

Service for the Lord's Day

First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2015

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

Eternal God, you know the tests and trials we face. Walk with us through this wilderness, so we may return to you in faith, believing the good news of the gospel. Amen.

Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Jane Fahle

*INTROIT #4 **"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"** (v. 1&2)

Schicht, 1819

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God's covenant continues. God's Kingdom comes near.

From water to wilderness, on stone and in hearts.

God's covenant continues. God's Kingdom comes near.

From the ancestor of all nations, to the very Son of God, God's covenant continues.

God's Kingdom comes near.

We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,

God's covenant continues. God's Kingdom comes near.

*HYMN# 730

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

Hopkins, 1940

February Hymn of the Month

CALL TO CONFESSION

God's bow has been hung in the clouds. God remains faithful to the covenant that was made with Abraham, later with Moses, and the new covenant made through Jesus, the Son. Without fear, then, we confess our sins. We will pray first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we begin this Lenten season in confession. We do not live according to your ways, but according to our own. We condone violence, participate in systems of injustice, and use power to our own advantage at the expense of others. Forgive us again, we pray, when we are tempted to follow paths other than those you set before us. Teach us your

commandments. Help us to turn from evil in its many guises, and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near. For we pray in the name of our only Savior. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

***"Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

As Noah and his family were brought safely through the flood onto dry ground, so in baptismal waters we are brought from death into new life in Christ. In the Name of the Son of God, we are forgiven!

Jesus Christ, who is at the right hand of God, forgives us and reconciles us and all things in heaven and on earth. Thanks be to God for this good news!

*GLORIA PATRI ***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. Amen.***

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ANTHEM

"O Lord Most Holy"

Frank

Bert Lowe

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Genesis 9:8-17

Bibles, p.07 / LG. p. 09

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #451

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Scott, 1895

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Mark 9: 9-15

Bibles, p. 42 / LG. p. 54

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON

"The Desert, the Wilderness, the Test"

Rev. Candice L. Klein

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"God's reconciling act of Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd's life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for humanity.

They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's reconciling work" This, we believe, Amen.
– The Confession of 1967 9.09

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

*HYMN #618 *"O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High" (v. 1-4)* Webb, 1854

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #618 *"O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High" (v. 5)* Webb, 1854

POSTLUDE Selected

(*) Those who are able may stand.
Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

This week's prayers and concerns: Bob Hays and family, Jane, Diane and Tolly Dill, Carolyn Boren, Debbie Murphy, Neil Pennal, Billie Manck, and Jack Clark •

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

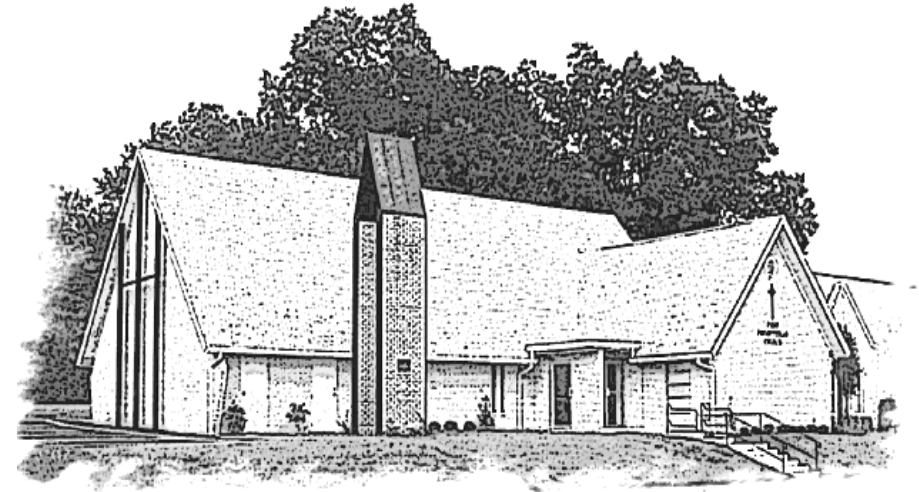
Sunday Mornings	8:30 a.m.	Choir Practice
Wednesdays	4:15-5:15	Kids for God
Mon. 02/23	11:30 a.m.	Presbyterian Women Meeting (Brown bag)
02/25 - 03/01		Rev. Klein vacation

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