

4th Sunday in Lent

March 19th, 2023

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE "Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us J.S. Bach

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 43

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: Send your light and truth, O God.
All: And they will guide us.
One: Let them lead us to your dwelling place.
All: Let them lead us to the altar of God.
One: We will come to God - our joy and our delight.
All: Then we will give thanks to God - our help and our salvation.

HYMN OF PRAISE O Lord, How Shall I Meet You #104

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and gracious God, you are light and wonder and glory. You are our strength and our delight; you give us all we need to live. Yet we are distracted by all that glitters, continually grasping for more. Rather than trust in your provision, we chase after our own happiness. Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you. Overwhelm us with your goodness and cover us with grace. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Brothers and sisters, God comes to forgive, restore, and strengthen us eternally in Christ.
All: Thanks be to God. We will rejoice and be glad!

RESPONSE O Lamb of God Most Holy! O LAMM GOTTES

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Registration Pad found on the end of the pew and pass it down.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to come forward for the Time for Young Disciples.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, power, and glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers #362

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Genesis 6:11-14, 17-18; 7:11-16 p. 5 OT
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM O Love Elaine Hagenberg

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 25:1-13 p. 28 NT
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD
Offertory Come, All Christians, Be Committed arr. Wischmeier
Response What Wondrous Love Is This #215, v. 3
Prayer of Dedication

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF SENDING Give Me Oil in My Lamp A. Sevinson

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Fughette on "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying" J. Walther

PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT, AS YOU ARE ABLE

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds - Pastor
Sarah Morgan - Pastor
Lisa Henley - Liturgist
Matthew Mimbs - Director of Music & Arts
2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Bruce and Betsy Foster, Leslie, and Doug Matthews
Technicians: Dale Henley (video) and Neal Henley (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: We are currently following the Narrative Lectionary, Year 1.

Table with 3 columns: Date, Scripture Reference, Topic. Includes entries for March 19, March 26, April 2, and April 6.

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God.

EASTER LILIES OR HYDRANGEAS, in memory or in honor of someone, will be displayed on Easter Sunday, April 9. Order forms are available in the Narthex, the Atrium, or the church office. The deadline to order is March 28. Please return your completed form, with your check, to the office, or simply drop it in the offering plate. If you have questions, please contact Bonnie at bsmith@2ndpres.org or 865-523-2189.

SERMON NOTES

4 Reminders for Faithful Followers of Jesus:

- 1) _____
2) _____
3) _____
4) _____

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are excited to have you with us today and hope you feel at home! We are honored you are here and pray you will feel God's presence in this place. If you do not have a church home, we would love for you to be a part of the 2nd Pres. Please let us know a bit about you by completing a Visitor's Card or by filling out your information in the Friendship Register. Children are welcome in worship. There is a **family worship area** down the front. There is also a "crying room" next door in the Library where the service is live streamed. **Children's Worship Bags** are available in the Narthex. A **nursery is available** for infants and children through age 6. **Hearing Devices** are available if needed.

CONNECT

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP in the Mary Chambers Room following worship this morning. The Mary Chambers Room is at the front left of the sanctuary.

LET'S DO BRUNCH! Join us before worship at 9:15 on Palm Sunday, April 2nd in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your favorite breakfast casserole, fruit or pastry to share. Friends and guests are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

GROW

EASTER EGG HUNT: The Youth will be hosting the Easter Egg Hunt for the children again this year (expecting 20 children) and we will be collecting filled eggs in the blue box outside the church office beginning this Sunday. If you would like us to fill the eggs for you, you can also place the eggs and candy in the box. Please turn in donations by April 2nd. We appreciate your help in making this a successful event!

THE FAITH SCIENCE & THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS meets in the Barbour Room at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. This class studies current events through the lens of faith using a weekly curriculum called *The Wired Word*.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL & BOOK DISCUSSION: Our Lenten devotional book is *Lent of Liberation* by Cheri L. Mills. We are meeting to discuss the readings on Thursdays at 12 noon during Lent.

GO

VMC's RESOURCE CENTER: The Go Team has arranged to serve breakfast at VCM's Resource Center each quarter this year. Volunteers are needed to serve the food items and to have a caring fellowship with those at breakfast. The first breakfast will be on Friday, March 31, at 7:30 a.m. The remaining dates are June 30, September 29, and December 29. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Leonard Bailey by email at lbailey@chartertn.net or by phone or text at 865-207-4947.

PRAGMATIC PRESBYTERIANS: We will meet in the church library on the following Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm: March 22, and March 29. Together, we can make a difference!

SUPPORT

PRESCHOOL SPRING MUSICAL You are invited to attend the Spring Preschool Musical on Wednesday, March 29th at 5:30 pm.

THE APRIL SECOND EDITION DEADLINE is tomorrow, March 20th! Please email your submissions to Marta Villalta (mwillalta@2ndpres.org).

CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATING TEAM: As the Nominations Team works to identify the next class of Ruling Elders, we would appreciate the congregation's direct input. If you have an active member in mind whom you think would be willing to serve, please send the name and contact information of the individual to the team chairman, Charles White at cwhite90@utk.edu no later than Wednesday, March 22. All names submitted will be prayerfully considered.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, March 19th

- 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship (Mary Chambers Room)

Monday, March 20th

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (Barbour Room)
- 12:00 p.m. Pre-School Board Meeting (Zoom)
- 3:00 p.m. Budget Finance Support Team (Barbour Room)
- 4:00 p.m. Deadline for 2nd Edition Newsletter Articles

Tuesday, March 21st

- 6:00 p.m. Session Meeting (Barbour Room)

Wednesday, March 22nd

- 7:00 p.m. Pragmatic Presbyterians (Library)

Thursday, March 23rd

- 12:00 p.m. Lenten Book Study (Barbour Room)

Sunday, March 26th

- 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship (Mary Chambers Room)


PRAYER CONCERNS

Cheryl Ragsdale, Janis Smith, the family of Leilla White, Fran McLean, Elsie Dodson, Jerry Young, Arlys Milligan, Beverli White, and Peter Douglas Hamilton.

*Please notify the office if you are sick, in the hospital, or have a prayer request. Names remain on the prayer list 4 weeks unless requested to keep them on longer.

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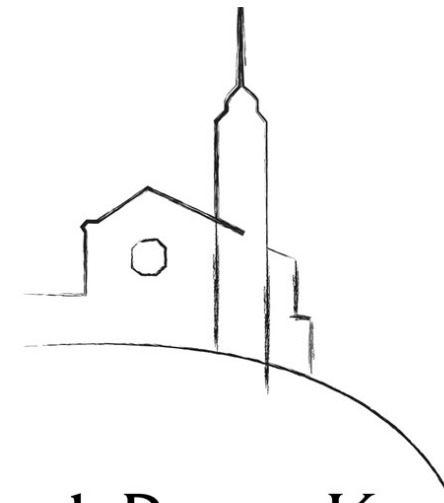
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WI-FI NETWORK: Our Wi-fi network is for use by anyone who visits the building. The network is "Second Presbyterian Church", and the password is *Psalm100*.



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WELCOMING + FAITHFUL + HOPEFUL

Lent



*Responding in gratitude to God's love and grace,
we are a welcoming, faithful, and hopeful community,
following Jesus and serving him in the world.*

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