

10:30 Worship March 8, 2020
Second Sunday in Lent

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Greeting/Announcements/Worship Leader Don Cherry

Prelude

Gathering Song: "God of the Ages, History's Maker" Hymnal #78 v. 1

**God of the ages, history's Maker,
planning our pathway, holding us fast,
shaping in mercy all that concerns us:
Father, we praise you, Lord of the past.**

*Salutation and Call to Worship:

We celebrate the loving presence of God in our lives.

May God's loving presence be a strong influence in our lives today.

Nurturing God, we gather in Your name to worship You and Your teachings.

We rejoice that God teaches us about love and forgiveness.

As we grow in faith, trust, and love for God,

May our worship, witness, and service bring honor to God's Holy Name.

May the Lord be with you.

And also with you!

*Hymn: ""God of the Ages, History's Maker" Hymnal #78 v. 2-4

*Let us pray a unison prayer of Confession:

All knowing God, You know our thoughts and our feelings. You know, at times, we plot retribution and revenge against our enemies. We lose faith of Your protection of us, Your plan for us, and Your plan for our enemies. The most You could do was to die for me. The least I can do is to live for You, with forgiveness and true love for all others. Hear our prayers as we continue our confession in silence.

*Silent Confession of Sin and Amen

*Assurance of Pardon:

Jesus knows our every thought, and loves us still.

We accept Christ's love and forgiveness.

Believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*The Gloria Patri Hymnal # 734
Children (K thru 2nd grade) exit for Children's Church

First Scripture Reading: Hebrews 12:1-3 Pew Bible p.1170
Prayers of the People (see list below) Hymnal - Inside Front Cover
and The Lord's Prayer
* Hymn: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" Hymnal #419

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology Hymnal #34

*The Apostles' Creed Hymnal - Inside Front Cover

*Prayer

Anthem: "I Will Sing of My Redeemer" Philip Bliss

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Second Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 6:8-23 Pew Bible #361

Sermon: "The Hand We See" Ed Lyons

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn: "We Are All One in Mission" Hymnal #552

*Charge and Blessing

*Response

Choir Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

Persecution Project Foundation, Sudan

Fred Collins

Shut-in: Clarice Crews

Grace T. Seat

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: JE and Suzanne Tuck at the North door and James Edmunds and Lorene Gilliam* at the South door. Today's Acolyte Caroline Edmunds. Audio: Carter Henderson.

Flowers – Given to the glory of God and in honor of "birthday week" at the Cherry Household (Dargan, Don & Shannon) by Dargan and Don Cherry.

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 Jennifer Edmunds. Each Sunday the nursery mother is Terri Hazelwood.

This Week's Announcements

Today's Preacher and Sunday School Teacher– Ed Lyons – A Director of Ministry Advancement & Field Reporting Services for Persecution Project Foundation, a ministry to the persecuted Christians in Sudan and headquartered in Culpeper, VA. Persecution Project is a new ministry for First Presbyterian Church. Ed and his wife, Lisa have one biological son, and two daughters they adopted from Siberia.

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".

Next Week'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.

Steven 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.

Lenten Luncheons – Our Lenten Luncheons continue this Wednesday, March 11. This week Rev. Tim Mull from Ash Avenue 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.

5 Cents-a-Meal – 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. Therefore, next Sunday, March 15 we will collect for this Presbytery program.

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

Calendar

Sunday, March 8 9:30 am – Sunday School
10:30 am – Worship

Tuesday, March 10 12 noon – NA
7:00 pm – Hope Cancer Group

Wednesday, March 11 12 noon – Lenten Luncheon
7:00 pm - Choir

Thursday, March 12 7:00 pm – Men of the Church

Friday, March 13 12 noon AA

Saturday, March 14 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

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Linda Lumsden
Donald Cherry
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Our Missionaries

Art & Andrea Carter, OMF
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Matthew & Teresa Lee, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Cameroon
Paul & Reinhild Sydnor, IAFR, France
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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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