodist, Sharon
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March 7th

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3rd Sunday of Lent

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9:30 AM	Sunday School K-Adult	
9:30 AM	Membership Class	Dr. Hink's study
10:30 AM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Room #303
11:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
3:00 PM	Salem Youth Chorus Concert	Sanctuary
5:00 PM	Chili Cook Off	Fellowship Hall

WELCOME! With joyful hearts we sincerely welcome you to this service of worship. Let us approach the throne of grace with openness and love that we may all realize God's presence and power.

IN THE NURSERY this morning our caregivers, Brenda Hall, Rosanne Sauers and helpers, will care for our youngest believers.

CHILDREN IN GRADES K-5th, under the direction of Debbie Derrenbacher, Anna Messina and Nicole Snyderwine, will be dismissed to the "Children in Worship" program following the "Good News for Children." Children can be picked up in Room #315 following worship. Children 0-4 years old are invited to participate in the nursery program.

TODAY'S MUSIC: Both "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" and "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" are suggested as hymns for Amos 4.

THE SEASON OF LENT – This is a 40 day period of preparation and penitence preceding Holy Week and Easter. This is a special Christian season to read scripture, pray, practice a spiritual discipline, give special service and reflect on God, faith, and life.

"THE BIG PICTURE OF THE PROPHETS" – Dr. Hink's class on the Old Testament prophets has begun, but it's not too late to join. The class meets on Wednesday evenings during Lent (3/3, 3/17, 3/24), 6:30-8:00 PM in Room #206. All members and friends are welcome.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS – Dr. Hink is leading this class, and it begins today (9:30-10:30 AM) in the Pastor's Study. This class is for anyone interested in learning more about the Presbyterian Church, and possibly joining 1st Presbyterian Church. If anyone missed today's class, it's not too late to join.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED will be holding their World Day of Prayer on March 5th from 1-3 PM at Sharon First United Methodist Church. Topic will be "Everything That Has Breath Praise God."

THE SALEM YOUTH CHORUS will present "Darkness to Morn" at FPC on Sunday, March 7th at 2:30 PM. The chorus under the direction of Jon Simsic will present choral music by Palestrina, Parry, Holst, Rutter and a complete performance of **Chicster Psalms** by Leonard Bernstein. A freewill offering will be accepted to benefit the Youth Chorus.

THE 4TH ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF is Sunday, March 7th at 5:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Please call the church office to register your chili and/or soup. In addition to our “Chili Champion,” this year we will also be crowning the first ever “Soup Champion.” Save this date and plan on taking part in this fun event for all ages. Come and find out “Who makes the best chili and soup?”

THE OLDER ADULT MINISTRY has 15 tickets for the Westminster College Celebrity Series – “STEPCREW” – Saturday, March 27, 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$31.50. (These are balcony seats – the 2nd best seats in the house.) Dinner at The Tavern prior to the show. Bus will leave the church at 4:45. STEPCREW is a new international dance production. Reservations in the church office.

YEAR OF THE BIBLE: What does God wish to teach Peter with the vision of the clean and unclean animals? (Acts 10) For what purpose does the Law tell people not harvest their crops all the way to the edge of their fields? (Lev. 19:9; 23:22) Which tribe of Israel is given the responsibility for the Tabernacle and its furnishing? (Num. 1:47-54) These questions are from the readings for Feb. 21-26.

LENTEN NOONDAY MEDITATIONS & RECITALS continues on March 2 at St. John’s Episcopal Church, Sharon. Carillon prelude is at 12:00 noon with the program at 12:10 which is Harper Kirk, harp. Please join us in a half hour period of spoken and musical meditation followed by a light lunch. A free will offering will be taken.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – This committee will begin to meet so to make a list of nominees for church elders, deacons and auditor. If you would like to suggest a church member as a nominee to the Nominating Committee, please contact elders Gordon Longstreet or David Gill.

IT’S COMING! Presbyterian Women will hold their annual rummage sale Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1. Items may be brought to the church Monday, April 26 through Thursday, April 29. We do not have space to store items prior to Monday, April 26. More information to follow!

THE FPC PROGRAM STAFF (Glenn, Pam, Aaron and Debbie) will be gone tomorrow (Monday) on a retreat to Villa Maria.

DR. HINK will be gone March 8-15. Please contact Rev. Maloney or the Church Office with pastoral emergencies.



VBS TEAM MEETING:

Bring Your brown bag supper to the church at 5:15 p.m. on March 10th and help us begin our Egyptian Journey to explore the culture of Joseph’s world. Our Holy Land adventure to Egypt is only 120 days away! Contact Debbie Derrenbacher to be involved: text 724/866-1588; email dcm@1stpcs.org.

SWEETS FOR OUR SWEET SENIORS has been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 17 at 11:30 AM in the Parlor. Mark your calendars. Please call the Church Office with your reservation by March 15th.

TAIZE AT VILLA MARIA This special “Sung prayer” worship service will be at the Villa Maria Retreat Center on Tuesday evening, March 16, 7 PM. Dr. Hink will drive the church bus to the service for those who wish to ride the bus (call the church office to make a reservation or office@1stpcs.org). Following the service the bus will stop at Ruby Tuesday for dessert and fellowship.

SUPPORT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY. The Wave Restaurant will be hosting a fund raising dinner for Habitat on Wednesday, March 31st from 5:00-7:00 PM. Tickets are \$20 each and can be bought from Barney Scholl or Shari Getway.

WHAT IS FAITH? “Sight is not faith, and hearing is not faith, neither is feeling faith; but believing when we neither see, hear nor feel is faith; and everywhere the Bible tells us our salvation is to be by faith. Therefore we must believe before we feel, and often against our feelings, if would honor God by our faith.”

-Hannah Whitall Smith

“FAITH doesn’t get us out of trouble; faith gets us through it.”

-Anonymous