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**Third 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.3

3 When I’m troubled, Lord, walk with me;
When I’m troubled, Lord, walk with me;
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

**\*\*Call to Worship**

**\*\*Hymn #655 –** “Give me oil in my lamp” vs.2-4

Refrain:

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the Servant King; sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna, let us sing!

2 Give me joy in my heart; keep me praising;

give me joy in my heart, I pray.

Give me joy in my heart; keep me praising:

keep me praising till the break of day.

3 Give me peace in my heart; keep me loving;

give me peace in my heart, I pray.

Give me peace in my heart; keep me loving;

keep me loving till the break of day.

4 Give me love in my heart, keep me serving;

give me love in my heart, I pray.

Give me love in my heart; keep me serving;

keep me serving till the break of day.

**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 #475 –** “I am the church! You are the church!” vs. 1,2,4

Refrain:
I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus,
all around the world!
Yes, we're the church together!

1. The church is not a building;
the church is not a steeple;
the church is not a resting place;
the church is a people.

(Refrain)

2. We're many kinds of people,
with many kinds of faces,
all colours and all ages, too
from all times and places.

(Refrain)

4. And when the people gather,
there's singing and there's praying;
there's laughing and there's crying sometimes,
all of it saying:

(Refrain)

**Children’s Time**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**First Lesson:** Isaiah 55:1-9  Page 566

**Epistle Lesson**: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Page 874

**Responsive Psalm** 63:1-8

**ONE:** O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**ALL: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.**

**ONE:** Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

**ALL: So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

**ONE:** My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

**ALL: My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.**

**\*\*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 13:1-9 Page 797

**Anthem -** “If I have been the source of pain”

**Sermon:** "For one more chance!"

**\*\*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: 671 –** “I heard the voice of Jesus say”

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,

Come unto me and rest;

lay down, thou weary one, lay down

they head upon my breast!

I came to Jesus as I was,

weary and worn and sad;

I found in him a resting place,

and he has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,

Behold, I freely give

the living water; thirsty one,

stoop down, and drink and live!

I came to Jesus, and I drank

of that life-giving stream;

my thirst was quenched,

my soul revived

and now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,

I am this dark world’s light;

look unto me, thy morn shall rise,

and all thy day be bright.

I looked to Jesus, and I found

in him my star, my sun,

and in that light of life I’ll walk

till traveling days are done.

**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**

Prayers of the People: The People Respond

ONE: O God...in our time.

**ALL: Turn our hearts to you.**

**\*\*Hymn: #366 -** “Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts” vs.1,2,4,5

1 Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts,

thou fount, thou light for all to see:

from the blest bliss that earth imparts

we turn unfilled again to thee.

2 Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood:

thou savest those that on thee call:

to those who seek thee thou art good;

to those who find thee, all in all.

4 For thee our restless spirits yearn

wher’er our changeful lot is cast,

glad when thy gracious smile we see,

blest when our faith can hold thee fast.

5 O Jesus, always with us stay;

make all our moments calm and bright;

chase the dark night of sin away;

shed o’er the world thy holy light.

**\*\*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 our friends Lloyd, Gwen and Kate MacLean on the recent loss of Lloyd’s beloved mother Mary, at the remarkable age of 102.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Meetings:**

* **Thurs., Mar. 27th –** There will be an extra meeting of the Worship & Music Team at 6:30 p.m.
* **Sun., Mar. 30th** – We will celebrate Holy Communion followed by the Annual Meeting after morning service.
* **Sun., Apr. 27th – 3:00p.m. – Memorial Hymn Sing** –

The Worship & Music Team is in the early stages of planning 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:** Kevin Reid

**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