



# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday February 18, 2018, 10:30 A.M.

### FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Worship begins when the first person arrives. Please worship silently through the prelude.

The congregation reads or sings parts in bold.

\*Please stand if able

In the presence of a holy God, we become aware of the ways we fall short of God's best hopes for us, and the ways we have hurt others. We turn to God in prayer, asking for forgiveness.

We express gratitude that through God's grace and Christ's giving of himself on the cross we are forgiven and restored to God and one another.

The Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient responses in worship. Having received Christ's peace, we pass it on.

We invite young children to come to the front at this time.

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Today is the first Sunday in the season of Lent, when we are invited to examine the roots of our Christian discipleship and identify with Jesus' journey to the cross. The early Sundays are a wilderness time – an opportunity to go deep into our hearts and the souls of our communities, to recognize the horror and depth of our estrangement from God, and to begin systematically to put things right.

### PRELUDE

"Lent 1" from A Gregorian Liturgical Year  
O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days  
Prelude au Kyrie

Gerald Near  
Franklin Ashdown  
Jean Langlais

### WORDS OF WELCOME

(Please circulate the friendship forms found in the aisle seats.)

Rev. Robert Martin

### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The glory of God shines like a consuming fire.

**P: We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

L: The voice of God thunders like a mighty storm.

**P: Out of the cloud, God speaks: This is my beloved Son; listen to him!**

Debra Orr

### \*HYMN 457

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

### \*DECLARATION OF PARDON

L: Friends, believe the good news.

**P. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

### \*Gloria Patri – 579

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 and Amen.

### \*Passing the Peace and Greetings

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Children are encouraged to go downstairs for music time after the Children's Moment. Younger children thru K may remain in the nursery and older children will return to the worship service.)

Puppet Ministry

### ANTHEM

Ubi Caritas

Maurice Duruflé (based on Medieval Latin chant)

Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ's love has gathered us into one.  
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him. Let us fear, and let us love the living God.  
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

Where charity and love are, God is there. As we are gathered into one body,  
Beware, lest we be divided in mind. Let evil impulses stop, let controversy cease,  
And may Christ our God be in our midst.

Where charity and love are, God is there. And may we with the saints also,  
See Thy face in glory, O Christ our God: The joy that is immense and good,  
Unto the ages through infinite ages. Amen.

# PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Gracious God, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert; as we are formed by your word, help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 25:1-10 (page 502 in pew Bible)  
Mark 1:9-15 (pages 34, 35 in pew Bible)

Liturgist Orr  
Rev. Martin

*L. This is the Word of the Lord!*

**P: Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

*Daily Resurrection*

Rev. Robert Martin

## \*HYMN 81

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

ST. FLAVIAN

# RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Robert Martin

## OFFERING / OFFERTORY

*From Depths of Woe*

Robert Powell

**\*Doxology - 592 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise \*\*Him, all creatures here below, Praise \*\*Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

**Dear God, receive this offering. Guide those who use it so that it may help bring fullness to their lives, meet their needs, and bring all of us closer to you. Amen.**

## \*HYMN 178

*Lord, To You My Soul Is Lifted*

GENEVAN 25

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Fugue on the Kyrie*

Francois Couperin

**February is Blanket Month** - The Presbyterian Women and FPC is once again sponsoring the February Blanket+ Month program for Church World Service. CWS works in partnership with local communities to identify needs in various ways: Blankets, tents, food and other emergency supplies; Tools & seeds for refugees returning home to replant; Wells for families living in drought prone areas; and Literacy training/micro-credit for women struggling to realize their potential. Giving envelopes and pink hearts will be available in the church pews, the narthex and the church office during the month of February.



**Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church with Blankets in the memo line.**

Please give to this worthy cause and thank you.

**Fourth Sunday Food Pantry Sunday** - Fourth Sunday of each month. Canned goods, non-perishables and monetary donations are always needed and welcomed. Use the brown envelopes on the back of the pew (check Food Pantry) for monetary donations. Food donations can be dropped off at the church or church office. Contact Dan Neason (592-2823), FPC representative, for more info.

### Worshiping With Children

- \* AFPC welcomes children in the worship service, whether in the pews or in the Children's Corner.
- \* Nursery is available for infant thru age 6 downstairs.
- \* Please tell childcare staff about any allergies.
- \* Bathrooms are located at the top of the stairs to the overflow area and in Fellowship Hall.
- \* Changing tables are located in the nursery and upstairs restroom.
- \* All children are welcome to attend the church service with their families or the childcare staff until after the Children's Moment.

*On behalf of the congregation, the Pastor expresses the corporate prayers of the congregation. These prayers are for world, local and personal concerns.*

*Doxology literally means "words of glory." Doxologies have long been used by Jews and Christians to praise God. Here we honor and thank God "from whom all blessings flow."*

REVISED COMMON  
LECTIONARY

This lectionary provides a three-year series of readings for Sunday starting with the season of Advent, four weeks before Christmas Day. The three year cycle is split into years – A, B, and C. For each Sunday and festival, three readings and a psalm are suggested and include: a Gospel reading, an Old Testament reading, and a New Testament reading. The lectionary is a work of The Consultation on Common Texts, an ecumenical consultation of liturgical scholars and denominational representatives from the United States and Canada, who produce liturgical texts for use in common by North American Christian Churches.

