

8:30 & 11:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
March 14, 2010

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE "There is a Redeemer" arr. John Carter
Piano Duet

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 "Just As I Am"
The words may be found in verse 4 of Hymn #370

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 32)
LEADER: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sin is put away!
PEOPLE: **Blessed are they who are free of guilt, in whose spirit there is no deceit!**
MEN: **Many are the sorrows of the wicked,**
WOMEN: **but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.**
CHOIR: Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous,
ALL: **and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

*HYMN #261 "God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us" *O Quanta Qualia*

*CONFESSION OF SIN (unison)

Loving God, compassionate beyond measure, merciful beyond belief, we have been in the far country, lost in our sin, distant from you, seemingly beyond your reach. Yet something is calling us back. Somehow, we hope to return to you. We're just not sure about the details. (Silent confession)

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Yet before we can work out what to say, you are running to us. Before we can voice our confession, your arms are around us, welcoming us home. Your forgiveness astounds us. Help us to believe that it is so, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 #467 refrain *O Store Gud*
"How Great Thou Art"
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, How Great Thou art!

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Jamie Goodwin

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (p. 72)

#ANTHEM
"Lux Aeterna" from **REQUIEM** John Rutter
Sanctuary Choir; Susan Woge, soloist
I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labours; even so saith the Spirit. *Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine: cum sanctis tuis in aeternum quia pius es. Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine: et lux perpetua luceat eis.* (Light eternal shine upon them, Lord, we pray: with saints and angels ever dwelling, for thy mercy's sake, may they rest in peace. Grant them rest eternal, Lord our God, we pray to thee; and light perpetual shine on them for ever.

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

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (p. 167)

THE GOOD NEWS FOR THE OLDER DISCIPLES Rev. Maloney
"Not Guilty!"

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

#AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

The Confession of 1967

In Jesus Christ God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with man. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became man and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, man, and the world. Therefore the church calls men to be reconciled to God and to one another.

*HYMN (insert)

“Christ, Your Love is Overwhelming”

Sylvia Dunstan

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer/Silent Prayer/Congregational Prayer

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

Sweet Hour

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy wings shall my petition bear To Him, whose truth and faithfulness Engage the waiting soul to bless. And since He bids me seek His face, Believe His word and trust His grace, I'll cast on Him my every care, And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

OFFERING

Offertory

Maggie Reel, organist

*Response #446 v. 4

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Azmon

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim, To spread through all the earth abroad The honors of Thy name.

*Prayer of Dedication and **The Lord's Prayer**

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

*HYMN #341

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”

Assurance

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

#*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“The Irish Blessing”

Joyce Elaine Eilers

May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face, may the rain fall soft upon your fields; and until we meet again, may the God who loves us all hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen.

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*4TH
SUNDAY
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“Real people, committed to Christ, living the Great Commandment”

March 14th

8:30 & 11:00 AM Services
4th Sunday of Lent

9:15 & 10:30 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
9:30 AM	Sunday School K-Adult	
10:30 AM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Room #303
11:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
12:10 PM	Deacons Meeting	Room #206
5:30 PM	Jr Hi Big Group	FPC
5:30 PM	Sr Hi Small Groups	

Monday, March 15

7:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop #3	Scout Room
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Tuesday, March 16

6:00 PM	Leave for Taize at Villa Maria	
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Wednesday, March 17

7:00 AM	Men's Fellowship Breakfast	Panera's
11:30 AM	"Sweets for our Sweet Seniors"	Parlor
6:30-8:00 PM	"the Big Picture of the Prophets"	Room #206

Thursday, March 18

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

March 21st

8:30 & 11:00 AM Services
5th Sunday of Lent
LAY SUNDAY

9:15 & 10:30 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
9:30 AM	Sunday School K-Adult	
10:00 AM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Room #303
11:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
12:10 PM	Year of the Bible Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
5:30 PM	Jr Hi Small Groups	
5:30 PM	Sr Hi Big Group	FPC

*POSTLUDE "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" arr. Holden

The conclusion of worship, and the beginning of service.

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

The flowers are in memory of
Merrill W. Rose

A JOYOUS WELCOME TO YOU! We are glad each of you has come to praise the Lord. Let us be open to the Holy Spirit and receive God's blessings as we worship.

THANK YOU to Maggie Reel, Susan Woge & the Quartet for their gifts of music.

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

CHILDREN IN GRADES K-5th, under the direction of Debbie Derrenbacher, Karen Wood and Kelly McQuiston, 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 HYMNS have the theme of reconciliation, which is found in both Scripture texts.

"THE BIG PICTURE OF THE PROPHETS" will resume this Wednesday, March 17th, 6:30-8:00 PM.

THE OLDER ADULT MINISTRY still has 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.

SWEETS FOR OUR SWEET SENIORS is this Wednesday, March 17 at 11:30 AM in the Parlor. Entertainment will be our very own Jim Elder. Reservations are due by Monday, March 15th.

YEAR OF THE BIBLE: When a plague of serpents strikes the people as retribution for their sin, what does Moses do to bring them relief? (Num. 21:4-9) In Israel, could a father's inheritance ever pass to his daughters? (Num. 27:8) Who tips off the Roman authorities about the plot against Paul's life in Jerusalem? (Acts 23:16-22) These questions are from the readings for Mar. 7-12.

