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Second Sunday of Lent

THE APPROACH

****Please rise****

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

One: Let us now prepare our hearts to worship almighty God.

****Entry of the Bible:** Please rise

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit – “I want Jesus to walk with me” vs. 2

In my trials, Lord, walk with me;

In my trials, Lord, walk with me;

When my heart is almost breaking,

Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

****Call to Worship**

****Hymn #411** – “Stand up and bless the Lord” vs.1,3-5

1 Stand up and bless the Lord;
 God’s people now rejoice;
 stand up and bless the Lord your God
 with heart and soul and voice.

3 Oh for the living flame
 from God’s own altar brought,
 to touch our lips, our minds inspire,
 and wing to heaven our thought.

- 4 God is our strength and song;
now is salvation ours.
God's love in Christ we now proclaim
with all our ransomed powers.
- 5 Stand up and bless the Lord;
the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless God's glorious name
henceforth forevermore.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

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, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Passing the Peace

**** Children's Hymn #688 – "As water to the thirsty"**

1. As water to the thirsty
as beauty to the eyes,
as strength that follows weakness,
as truth instead of lies,

as songtime and springtime
and summertime to be,
so is my Lord,
my living Lord,
so is my Lord to me.

2. Like calm in place of clamour,
like peace that follows pain,
like meeting after parting,
like sunshine after rain,
like moonlight and starlight
and sunlight on the sea,
so is my Lord,
my living Lord,
so is my Lord to me.

3. As sleep that follows fever,
as gold instead of grey,
as freedom after bondage,
as sunrise to the day,
as home to the traveler
and all we long to see,
so is my Lord,
my living Lord,
so is my Lord to me.

Children's Time

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson: Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18

Epistle Lesson: Philippians 3: 17- 4:1

Responsive Psalm 27

ONE: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

ALL: When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes—they shall stumble and fall.

ONE: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

ALL: One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

ONE: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

ALL: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

ONE: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! 'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!' Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me.

ALL: Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation! If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.

ONE: Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. Do not give me up to the will of

my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.

ALL: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

****Gloria Patri #684**

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.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 13:31-35

Anthem - "Steal away to Jesus"

Sermon: "The Lord's Goodness"

****Reaffirmation of Faith [Apostles 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, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell. On the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sits at 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.

****Hymn: 209 – “O love that wilt not let me go” vs. 1-3**

- 1 O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.
- 2 O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze, its day
may brighter, fairer be.
- 3 O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not in vain
that morn shall tearless be.

Offertory

****Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings Flow. Praise Him all
creatures here below. Praise Him above Ye Heavenly Host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

****Hymn: #203 - “When Jesus the healer passed through
Galilee” vs.1,3,6,7**

1. When Jesus the healer passed through Galilee,
Heal us, heal us today!
the deaf came to hear and the blind came to see.
Heal us, Lord Jesus!
2. The death of his daughter caused Jairus to weep.
Heal us, heal us today!
The Lord took her hand, and he raised her from sleep.
Heal us, Lord Jesus!
3. When blind Bartimaeus cried out to the Lord,
Heal us, heal us today!
his faith made him whole and his sight was restored.
Heal us, Lord Jesus!
4. The lepers were healed and the demons cast out.
Heal us, heal us today!
A bent woman straightened to laugh and to shout.
Heal us, Lord Jesus!
5. The twelve were commissioned and sent out in twos
Heal us, heal us today!
to make the sick whole and to spread the good news.
Heal us Lord Jesus!
6. There's still so much sickness and suffering today.
Heal us, heal us today!
We gather together for healing, and pray:
Heal us, Lord Jesus!

****Benediction - Go Now in Peace (Don Besig)**

Go now in peace Never be afraid
God will go with you each hour of every day

Go now in faith Steadfast, strong, and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, And show you believe
Reach out to others So all the world can see.

God will be there Watching from above
Go now in peace, In faith, and in love
Amen, amen, amen.

Recessional

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

All are welcome at First Presbyterian Church. We hope you experience the love of God and of this congregation as we worship, celebrate, and serve one another.



The congregation of First Church extends sincere condolences to the following families on the recent loss of their loved ones:

- To Hank and Hendrika VanVeld on the loss of their beloved daughter.
- To Brian Hiscott and family, on the loss of Brian's sister, Diane Carol Hamilton.
- To Ralph and Clarie Foote on the loss of Ralph's brother, Clarence Hector Foote.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Meetings: There are no meetings scheduled this week.

- **Today** – Please join us for coffee and a time of fellowship after service today.
- **Sun., Mar. 30th** – The Annual Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Mar. 30th. Please submit your reports ASAP.
- **Sun., Apr. 27th – 3:00p.m. – Memorial Hymn Sing –**

The Worship & Music Team is in the early planning stages of the hymn sing. We are looking for your suggestions for the congregational hymns that will be sung that day and will choose those hymns from your suggestions. Please submit your suggestions to any member of the W&M Team by March 30th.

Note: We have received additional copies of Norman Munro's books "Where Two or Three are Gathered". If you know of someone who would enjoy a copy, please feel free to take one.

SCRIPTURE READERS & USHERS:

Reader: Mark Thibeu

Ushers: Main Door (Office) – Louise Gillis

James St. – Ruth-Anne MacIntosh

MacLean St. (Main Entrance steps) – Ellen Jardine

EARLY CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS: Lynne Ann & Lois MacLellan