

10:30 Worship March 15, 2020

Third Sunday in Lent

**WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME**

Greeting/Announcements/Worship Leader Mike Koch

Prelude

Gathering Song: "How Great Thou Art" Hymnal #51 v. 1

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.  
\*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:  
how great thou art, how great thou art! (\*repeat)**

\*Salutation and Call to Worship:

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;

**Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.**

Let us come before Him with thanksgiving

**and extol Him with music and song.**

For the Lord is the great God,

**the great King above all gods.**

In His hand are the depths of the earth,

**And the mountain peaks belong to Him.**

The sea is His, for He made it,

**And His hands formed the dry land.**

Come, let us bow down in worship,

**Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;**

For He is our God and we are the people of His pasture,

**the flock under His care.**

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;

**Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation!**

\*Hymn: "How Great Thou Art" Hymnal #51 v. 3-4

\*Let us pray a unison prayer of Confession:

**O God, our heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, desires, words and deeds. Daily we have disobeyed your will and broken your commandments. We have neglected what you require. We have been sluggish in doing your will. We have not loved You with our whole heart and soul, or with all our strength and mind. Have mercy on us and forgive us for Jesus' sake. Enlarge our hearts so that we run the way of your commandments. Fill us with your Spirit so that we delight to do your will. Let our lights shine, so that others see our good works and glorify you, heavenly Father. Hear us, Lord, as we pray and confess our sins in silence.**

\*Silent Confession of Sin and Amen

\*Assurance of Pardon: My friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. (Acts 13:38)

\*The Gloria Patri Hymnal # 734

Walks with Jesus Jim Luedtke

Children (K thru 2nd grade) exit for Children's Church

First Scripture Reading: Exodus 17:1-7 Pew Bible p.71

Prayers of the People (see list below)

and The Lord's Prayer Hymnal - Inside Front Cover

\* Hymn: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" Hymnal #255

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

\*Doxology Hymnal #34

\*The Apostles' Creed Hymnal - Inside Front Cover

\*Prayer

Anthem: "Create in Me a Clean Heart" Mark Patterson

**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

Second Scripture Reading: Psalm 95:6-11 Pew Bible #583

Sermon: "Will You Hear His voice Today?" Jim Luedtke

Prayer

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

\*Hymn: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" Hymnal #501

\*Charge and Blessing

Choir Response

\*Congregation Standing

**Directives for Prayer**

Paul & Reinhold Sydnor, IAFR, France

Fred Collins

Shut-in & Nursing home residents

Coronavirus

We welcome our visitors and ask them to fill out a blue visitor card located in the pew rack. We invite you to commit your life to the Lord Jesus Christ in Christian discipleship and become a member of this fellowship. You may do this by meeting with the Session to express your faith in Christ in one of the following ways: Profession of Faith, Transfer of Membership or Reaffirmation of Faith.

**Listening devices** are available from the audio support person at the rear of the sanctuary.

**Prayer Cards** are available in each pew. If you would like to have a card sent to someone that we pray for during the service, please fill out the card and place in the offering plate. Our prayer card ministry team will send out a card during the following week.

**Ushers** – serving today: Carter Henderson at the North door and Robert Guthrie and Sue Bales\* at the South door. Today's Acolyte is Brittany Hazelwood. Audio: Colter Wickemeyer.

**Flowers** – Given with glory and humbleness to our heavenly Father for the Grace and Blessings He has allowed us through 63 years of marriage, by Sam and Kay Lewis.

**Children's Church and Nursery:** Children are invited to Children's Church in the room across from the nursery. Children's Church is for preschoolers through 2nd graders. Today's leader is Terri Hazelwood. Each Sunday the nursery mother is Terri Hazelwood.

**This Week's Announcements**

**Today's Preacher** - Our very own Jim Luedtke will be our preacher next week. Jim moved here in 2001, had been a pastor in 2 Lutheran churches in South Dakota and Indiana. Father of 6, grandpa to 22 and one great-grand daughter. Wife Susie, has been a member of our choir. Jim has been actively involved at FPC since moving to South Boston.

**Nursing Home Residents** – We want to recognize and be in prayer for all our shut-ins and Senior Assistance residents: Julia Baskervill, Fred Collins, Clarice Crews, Glola Osborne, Joan Owens, Grace T. Seat, Ruth Jean Slayton, Frances Anne Thackston, and Corrine Williams. They are more isolated at this time of year, as visitors often stay away during the flu season. We want to be mindful of their frailties, and cautious of their health. We pray for their continued well being and strong faith to abound.

**5 Cents-a-Meal** – Today! The Session approved changing the collection date of Five Cents-a-Meal donations to the third Sunday of each month. This will allow funds to be collected and sent out during the same month, and keep the books accurate. Please mark donations accordingly.

**Deacons and Elders** – Mark your calendars. Tomorrow, March 16 will be the next meeting. Deacons meet at 7 pm, Elders at 7:30 pm.

**Lenten Luncheons** – Our Lenten Luncheons continue this Wednesday, March 18. This week Rev. Bill Wilkins from Mt. Vernon Baptist Church will provide the devotional. Plan now to attend these devotionals and add a bit more spiritual moments into your week as we prepare for Easter. Pack a lunch and come for fellowship at 12 noon. Devotional will begin at 12:30 and conclude at 12:45. Beverages and desserts will be provided.

**Next Week's Preacher** - our very own Mike Rand - He and his wife, Kak, have been members of FPC for 9 years. Mike is currently serving as a Ruling Elder responsible for Personnel and Finance. We enjoyed his past several messages. We are honored to hear from him again. Come out and enjoy his thoughts.

