

Service for the Lord's Day

Third Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2017

God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

Thank you, God, for opportunities to serve others that grow us in faithfulness and love. Amen

Gathering

PRELUDE

*Meditation on "He Leadeth Me"
"The Good Shepherd" (John 10:14)*

arr. Lani Smith
Dale Wood

WELCOME

John Hillin

*INTROIT #611

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Dyke, 1907

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts.
See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.
O come, let us worship and bow down.
Let us kneel before the Lord our maker. Let us worship God.

*HYMN #450

"Be Thou My Vision"

Hull, 1912

CALL TO CONFESSION

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God in confidence. Confident in God's grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another. Let us confess to Almighty God, first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You have given Christ as a covenant to the nations O God, yet your people continue to live at war. Your prophets proclaim justice and peace, yet we dwell amid hostility and oppression. You judge your people with fairness; we implore you to have mercy upon us. Give sight to the eyes that are blind to your truth. Enlighten our darkness, that we may behold you even in the

midst of our enemies. Free us from our own grandeur, so that in humility we may live at peace with your people. Amen

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness; therefore, you are feared.
Friends, this is the good news of the Gospel, for in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

*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.*

#580

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Psalm 95(*New International Version*) Pew Bibles, p.520/LG. p.676

The Word of the Lord ***Thanks be to God***

HYMN #649

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

Excell, 1910

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Romans 5:1-11

Bibles, p.145/LG. p.188

The Word of God, for the People of God ***Thanks be to God***

SERMON

"Learning in the dark"

Dr. Sharon Templeman

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting." Amen.

—The Apostles' Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Song 67”

Healey Willan

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

*HYMN #39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Chisholm, 1923

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

God blesses us so that we can be a blessing to others. Go out to follow Jesus in the world — to show and tell the good news of God to everyone. Amen

*RESPONSE #828

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

Prentiss, 1856

POSTLUDE

“Canzone in D minor”

J.S. Bach

(*) Those who are able may stand.

Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

Dr. Sharon Templeman is a native Texan, but has lived much of her life in Virginia. In 2010 she retired from SFA as the Director of the Graduate Program in the School of Social Work but loves teaching so continues to teach part time in that program. Sharon has studied at Dubuque Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. She is the proud mother of one son, Aaron, and two precious granddaughters, Nora (9) and Alina (10). Welcome, Sharon! Thanks for being here.

This week’s prayers and concerns: Judy Andrasko, Robbie Brooks, Syble DeLoach, Sally Hosea, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, Debbie Murphy, Cindy Ratliff, Sue Williams.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun. 03/26	Fourth Sunday in Lent	
Mon. 03/27	Presbyterian Women Meeting	11:30am
Mon. 03/27	Pipeline Deadline	

Church Secretary: Lisa Temple Director of Music: Mark Reeves, CAGO
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