

*Morning Worship—February 18, 2018*

*2nd Sunday in Lent*

*Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor. \*Please stand if able. It is our custom to sing, “Amen,” after hymns.*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** “Prelude in F Major” by J. S. Bach  
**INTROIT** “Go Down, Moses” Mack Williams, solo

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Lent calls us to journey, this and every day, following Jesus wherever he leads us.

**People: Lent calls us to journey: to the place where God covenants with us, to receive the new names we are given.**

Leader: Lent calls us to worship together, to tell future generations the good news.

**People: Lent calls us to practice justice, to bring God’s hope to all people.**

Leader: Lent calls us to faithful living, to trust the One who gives us life.

**People: Lent calls each of us to take up our cross, to trust the One who bears it with us.**

Leader: Lent calls us to journey with God.

**People: Let us worship God, who walks with us, this and every day.**

**\*HYMN OF WORSHIP 284** “O God, What You Ordain Is Right”

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of Sarah and Abraham, in this holy place, we know how weak is our discipleship. We can spend hours at the computer, but only give you fleeting moments of our time. We can talk endlessly on our cell phones, but fall silent when it comes to sharing our fears, our worries, our hopes with you. We seek quick fixes for our problems, rather than seeking your vision and future for our lives. God of Peter, Paul, and the psalmist, forgive us: for our lack of trust; for our faithless living; for our closing our ears to the call of Jesus. Forgive us, so we may lay aside all that keeps us from you, so we may take up the life you offer to us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: This is the good news: God does not go back on the promises made so long ago. God does not reject us, God redeems us. God does not withhold love, God pours it into our barren lives.

**People: Forgiven of our sins, filled with hope, living in relationship with God and one another—we are a new people. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**GLORIA PATRI** (579) **GREATOREX**, 1851  
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.

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES** Jackson Weller

**UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and Your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what You say to us today. Amen.

**FIRST LESSON** (11/8) Genesis 17:1-7,15-16

**ANTHEM** “The God of Abraham Praise” arr. Carl Mueller

**SECOND LESSON** (798/839) Romans 4:13-25

**GOSPEL LESSON** (715/751) Mark 8:31-38

**SERMON** “What’s Changed?” Jackson Weller

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (See Apostle’s Creed in Aids to Worship pew insert)

**\*HYMN OF WORSHIP 379** “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

**DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**

Offering in Music “Old Rugged Cross” arr. Mark Hayes  
Doxology 591 **OLD HUNDREDTH**  
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.  
Prayer of Dedication

**PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER** (Lord’s Prayer see Aids to Worship pew insert)

**\*HYMN OF WORSHIP 464** “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

**BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE 540**, stanza 1 “God Be With You ‘Til We Meet Again”

**POSTLUDE** “Postludium” by Gordon Young

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We provide **nursery care** from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM and **Sunday School** for grades K-5 after Time for Young Disciples.

**PASTORAL CONCERNS**— Chlodine Bittner (Jackson Weller’s grandmother), William Copeland (Linda Copeland’s father), Dianne East, Marilyn East, Santiago Estevez

**ON THE MEND**— Alice & Randolph Bradshaw, MD (Becky Meadema’s parents), Mrs. Helen Harris (Kathleen Harris’ mother), Tim Kernodle, Mack Williams, Nultie Wiseman

Our condolences to the family of Tom Barrett’s son-in-law in the loss of his mother Lois C. Lewis. Please keep the family in your prayers during this time.

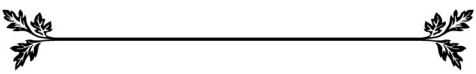
Sermon Notes

Preaching Schedule for March

March 4th	Rev. Jacob Kave
March 11th	Rev. Carlton Utley
March 18th	Rev. Stephen Earl
March 25th	Jackson Weller

**SERVING TODAY**

Nursery/Sunday School	Harriet Beale
Children’s Sunday School	R. Atkinson/C. Moore
	S. Weller/J. Stowe
Elders at Front Door	Lisa Brown
Security & Side Door	G. Hayes
Visitation	Kent Shelton
Deacon to Receive Offering	Kent Shelton
Officers to Count Offering	Beale/Meadema
Church School Superintendent	Gail Davis
Liturgist	Bernadine Haynes
Time for Young Disciples	Jackson Weller
Sound System	Sam Meadema
Ushers	Team 4
Flower Ministry	Day Circle
Asst. Custodian	Ron Tanner
Childcare Specialists	Lea Smith, Kelley Fochler
Saturday Lunch Ministry Feb. March 3rd	B. Hayes/H. Beale
Saturday Lunch Attendance Feb. 17th	51



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**THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**

**MONDAY, February 26**  
 9:30a.m. Prayer  
 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
 4:30 p.m. CE Committee  
 6:30 p.m. Membership Committee

**TUESDAY, February 27**  
 5:15 p.m. Handbells

**WEDNESDAY, February 28**  
 6:00 p.m. Youth

**THURSDAY, March 1**  
 5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

**FRIDAY, March 2**  
 All Day Church Office Closed

**SATURDAY, March 3**  
 10:45 a.m. Lunch Min. Bible Study  
 11:30 a.m. Lunch Ministry

**SUNDAY, March 4**  
 9:00 a.m. Worship Committee  
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School:  
 Mid & High School, Rm 112  
 Outlook Class, Rm 322  
 Bible Fellowship, Library  
 Seekers, Rm 109  
 11 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary  
 Mid-worship K-2/3-5 SS