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**First 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. 1

1. I want Jesus to walk with me;
 I want Jesus to walk with me;
 All along my pilgrim journey,
 Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

**\*\*Call to Worship**

**\*\*Hymn #197 –** “Forty days and forty nights”

1 Forty days and forty nights

thou wast fasting in the wild;

forty days and forty nights

tempted, and yet undefiled.

2 Should not we thy sorrow share

and from the worldly joys abstain,

fasting with unceasing prayer,

strong with thee to suffer pain?

3 Then if Satan on us press,

Jesus, Saviour, hear us call!

Victor in the wilderness,

grant we may not faint nor fall!

4 So shall we have peace divine;

holier gladness ours shall be;

round us, too, shall angels shine,

such as ministered to thee.

5 Keep, oh keep us, Saviour dear,

ever constant by thy side;

that with thee we may appear

at the eternal Eastertide.

**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 #201 –** “We come to ask your

forgiveness”

Refrain:
We come to ask your forgiveness, O Lord,
and we seek forgiveness from each other.
Sometimes we build up walls instead of bridges to peace,
and we ask your forgiveness, O Lord.

1. Sometimes we hurt by what we do to others.
Sometimes we hurt with words that are untrue.
Sometimes we cause others pain by what we fail to do,
and we ask your forgiveness, O Lord.

Refrain

2. For the times when we've been rude and selfish,
for the times when we have been unkind,
and for the times we refused to help our friends in need,
we ask your forgiveness, O Lord.

Refrain

**Children’s Time**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**First Lesson:** Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Page 149

**Epistle Lesson**: Romans 10:8-13 Page 846

**Responsive Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16**

**ONE:** You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, ‘My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.’

**ALL: Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling-place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.**

**ONE:** For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

**ALL: You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.**

**ONE:** Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honour them.

**ALL: With long life I will satisfy them,
 and show them my salvation.**

**\*\*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 4:1-13 Page 785

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

**Sermon:** "Beware of tempting gifts"

**\*\*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: #57 –** “You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord/On Eagle’s Wings vs. 1,2,4

1 You who dwell in the shelter of our god,

who abide in this shadow for life,

say to the Lord:

My refuge, my Rock in whom I trust!

Chorus And I will raise you up on eagle’s wings,

bear you on the breath of dawn,

make you to shine like the sun,

and hold you in the palm of my hand

2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you,

and famine will bring you no fear:

under God’s wings your refuge,

God’s faithfulness your shield.

4 For to God’s angels is given a command

to guard you in all of your ways;

upon their hands they will bear you up,

lest you dash your foot against a stone.

**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: Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

**\*\*Hymn: #358 -** “There is a redeemer”

1 There is a redeemer,

Jesus, God’s own Son,

Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,

Holy one.

Thank-you, O my Father,

for giving us your Son,

and leaving your Spirit

till your work on earth is done.

2 Jesus my Redeemer,

name above all names,

precious Lamb of God,

Messiah, oh for sinners slain.

3 When I stand in glory,

I will see his face,

and there I’ll serve my King forever,

in that holy place.

**\*\*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**

**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.

**PASTORAL CARE:**

In order to provide support to the people of First Church, when you or a loved one is sick or in hospital, we encourage you to contact the church (902-752-5691), Reverend Andrew (902-331-0322) or Cathy Lewis, Chair of the Pastoral Care Team (902-759-9649), to inform us directly. It is also important that you inform the hospital that you would welcome a visit from your minister and/or your Elder.

* A donation has been received in loving memory of Donald Johnston from George and Ila MacKenzie.
* A donation has also been received in honour of Emma Campbell’s 100th birthday from George and Ila MacKenzie.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Meetings:**

* **Today** – Session will meet after service today.
* **Today**: We will worship with the residents of Ivey’s Terrace at 2:30pm
* **Thurs., Mar. 13th – 6:30 p.m.** – The Worship & Music group will meet.
* **Sun., Mar. 30th** – The Annual Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Mar. 30th. Please submit your reports ASAP.



We extend birthday wishes to Marie Withers and Marion Hayden. Happy Birthday to both of you!!



* Also celebrating birthdays this week: Nancy Fukes is celebrating her birthday today and Vivian Ingham will celebrate her birthday, Wed., Mar. 12th. Happy Birthday from all of us at First Church!
* Congratulations are extended to Sandy and Marion MacIntosh as they celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary, Sat., Mar. 15th.
* Congratulations Phyllis O’Brien! Phyllis will receive the King Charles III Coronation Medal later this month, for her many years of volunteer service at the Aberdeen Hospital.

**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:** Lynne-Ann MacLellan

**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

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