

March 5, 2023
First Presbyterian Church
Second Sunday of Lent

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *All Creatures of Our God and King* Hopson

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Dan Sansbury

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship** Elder Cathy Chapman
Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?
Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.
The LORD does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.
The LORD gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted.
Those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength.
They shall mount up with wings like eagles;
They shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint.
(from Isaiah 40)

***Hymn** 32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* ELLACOMBE

Invitation to Confession (the congregation is seated)

Friends, in I John we read, "*if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.*" Let us confidently go to God and admit our need for God to have his way more and more in our lives.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Our Gracious and Almighty God, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have been among the lost. We have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We have been misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small.
We have failed to love people as you love them. Have mercy upon us, O God, and forgive our sin. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us anew.
Return us to the path of your righteousness so that we may honor you in all that we do and say. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, in I John we also read, "*God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.*" Receive what God has already done for us through his loving Son, our Savior and Lord!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

***Holy Interruption** *We greet our neighbors in Christ's love*

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem by Chancel Choir *Shine, Jesus Shine* Kendrick

***Praise of God**

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**

Message to the Children

We Receive God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: John 3.1-17

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Message: "It Happened One Night" Dr. Sansbury

***Hymn of Preparation** 738 *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee* MARYTON

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The LORD be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the LORD!

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

The Words of Institution

Prayer of Dedication

Distribution of the Elements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on 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.

Communion Music: *Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, BWV 654* J.S. Bach

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn** 837 *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* SHOWALTER

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** *Amen* by Chancel Choir

***Postlude** *Come, Thou Almighty King* Whitworth

*Those who are able, please stand as directed at the items marked with an asterisk.

The Church This Week (3/5/2023)

Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:15 p.m.	Worship Ministry Team Meeting Mission Outreach Team Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Youth
Mon.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
Tues.	12:00 p.m.	At Ease Luncheon
	5:30 p.m.	Christian Education Meeting
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	10:00 a.m.	PW Bible Study
	3:00 p.m.	Fun Program
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

The Worship Ministry Team is investigating installing a T-loop system that will enhance the audio for our members who have hearing aids or are hearing impaired. If you might benefit from this please contact the church office and let Carolyn know by March 10th. We need to know how many of our congregation this might help.

March 15- St. Patrick’s Day Covered Dish Supper at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Building. Everyone wear green and bring your favorite covered dish.



Prayer List as of March 5, 2023

Gerry & Bobby Rogers
Ina Coggeshall
Atha Lou Gibson
Gray & Bea Sloop
Bennie and Benny Lou Moore
Penny Angle
Beth O’Neal
Marion Murphy
Bobbie Jones
Phelps Brooks
Jim Conn
Barbara Dickson
Kathie Cook
Chase, Rebecca (Cook) and baby Laikyn Denham

Dr. Sansbury continues his Lenten series of sermons today, the second Sunday of Lent. All messages will have the words, “It Happened,” in their titles. Read the Gospel of John, especially chapters 1-13, in preparation for our pastor’s messages for the next six weeks. Printed copies of Dr. Sansbury’s previous sermons are available in the narthex. Copies of sermons will be made and sent to you upon request to the church office (843-537-7474).

Our Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) was elected last Sunday by the congregation. Members are Kristin Miller, Cathy Chapman, Katelyn Evans, Christie McLeod, John Long and Calvin Phillips. The congregation is encouraged to pray for them throughout the pastoral search process.

The Church Staff

Dr. Dan Sansbury, Interim Pastor	Mrs. Mary Louise Baker, Music Director
Mrs. Carolyn S. West, Secretary	
Mr. James W. Kendall, Sexton	Mrs. Kim Brabham, Director MMO
Mrs. Arnetta Kendall, Housekeeper	Mrs. Paige Coates, MMO
Mrs. Mary Gullede, Mrs. Debra Jewart, Nursery	Mrs. Debra Jewart, MMO

Session of First Presbyterian Church

<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>
Gina Goddard	Marietta Melton Burch	Kelli Beck
John Joyce	Cathy Chapman	Avery Dickson
Christie McLeod	David Nagel	Mary Jane Evans
Calvin Phillips	Dan Tillman, III	Jean Page Watson
Charlene Tillman	Jennifer Tillman	

Mission Partners

Mr. Mark Hare/ Mrs. Jenny Bent, Costa Rica
Mrs. Ellen Smith, (mission co-worker) Belarus, Russia, Ukraine, Poland

Our Vision

***Rooted by God’s Grace,
Growing in the Spirit,
Reaching Out with Christ’s Love***

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