

5th Sunday in Lent

March 26th, 2023

10:30 a.m.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor
Helen Grant – Liturgist
Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts
John Lasater – Organist
2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Laura Dodson, Liz Peebles, Bruce Foster, and Tim Wright
Technicians: Elizabeth Seastrunk(video) and Matthew Lowe(audio)

WORSHIP

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

Table with 3 columns: Date, Scripture Reference, Topic. Rows include March 26 (Matthew 25:31-46, The Last Judgment), April 2 (Matthew 21:1-17, Triumphal Entry), April 6 (Matthew 26:17-30; 27:27-61, Words of Institution/Crucifixion), April 9 (Matthew 28:1-10, Resurrection).

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

PASTOR SARAH IS AWAY THIS MORNING leading a women's retreat for First United Methodist Church of Asheboro, NC.

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.

THIS MORNING'S ANTHEM IS A SETTING of an anonymous poem found written on the walls of a cellar in Cologne following the liberation of Cologne in March 1945. Locals told American soldiers it was a place where young German Catholics had kept some Jews in hiding because their lives were threatened. The poem, as originally written, said:

I believe in the sun – even when it is not shining.
I believe in God – even when he is silent.
I believe in love – even when it is not apparent.

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 Today We All Are Called to be Disciples #757

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Psalm 98:1-9 p. 551 OT
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM I Believe Mark A. Miller

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 25:31-46 p. 29 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 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded arr. Fred Bock
Response What Wondrous Love Is This #215, v. 3
Prayer of Dedication

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from A Brief Statement of Faith
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image to live as one community. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMN OF SENDING Jesus Be with Us MATTHEW 25

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Chorale on "Herzliebster, Jesu" J.S. Bach
"Ab, Holy Jesus"

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

PRELUDE The Church of Christ in Every Age Knapp/Smith

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP from Matthew 5

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
All: And blessed is the church that serves the poor with the love of God.
One: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
All: And blessed is the church that feeds those who are hungry and thirsty for food and water.
One: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
All: And blessed is the church that seeks by the power of the Spirit to oppose discrimination and stand up for justice.
One: Blessed are you, O holy, triune God.
All: And blessed is your holy realm forever.

HYMN OF PRAISE The Days Are Surely Coming #357

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Merciful God, we confess that we have wandered from your way of truth and life. You call us to share all that we have and work together for the common good, but we hoard up treasures for ourselves and deny others their daily bread. You call us to set the captives free and seek justice for the oppressed, but we live in fear of our neighbors and hide ourselves from our own kin. You call us to walk in newness of life and to be witnesses to the resurrection, but we dwell in the valley of dry bones and keep silent about your saving love. Forgive us, God of grace. Set us free from sin, death and fear, so that we may serve you with gladness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE
One: Hear the Good News: God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
All: Thanks be to God.

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.

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

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: On April 9th we will begin Children's Church during the worship hour for children ages two to 1st grade. Children will join their families in the sanctuary for the start of worship and then, right after the Children's Time, our volunteers will take them to the Children's Wing. We will teach a bible lesson, have a snack, and do a craft or game together. Children should be picked up as soon as the worship service ends. Children from birth up to 2 years old may come to the nursery before worship if their parents desire.

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

PRAGMATIC PRESBYTERIANS: We will meet in the Barbour Room this Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm. Together, we can make a difference!

SUPPORT

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

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 TODAY. All names submitted will be prayerfully considered.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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)

Tuesday, March 28th

9:00 a.m. Fish Pantry (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, March 29th

5:30 p.m. Preschool Spring Musical (Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m. Pragmatic Presbyterians (Library)

Thursday, March 30th

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

Sunday, April 2nd (Communion & Palm Sunday)

9:00 a.m. Brunch (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 a.m. Worship


PRAYER CONCERNS

Cheryl Ragsdale, Janis Smith, Fran McLean, Jerry Young,
Arllys 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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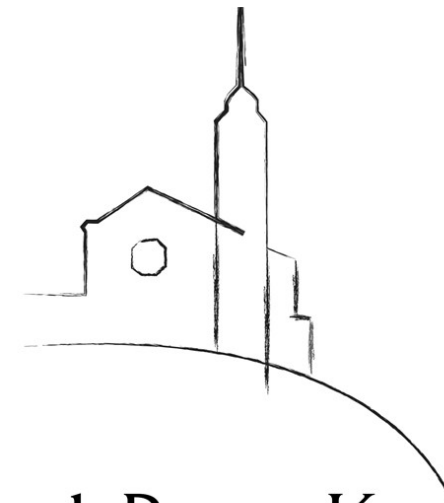
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WI-FI NETWORK: Our Wi-fi network is for use by anyone who visits the building. The network is "Second Presbyterian Church", and the password is *Psalm100*.



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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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