Each year of the Revised Common Lectionary centers on one of the synoptic Gospels – Matthew, Mark and Luke. The Gospel of John is read periodically in all three years and is especially frequent in Year B.

You can watch a broadcast of FPC Worship service on Athens Community Television.  
**Schedule**  
9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Monday through Friday  
and  
5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for Sunday, February 18, 2018, the First Sunday in Lent (Year B)

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Genesis 9:8-17</b>
<b>Psalm</b>	<b>Psalm 25:1-10</b>
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>1 Peter 3:18-22</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Mark 1:9-15</b>

**First Reading Genesis 9:8-17**

8Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 9“ As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, 10and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. 11I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” 12God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: 13I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. 14When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, 15I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” 17God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

**Second Reading 1 Peter 3:18-22**

18For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, 19in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, 20who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. 21And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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**Lenten Soup and Study - An Acceptable Fast - Tuesday evenings during Lent, February 20th, 27th, March 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th. Soup suppers begin at 5:30 p.m., with study from 6:00-7:00 p.m.**  
This study examines the Old Testament lectionary passages of Lent (Year C) for six themes of Christian discipline and reflection: voicing gratitude, taking the long view, choosing well, accepting responsibility, welcoming the future, and trusting God through times of conflict. Such practices cultivate a life of contentment, honoring God and God’s creation, and living generously toward neighbors. The study was written by Old Testament scholar and teacher Patricia K. Tull and designed for use over six weeks. Tull begins each session by locating the biblical verses in their original context and then exploring a key Lenten theme related to the text. Themes include: voice gratitude, take the long view, choose well, accept responsibility, welcome the future and trust God in times of conflict. Each session ends with a meditation on how the text speaks to our modern situation. A take-home question for reflection is also provided each week for participants’ home Lenten meditation. This study explores the Old Testament readings for lectionary year C, although the themes explored through these scriptures are appropriate to address at any time during the Christian life.

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**Deacon of the Month - Harold Robison**  
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*A friend to call in time of need*

Ushers - Harvey Ballard and Kim Jordan

Liturgist - Debra Orr

Puppeteers: Bobbi Conliffe and Bob Stewart

Chancel Preparation - Harvey Ballard

Acolytes - Brandon James and Andersen Trachsel

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**Church Activities for the Week**

**February is BLANKET MONTH**

**SUNDAY, February 11th - 18th – 1st Sunday in Lent**

- 9:00 A.M. - Reading the Bible in a Year Study, library
- 9:30 A.M. - Sunday School for all ages, various rooms
- 9:45 A.M. - Chancel choir rehearsal, choir room
- 10:00 A.M. - Children's chime choir rehearsal, classroom 3
- 10:30 A.M. - Puppets during Worship, Sanctuary
- Following Children's Moment - Children's Church, classrooms
- 11:30 A.M. - Children's crafts, classroom 3
- 11:30 A.M. - Coffee and fellowship, fellowship hall
- 11:45 A.M. - Confirmation class, lounge

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**MON., 19th - President's Day - the church office is closed**

- Noon - Al-Anon, library
- 6:00-8:30 P.M. - Calliope Choir rehearsal, fellowship hall

**TUES., 20th - Noon - March Newsletter Deadline**

- Noon - Bible Study, Library
- 3:30-7:30 P.M. - Presbytery meeting, Chillicothe First Presbyterian Church
- 5:30-7:00 P.M. - Lenten Soup and Study, fellowship hall (*for more info, see page 3 of bulletin*)

**WED., 21st - 7:00 A.M. - AA, library**

- 6:00 P.M. - Bell choir rehearsal, bell choir room
- 7:00 P.M. - Chancel choir rehearsal, Sanctuary

**THURS., 22nd - 11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. - College lunch and fellowship, fellowship hall**

**FRI., 23rd - Youth leave for Youth Retreat**

**SAT., 24th - 9:30 A.M.-Noon - Good Works Annual Walk, fellowship hall**

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**SUNDAY, February 25th - 2nd Sunday in Lent / Food Pantry Sunday**

- 9:30 A.M. - Sunday School for all ages, various rooms
- 9:45 A.M. - Chancel choir rehearsal, choir room
- 10:00-10:30 A.M. - Trail Mix assembly, fellowship hall
- 10:00 A.M. - Children's chime choir rehearsal, classroom 3
- 10:30 A.M. - Minute for Mission during Worship, Sanctuary
- Following Children's Moment - Children's Church, classrooms
- 11:30 A.M. - Children's crafts, classroom 3
- 11:30 A.M. - Coffee and fellowship, fellowship hall
- 11:35 A.M.-Noon - Trail Mix assembly, fellowship hall

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**Baked Potato Luncheon - Mission trip fundraiser - March 4th.** This is a fundraiser for FPC's mission trip to Webster Springs from May 26th-June 2nd. Please come and support the mission of the church! If you are interested in finding out more about the trip or joining others, please contact Carla Boyle.

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**College Lunch New** - College lunches have moved to Thursdays! Lee Gregg has taking the lead, with Wendy Toadvine contacting people. Interested in cooking, baking or volunteering? Contact Lee Gregg or the church office

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**Trail Mix Ministry Assembly** - Snack bags are assembled the fourth Sunday of each month, 10:00-10:20 a.m. and 11:35 a.m.-Noon in Fellowship Hall. Monetary (use the brown giving envelopes and mark Trail Mix on it). In kind donations are appreciated. This month's date is February 25th.