

**MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Interim minister: Rev. Lyn Lamers

February 26, 2023

First Sunday of Lent

Duty Elder: Harald Magnus

Musicians: Sheryl Cale, Rosemary Brown

Scripture Reader: Shirley Tessmer

\*When this symbol appears please stand if you are able

**Musical Prelude** – Time for Quiet Meditation

**Welcome and Announcements**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

O God, you are a hiding place for us;

**you preserve us from trouble.**

Let the faithful offer prayer and praise to God,

**for in times of distress, God is with us.**

The Lord will teach us the way we should go;

**God's steadfast love always surrounds us.**

So let us be glad in the Lord and rejoice in worship!

**We will sing for joy with psalms of praise.**

\*Hymn #483: *Glorious things of Thee are spoken*

**PRAYER OF ADORATION**

*And we now pray our prayer of confession:*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**God our Creator and Companion,**

**you created us to be your partners in creation,**

**but we confess we're not happy being partners.**

**We prefer to have our own way.**

**We like to manage the world without your guidance.**

**We are often tempted to satisfy our own desires  
without counting the cost to others,  
or to the earth itself.**

**Lord, have mercy on us. AMEN**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

Video

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 32** Page 506

**SCRIPTURE: Esther 4: 13-17** Page 447

**Matthew 25: 31-46** Page 29

**ANTHEM: We Come to ask Your Forgiveness**

**MEDITATION: What if...**

**SILENCE FOR REFLECTION**

**HYMN #642: O Master let me walk with Thee**

WE RESPOND WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS

**WE GIVE TO GOD'S WORK**

\***PRAISE RESPONSE: Praise God from whom all blessings flow**  
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\***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**PRAYER FOR OURSELVES & OTHERS and THE LORD'S PRAYER**

\***CLOSING HYMN #485: Saviour like a shepherd lead us**

\***Commissioning and BENEDICTION**

\***SUNG BENEDICTION: Go Now in Peace (Besig)**

Happy birthday to Bill Lundie on March 2.

Next week is Communion Sunday. There will also be  
Sunday school for the little ones. Please remember to  
bring your food bank donations.

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