

Morning Worship—March 18, 2018

5th 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 G Minor" by J. S. Bach

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 91)

Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

People: We will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

Leader: Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you.

People: God will protect those who call on the name of the Lord and show them salvation.

Leader: Let us worship God!

***HYMN OF WORSHIP 376** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, our Judge and Redeemer, we come before you, shorn of all pretenses and without cause for pride. We care more about bread than our confession of Christ our Savior. We worship many gods and do not serve you alone. We offer bribes to garner your favor; we do not rely on your promised goodwill. Forgive our deceit and grant us forgiveness. Through Christ we repent of our sinful ways. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Sung to "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded") #98

Take pity, Lord, I pray Thee, Thy mercy show to me, My Sins and my wrong-doing I now confess to Thee; From all of my transgressions Thou, Lord, hast set me free, Thy blood so precious shedding Upon the cruel tree. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: John writes, "If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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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 Nicole Bracey

ANTHEM "Come To My Heart" arr. Tom Fettke

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord our God, Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive Your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to Your will and live always for Your glory, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

N. T. LESSON (813/773) Luke 4:1-13

SERMON "Wilderness" Rev. Stephen G. Earl

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

***HYMN OF WORSHIP 510** "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Offering in Music "Near to the Heart of God" arr. Virginia Halberg
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

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (Lord's Prayer see Aids to Worship pew insert)

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Communion Prayer

***HYMN OF WORSHIP 85** "What Wonderous Love Is This"

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE 540, stanza 1 "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again"

POSTLUDE "No, Not One" arr. James Southbridge

*On this date five years ago, Charles Smith enters the church triumphant.
The flowers are given in his memory by the family.*

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— Becky Meadema, Chlodine Bittner (Jackson Weller's grandmother), William Copeland (Linda Copeland's father), Dianne East, Marilyn East, Wes Snead (Mary Lou & George's son), Tom West

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

First Presbyterian is hosting the Community Services during Holy Week, March 26-30. A light lunch will be served at 12:30 each day. Help will be needed to set up, prepare, serve and clean up from 11 a.m.—1:30 a.m. Please contact Marie-Louise 770-0136 if you can help.

March 26 Dr. Ralph Hawkins Averett University

March 27 Rev. Jennifer Coffey Fairview United Methodist

March 28 Rev. Meredith Williams Ascension Lutheran Church

March 29 Rev. Bruce Wilson West Main Baptist

March 30 Rev. Bart Fletcher Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church

Wednesday Night Supper March 21st 6:00 p.m. Our menu will be meatloaf, steamed veggies, creamed potatoes, salad, rolls, and cherry cream cheese pie. Use the insert to sign up for our tasty meal Team 1 is in charge. Dr. Ralph Hawkins will be our guest speaker. The program will be a bible study.

SERVING TODAY

Nursery/Sunday School	D. Shelton & K. Clifton
Children's Sunday School	Whitney & Catie Clarke
	Lisa & Lia Argyrakis
Elders at Front Door	G. Hayes
Security & Side Door	C. B. Strange
Visitation	David Swann
Deacon to Receive Offering	Harriet Beale
Officers to Count Offering	Barrett/Crane
Church School Superintendent	Gail Davis
Liturgist	Becky Meadema
Time for Young Disciples	Nicole Bracey
Sound System	David Parris
Ushers	Team 3
Flower Ministry	Evening Circle
Asst. Custodian	Ron Tanner
Childcare Specialists	Lea Smith, Kelley Fochler
Saturday Lunch Ministry March 24th	L. Brown/J. Nostrandt
Saturday Lunch Attendance 3/3	45

Preaching Schedule

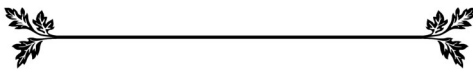
March 25th Jackson Weller

April 1st Joyce Perez

April 8th Dr. Ramey

Everyone is invited to attend a reception, given by the Presbyterian Women for Dick Stoakley today immediately following services. We are honoring his 15 years of service to FPC.

Rev. Stephen Earl is with us again this morning. He serves as the Associate Presbyter for Ministry in the Presbytery of the Peaks. Please give Rev. Earl a warm welcome as he brings the message this morning.



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THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

March 18, 2018

MONDAY, March 19

9:30 a.m. Prayer Group
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Community Prayer Service

TUESDAY, March 20

5:15 p.m. Handbells

WEDNESDAY, March 21

6:00 p.m. Youth
6:00 p.m. Family Night Supper

THURSDAY, March 22

5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, March 23

All Day Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, March 24

10:45 a.m. Lunch Min. Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Lunch Ministry

SUNDAY, March 25

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