LENTEN NOONDAY MEDITATIONS & RECITALS continues on March 16 at St. John's Episcopal Church, Sharon. Carillon prelude is at 12:00 noon with the program at 12:10 which is the Youngstown Fine Arts Brass Quintet. 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.

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.

DINNER THEATER@FIRST – Sunday, March 28, dinner by the Presbyterian Women at 6 PM, theater by the Covenant Players at 7 PM. Tickets: Adults \$15, Children 12 and under \$10, Theater only \$5. The tickets for "dinner and theater" are limited to 100. Purchase your tickets ASAP. **Call 724-342-3551** for tickets.

THE SSS TEAM (Seniors Serving Seniors thru Song) will be resuming their ministry to area nursing homes on Tuesday, March 23rd. We welcome all who would like to brighten the lives of nursing home residents by singing familiar hymns. Please call Ina Frazier 724-981-8951 for more information.

2010 SCHAFF LECTURES will be Tuesday, March 23 at First Presbyterian Church, Youngstown. Speaker is Dr. Daniel O Aleshire, Executive Director of the Association of Theological Schools. There is a catered buffet supper at 5:30 PM for \$10 per person with reservations due by March 17th. The lecture, "Shepherd, CEO, Entrepreneur, and Social Worker: Pastoral Leadership and the Work of God's People," at 7:00 PM is open to the public with no reservations required. Forms are available in the Church Office.

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.

ATTENTION SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES – There will be **no classes** on Easter Sunday, April 4. There will be Children in Worship during the 11:00 AM service.

THE YOUNGSTOWN CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS will present Eileen Guenther, President of the National American Guild of Organists, in an organ concert at First Presbyterian Church, Youngstown, on Sunday, March 21 at 4:00 PM. The concert is open to the public. A free will offering will be received.

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE will host a concert on March 24 at 9:00 PM featuring local Contemporary Christian Recording Artist, Mitch Nassar. This is a benefit concert to raise funds for "The Royal Family Kids Camp" and "Hands for Haiti." Tickets can be purchased at the door. Adult tickets are \$8 and students are \$3. For more information, please contact Rev. Jim Mohr (724-946-7116), Lou Ann Nassar (724-301-6935) or Sandy Hast (724-456-7170).

SUMMER CAMPING BROCHURES are now available. Contact Debbie D. if you would like one.

THE U. S. CENSUS BUREAU has employment opportunities available. Call their toll free number to be scheduled for a basic skills test: 1-866-861-2010. Also visit their website for more information: www.2010censusjobs.gov.

SERMON NOTES



EASTER FLOWERS

Once again we have the opportunity of furnishing flowers for our Easter morning worship service, April 4th. We have been offered the following wholesale prices. If you would like to place an order, please complete the form and attach your check made payable to "First Presbyterian Church" with the notation "Easter Flowers" marked in the corner. You can order by mailing your request in or dropping your request in the offering plate. Flowers will be available for you to take home following the 11 AM service on Easter Sunday. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 14th. The plants will be foil wrapped and include a bow.

Daffodils	\$7.50 each	_____
Hyacinths	\$6.50 each	_____
Blue, Pink, White		
Lilies	\$6.50 each	_____
Mums	\$6.50 each	_____
White, Yellow, Lavender/Pink		
Tulips	\$6.50 each	_____
White, Yellow, Pink, Red		

I would like to furnish _____ plants for Easter.

IN MEMORY OF

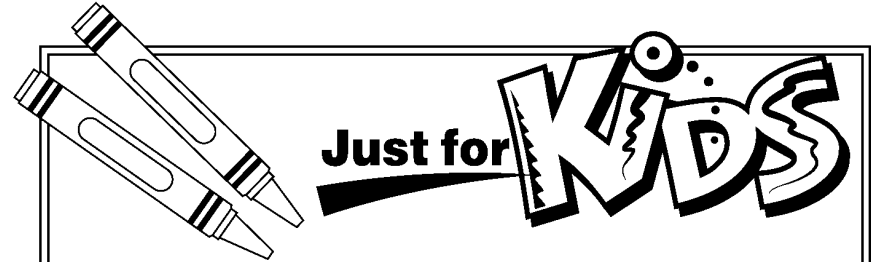
Or

IN HONOR OF

I wish to take my flower(s) after worship (Circle one) Yes No
 Check attached Yes No

Signed _____

As you wish to appear in bulletin
**ALL FLOWERS TO BE DELIVERED
 MAY BE DONE BY DONOR.**



A FAMILY OF PRAYER

The book of Acts tells about a man named Cornelius. He was a Roman centurion from Caesarea who worshiped God. Through his encounter with Cornelius, Peter learned that God accepts everyone who fears him and does what is right.

Use the code below to see the example set by Cornelius and his family. Solve the math problems by using the grid. Then use the key to find the letter that matches each answer. Write the letter on the blank.

GRID	
A	B
2	4
C	D
6	5

KEY: a=7 e=8 i=10 o=9 u=11 y=6

"H e _ _ n d _ _ l l h _ s f _ _ m _ _ l _ _
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Answers: "He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly." Acts 10:2, NIV