**Good Samaritan** – We continue to collect for the Good Samaritan. Items they need in particular are: Powdered milk in packets, cereals, canned stews and Chunky soups, canned vegetables, canned fruit. Items listed above can be dropped in the Good Sam box in the foyer. Monetary donations should be marked "Good Samaritan".

**Stephen Ministry** – Please pray for our Stephen Ministers. We can use more Stephen Ministers. What is a Stephen Minister? A Christian friend who listens, cares, prays supports and encourages those in need. We have openings for more care receivers, as well. If you would like to help others, or know someone who is in need of care, please reach out to the church office, any Stephen leader, or any Elder.

**VBS** – First Baptist is planning to have their Vacation Bible Study the first week of June. They are looking for volunteers to help as well as children to come participate.

**Calendar**

**Sunday, March 15**    9:30 am – Sunday School  
 10:30 am – Worship

**Monday, March 16**    7:00 pm – Deacons  
 7:30 pm - Elders

**Tuesday, March 17**    12 noon – NA  
 7:00 pm – Hope Cancer Group

**Wednesday, March 18**    12 noon – Lenten Luncheon  
 7:00 pm - Choir

**Thursday, March 19**    7:00 pm – Men of the Church

Friday, March 20    12 noon AA

Saturday, March 21    12:00 noon NA

**Church Staff**

Sherolyn Barnett, Office Manager  
 Christopher (Chris) D. Jones, Church Musician  
 Doris Koch, Church Treasurer  
 Ernest (Avon) Traynham, Sexton  
 Terri Hazelwood, Nursery Leader

**Session**

**Betsy Soto – Moderator**

**Class of 2020**  
 Linda Lumsden  
 Donald Cherry  
 Sandi Hughes, Clerk

**Class of 2021**  
 Carol Foster  
 Carter Henderson  
 Mike Koch

**Class 2022**  
 Mike Freshour  
 Robert Guthrie  
 Mike Rand

**Diaconate**

Diane Greene, Chairman

**Class of 2020**  
 Sue Bales  
 Kelly Chappell  
 Diane Greene

**Class of 2021**  
 Joanna Hughes  
 Paige Powell  
 Terri Smith

**Class of 2022**  
 Michaella Freshour  
 Lorene Gilliam  
 Pattie Grubbs

**Trustees**

Richard Harrell III  
 (2020)

Michael M. Rand  
 (2021)

Leon Plaster  
 (2022)

**The W.W. Glass Scholarship Fund Trustees**

Paige Powell  
 (2019)

Tee Godbold  
 (2021)

Terri Smith  
 (2022)



*Let us kneel before  
 the Lord, our Maker!  
 Psalm 95:6*

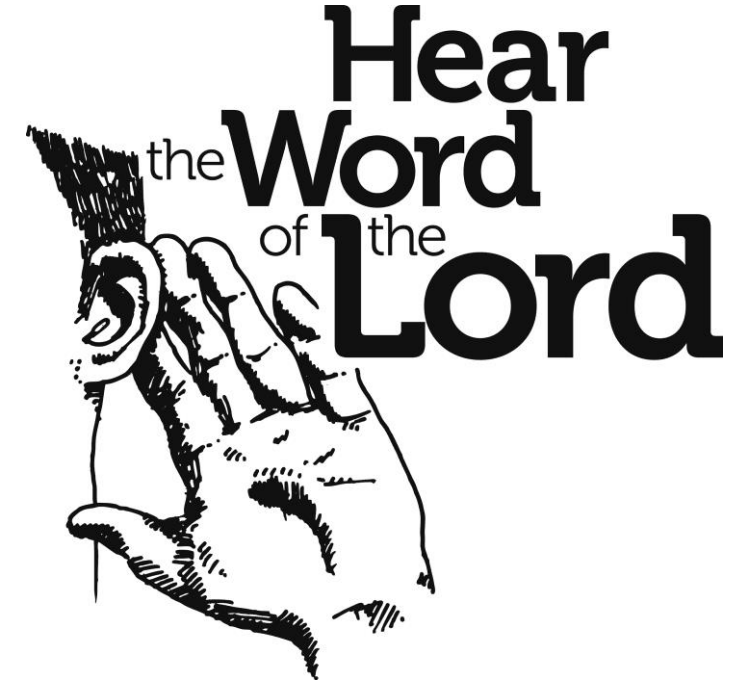


First Presbyterian Church is a  
 Stephen Ministry Congregation

**Our Missionaries**

Art & Andrea Carter, OMF  
 Dave & Rachael Carter, Pioneers  
 Matthew & Teresa Lee, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Cameroon  
 Paul & Reinhild Sydnor, IAFR, France  
 Persecution Project Foundation, Sudan  
 Students in Zambia

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Mission Statement

**"Growing God's Presence"**  
**Foundational Principles**  
*Christ Centered~Biblically Based~  
 Spirit Led~Grounded in Faith and Love*  
**Values**  
*Committed~Servant Heart~  
 Nurturing~Welcoming~Visioning*

**The Lord's Supper** is observed quarterly.  
 All Christians are invited to commune with us.  
 A nursery is provided for pre-school children and  
 Children's Church is available for children thru 2nd grade each Sunday.  
 5 cents-a-meal Offering is collected the third Sunday of each month.  
 Worship every Sunday 10:30 am  
 and Sunday School at 9:30 am.

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