

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent*

March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

11:00 a.m.

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PRELUDE

*Prelude in D Minor*

*J. S. Bach*

***GATHERING AROUND THE WORD***

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

RECEIVING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

**All: The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;**

One: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

**All: The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

One: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;

**All: The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. They are more desirable than gold, and sweeter than honey. In keeping them is great reward.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

*We All Are One in Mission*

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call  
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all  
A single, great commission compels us from above  
To plan and work together that all may know Christ's love

We all are called for service to witness to God's name  
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same  
To touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace  
So every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace

Now let us be united and let our song be heard  
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word  
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call  
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we are blessed beyond measure. All that we have belongs to you, but we need to be reminded. We hoard our resources and our gifts rather than using them to glorify your name. Instead of sharing for the good of all, we hold tightly to our possessions, refusing to notice the despair of those in need. Have mercy on us, Lord. Free us from sin and selfishness to serve you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Brothers and sisters, in Jesus Christ, crucified, risen, and coming again, we are forgiven and set free to live in faithfulness with God and with one another.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

RESPONSE

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!**

OLD 100TH

PASSING OF THE PEACE

During this time, we invite you to pass the peace by texting a fellow church member, family member, friend, relative, or loved one, "May the peace of Christ be with you."

***PROCLAIMING THE WORD***

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Ecclesiastes 4:7-12

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

ANTHEM

***Hymn of Mercy***

*Berry/Forrest*

Gracious Lord, Thy mercy filleth all the earth below;  
And from heaven's throne it falleth when to Thee I go.  
Mercy flowing, swift pursuing like a river strong,  
Sympathizing with my weakness; mercy suffering long.

Mercy calling with compassion, "Oh, return to me."  
Wounded are the hands extended, loving is the plea.  
How can I refuse Thy mercy? Whither would I flee?  
From my idol shrine I turn, Lord, reaching up to thee.

Tender mercy of the Savior gently drawing nigh  
with the blood that cleanseth sinners ready to apply.  
Gracious Lord, thy mercy filleth all the earth below;  
And from heaven's throne it falleth when to Thee I go.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 4:32-5:11

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

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

**Tim Reynolds**

***RESPONDING TO THE WORD***

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Vision Statement of 2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Church

**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.**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Hymn of Preparation ***Blest Be the Tie That Binds***

DENNIS

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above**

**Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares**

We share our mutual woes; our mutual burdens bear  
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear

And to this table come we all, together bound  
In bread, in wine, in fellowship, community is found

Great Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer  
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **They are lifted up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Communion of the People  
Prayer after Communion

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

*Fugue in D Minor*

*J. S. Bach*

**SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Tim Reynolds – Pastor  
Sarah Morgan – Pastor  
Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts  
David Stultz – Asst. Director of Music/Organist  
Emily McTyre – Media Coordinator  
2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Chancel Choir  
**Technicians:** Matt Casey (video), Paul Sexauer (audio)

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Kim Elrod, Alex Robinson, the Wilson family, Patsy Wright, Derryl Kasler,  
Douglas Hamilton, Amy Cross, and Aggie Bell.

\*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.*

**WORSHIP & CELEBRATION**

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

**UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS:** We are currently in a year-long sermon series on the book of Acts. Upcoming sermon texts/topics are:

Mar 7	Acts 4:32-5:11	The Sharing of Possessions
Mar 14	Acts 5:12-42	Signs, Wonders & Opposition
Mar 21	Acts 6:1-7	Choosing Deacons
Mar 28	Acts 6:8-8:3	Stephen's Martyrdom

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS** next Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Next Saturday night, don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour to "spring ahead"!

**IN-PERSON WORSHIP UPDATE:** At their recent meeting, the Session decided to wait until its March meeting before determining the timetable for returning to in-person worship. Therefore, we will continue virtual worship only at least through the end of March.

**THE CHURCH BUILDING HAS REOPENED AS OF MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>:** The church building has now reopened for meetings. Please see the Weekly E-News, as well as the March Second Edition, for more information and guidelines regarding this update.

**PASTOR TIM REYNOLDS WILL BE ON VACATION** from Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. He will not be checking emails or answering texts and phone calls during this time. If you need pastoral assistance, please contact Pastor Sarah Morgan or Church Administrator Audrey Johnson.

**THE MARCH SECOND EDITION IS NOW AVAILABLE!** You can access it by hovering over the Resources tab on our website (2ndpres.org) and selecting 'Monthly Newsletters' from the dropdown menu. Copies are also available in the vestibule.

**LENTEN CONCERTS FOR REFLECTION:** Every Wednesday at 12:00 noon during Lent, a Lenten concert for reflection will be posted to our YouTube channel and to the home page of our website. Our Director of Music & Arts, Matt Mimbs is coordinating the concerts for the congregation featuring musicians from our congregation and from the community. Each concert is 20-30 minutes in length. We hope that this helps you in your Lenten journey.

### ***FELLOWSHIP & CONGREGATIONAL CARE***

**A PASTORAL CARE UPDATE PAGE** is on our website under the 'Members' tab. The password to access this area is the same as for the directory on the old site. Please contact the church office if you need it.

**COMPASSIONATE CUISINE** meals for the homebound: If you are interested in joining a cooking team to prepare meals for some of our homebound members, please contact Leslie Matthews at [flowlilly@gmail.com](mailto:flowlilly@gmail.com) or 865.765.0549.

### ***DISCIPLESHIP***

**BIBLE STUDY:** Pastor Tim is currently leading us in a virtual study of the *Major Messages of the Minor Prophets*. A new lesson is posted on our YouTube channel and on our website each Thursday (under the Resources tab) and we invite you to study the lesson at your leisure.

**OUR 2<sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY BIBLE DISCUSSION** will be held via Zoom on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. We will discuss the lessons from the previous month. This is a time to bring your questions, comments, and insights and share them with the group. A Zoom link to join the meeting will be sent out Wednesday morning.

**FAITH, SCIENCE AND THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** meets at 9:30 a.m. by conference call.

**MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH** will meet in the church building on Sundays at 1 p.m.!

### ***SERVICE & OUTREACH***

**HABITAT BUILD POSTPONED:** Due to permitting delays beyond the control of Habitat or any of our building partners it has been necessary to postpone the start of our build from its previously scheduled start date of March 20<sup>th</sup>. A new start date has not been chosen yet. If you have previously volunteered, you do not need to do anything at this time. Once a new start date has been announced we will notify you so that you can volunteer for the new build dates. If you have questions you can contact Joe Clarke at either [jclarke859@gmail.com](mailto:jclarke859@gmail.com) or (865) 335-0421.

### ***STEWARDSHIP***

**A CHURCH WORK DAY** will be held on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. See the Friday email for more details.