

Service for the Lord's Day

Second Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2016

All sinners are welcome here.

Please leave your sin outside, to enter this Holy Place in reverence and gratitude.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

Today, tomorrow, and the next day, we will seek to be faithful. Spirit with confidence in us, transform our fear into grace, and shelter us under the wings of your peace Amen.

Gathering

PRELUDE

"The Good Shepherd"

Wood

WELCOME

Steve Lowe

*INTROIT #403

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"(v.1)

Schmolck, 1732

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life. Of whom shall I be afraid?

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

I will discover the gift of peace, and offer it to our broken world.

Today, and the next day, and the next, the Holy Spirit will come.

Wait for the Lord. Be strong and let your heart take courage! I will wait for the Lord.

*HYMN #49

"The God of Abraham Praise"

Olivers, 1770

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our Lord welcomes sinners to his Table of grace. If you believe that you are a sinner, then approach him with confidence and with humility. And the Lord will respond with mercy. So, let us confess our sin. 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

Offered a feast at grace's table, God of the new covenant, we choose to gorge ourselves on the empty calories of greed. Invited to live in your house, we move into death's fear-infested shack. Though you promise to be with us, we toss you aside, chasing after those who will abandon us at the first chance. But you will not let the foxes of foolishness devour us, Loving

God. You give us peace which heals us, wonder which surprises us, and faith which enables us to let go of the present and walk into the covenant of grace. We bow before you! Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God does not abandon us. God gathers us up, forgives us again, and leads us to that shelter of love and life. We are saved in the name of the Christ!

Today, tomorrow, and the next day, God's grace rests upon us and gives us hope and mercy. Thanks be to God! We are forgiven. 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.

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Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Genesis 15: 1-12

Bibles, p.11/LG. p.14

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #440

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

Wesley, 1740

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Luke 13:31-35

Bibles, p.72/ LG. p.93

The Word of God, for the People of God

Thanks be to God

SERMON

"Focused in Front of Pharisees"

Rev. Candice L. Klein

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

How is the Word of God to be read?

The Holy Scriptures are to be read with a high and reverent esteem of them, with a firm persuasion that they are the very Word of God, and that only God can enable us to understand them. The Holy Spirit gives us the desire to know, believe, and obey the will of God revealed in Scriptures, gives us diligence and attention to the matter and scope of them, and teaches us to meditate on them, apply them to our lives, practice self-denial and pray through them.

- The Larger Catechism 7.267

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

Walcha

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

*HYMN #343

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” (v. 1-3)

North, 1903

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #343

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” (v. 4)

POSTLUDE

“Whoever lets our dear God Rule”

J.S. Bach

(*) Those who are able may stand.

Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

This week’s prayers and concerns: Tolly Dill and family, Jack Clark and family, Jack Gray, Debbie Murphy, Syble DeLoach, and Cindy Ratliff

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon. 02/22

Presbyterian Women

11:30am

Mon. 02/22

Pipeline Deadline

Sun. 02/28

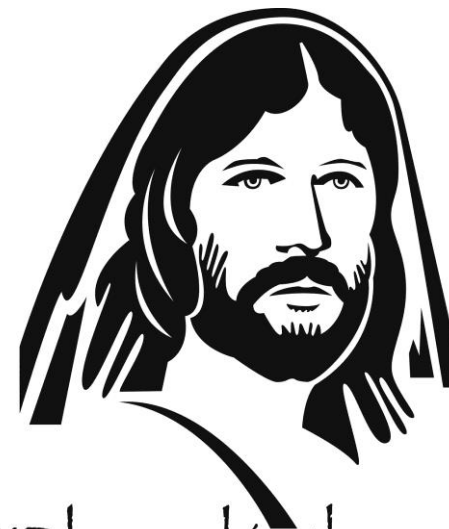
Third Sunday in Lent

Choir Practice Every Wed. at 6:00pm

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Custodian: Bob Schauwecker Nursery Attendant: Martha Baughman



“Blessed is the one
who comes in the name
of the Lord.”

LUKE 13:35, NRSV

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