

*Morning Worship—March 31, 2019*

*4th 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** “How Majestic Is Your Name” arr. M. Hayes

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** From Psalm 32(from Eugene Peterson’s The Message)

Leader: Let us count ourselves lucky, how happy we must be – we get a fresh start every day, our slates are washed clean.

**People: We count ourselves lucky – God holds nothing against us and we’re holding nothing back from him.**

Leader: Every one of us needs to pray; when all hell breaks loose and the dam burst, we’ll be on high ground untouched.

**People: God’s our island hideaway, keeps danger from the shore, throws garlands around our necks.**

Leader: God-defiers are always in trouble, God affirmers find themselves loved every time they turn around.

**All: Celebrate God. Let us sing together everyone! All honest hearts, raise the roof!**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** (insert) “Majesty”

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, help us be on guard so that we never get caught in wanting our own way. We are just like our spiritual ancestors who made their religion into a circus. Let us look only to you for our guidance and forgiveness. Our history books are full of warnings written down so we don’t repeat their mistakes and yet we do. We are just as capable of messing it up as they were. Help us fight our inclinations to naivete and self-confidence. We are not exempt. We can fall flat on our face as easily as anyone else. Let us forget about self-confidence and rely on God-confidence.

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Paul writes, “No test or temptation that comes our way is beyond the course of what others have had to face. All we need to remember is that God will never let us down; he’ll always be there to help us come through life when we turn toward him.”

**People: Christ is the foundation of our salvation; therein lies assurance that we are forgiven of our sin and made new.**

**\*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** Heather Perryman  
(children exit for Sunday School)

**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 SCRIPTURE LESSON** (819/860) 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

**ANTHEM** “God So Loved the World” by John Stainer

**GOSPEL LESSON** (740/778) Luke 15:1-3,11-32

**SERMON** “Forgiveness” Dr. John McDonald

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

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** (insert) “More Precious Than Silver”

**PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER** (See pew insert)

**DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**

Offering in Music “He Is Exalted” arr. M. 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

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT** (insert) “He Is Lord”  
(children return from Sunday School)

**BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (insert) “Sanctuary”

**POSTLUDE** “Shine, Jesus Shine” arr. M. Hayes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PASTORAL CONCERNS**— Chlodine Bittner (J. Weller’s grandmother), Amy Bracey, Lisa Brown, Will Brown, Charles Cuttle, Lib Cuttle, Matthew Dolianitis, Dianne East, Fred Gunn (W. Gunn’s brother) Carolyn Herring, Martha Jo Hodges, Greg Howard, Bobby Hudson, Gail Jones, Laura Jones, Beth Landfair (John’s mother), Bill Landfair (J. McDonald’s step father), Dr. McDonald, Dana Overstreet (S. Mathena),Sali Parker (K. Dolianitis’ sister-in-law), Meg Powell (B. Takata), Freel Shipe (J. McDonald’s father-in-law), Ella Ryan, Debra Thompson (C. Bolt daughter), Jim Turner, Willem van der Griendt, Nultie Wiseman, Bill Wood, Ann Wood, (K. Dolianitis’ cousins) The concerns of those who wish to remain unnamed.

**ON THE MEND**— James Gill Sr. & Jr., Mrs. Helen Harris (Kathleen Harris’ mother), Dianne Hottenstein, (S. Mathena), Willem van der Griendt  
Our Service Personnel & First Responders. The people of Togo.

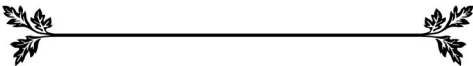
*Use the insert to order your Easter Lily in honor or in memory of that special someone. Forms must be turned in to the office by April 4th. Cost is \$15.00*

*WNSupper & Lenten Bible Study will be Wednesday April 3rd. We will have a soup, salad and dessert for \$5 per person/ max \$15 per family. Please use the insert, sign up in Dunglinson-Roberts or call the church office. Team 2 is in charge.*

**Our Holy Week Schedule will be as follows:** Monday 4/15 Dr. John McDonald, Tuesday 4/16 Rev. Joshua Hearne, Wednesday 4/17th Rev. Meredith Williams, Thursday 4/18th Dr. David Baker, Friday 4/19th 7 Words Service held at Holbrook Presbyterian. We hope you will attend the special services.

SERVING TODAY

Nursery/Sunday School	B. Takata
Combined Sunday School	Music
Elders at Front Door	T. Barrett
Security & Side Door	B. Hayes
Visitation	K. Dolianitis
Deacon to Receive Offering	B. Meadema
Officers to Count Offering	Barrett/Crane
Church School Superintendent	Gail Davis
Liturgist	G. Hayes
Time for Young Disciples	H. Perryman
Sound System	E. Blount
Ushers	Youth
Flower Ministry	Evening Circle
Childcare Specialists	Lea Smith, Kelley Fochler
Saturday Lunch Ministry April 6th	E. Blount/K. Meadows
Saturday Lunch Attendance 3/16	50



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TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

MONDAY, April 1

10:00 a.m.	PW Co.Council
12:30 p.m.	Day Circle
5:45p.m.	Deacons
7:00 p.m.	Evening Circle, K. Johnson 320 Hawthorne Dr.

FRIDAY, April 5

All Day Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, April 6

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

TUESDAY, April 2

5:15 p.m.	Hand Bells
7:00 p.m.	Property Comm.

SUNDAY, April 7

9:00 a.m.	Worship Comm.
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School: See below for Class information
11:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary Mid-worship K-2/3-5 SS
Noon	Fellowship

WEDNESDAY, April 3

5:00 p.m.	PNC
6:00 p.m.	WNS, Lenten Bible Study
6:00 p.m.`	Youth

THURSDAY, April 4

5:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
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Opportunities to Study the Word every Sunday Morning

**Youth & Adult Sunday School** 9:45 a.m.– 10:40 a.m.  
**Youth** (middle & high school) Rm 112 /discussion type class studying scripture lesson used in Sunday’s sermon  
**Bible Seekers**/Rm 109/ “Feasting on the Word” / discussion type class  
**Bible Study Fellowship**/Library/ Ligonier Ministry’s “Tabletalk Magazine” / discussion type class  
**Outlook**/Rm 322/“The Present Word” / lecture type class  
**The Children’s Extended Time** (mid-worship 11:15-12:00) Deep Blue Cokesbury Curriculum  
**K-2** /Rm304/various instructors/**Gr 3-5**/Rm 306/various instructors  
We provide nursery care from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM and Sunday School for grades K-5 after Time for Young Disciples.