

# First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024  
10:30 A.M.

FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH



# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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## THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

From water to wilderness:

**God's covenant continues;**

**God's kingdom comes near.**

On stone and in hearts:

**God's covenant continues;**

**God's kingdom comes near.**

From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up:

**God's covenant continues,**

**God's kingdom comes near.**

We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,

**For where he is, we would be also.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, your Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin. Give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

\*HYMN 165

*The Glory of These Forty Days*

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Stephanie Dube

May God be with you in worship here.

**May God be with you in worship there.**

*Children may depart the sanctuary with their teacher for Worship & Wonder. They will return to the sanctuary before communion.*

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

2 Cor. 5:20

In the name of Christ, I urge you: be reconciled to God. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mercy, we begin this Lenten season in confession. We do not live according to your ways, but according to our own. We condone violence, participate in systems of injustice, and use power to our own advantage at the expense of others. Teach us your commandments; help us to turn from evil in its many guises and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near. In covenantal love, remember us, we pray, and be for us, once more and always, an ark of safety and new life. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

*A brief silence is kept for personal prayer.*

SUNG RESPONSE

Text: Greek, "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy" Tune: Antonin Dvorak

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## POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*1 Pet. 3:20-22*

As Noah and his family were brought safely through the flood onto dry ground, so in baptismal waters we are brought from death into new life in Christ. Jesus Christ, who is at the right hand of God, forgives us and reconciles us and all things in heaven and on earth. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since we have been reconciled to God, let us also be reconciled to one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

## \*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 833)

ST. MARGARET

**O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.**

**O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.**

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us by your Word through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 3:18-22

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

Mark 1:9-15

The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Apostles' Creed*

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

**THE EUCHARIST**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

*Peace I Leave with You*

Philip M. Young

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. (John 14:27)

\*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise...**  
...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

*Sung by all:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest!** *The prayer continues.*

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

#### BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All who seek God are invited to the table, regardless of church affiliation or any other condition or identity. Ushers will guide you forward to partake by taking a piece of bread and dipping it in the cup. Prepackaged gluten-free elements are available in the baskets near the communion stations. Servers will come to those who prefer to remain in their seats.*

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Thank you, gracious God for giving us bread for the journey of these forty days. As we travel on through the wilderness help us to share your grace with others and draw us ever closer to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### THE SENDING

\*HYMN 775

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

WALK WITH ME

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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*\*Rise in body or spirit*

### LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry* | Liturgist: *Jerry Price*

Communion Servers: *Tom & Susan Furlong* | Worship and Wonder: *Stephanie Dube*

# The Life of the Church

**Youth Group** meets tonight at 5:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall.

**Our Wednesday Night Lenten Series** begins this week and runs through March 20.

5:00 P.M. | Dinner provided by groups in the congregation

5:40 P.M. | Worship in Fellowship Hall

6:00 P.M. | Classes for All Ages

The Adult Class will be exploring Barbara Brown Taylor's book *Learning to Walk in the Dark*. Here is the discussion schedule:

- Feb. 21: Introduction, Chapters 1 & 2
- Feb. 28: Chapters 3 & 4
- Mar. 6: Chapters 5 & 6
- Mar. 13: Chapters 7 & 8
- Mar. 20: Chapter 9 & Epilogue

**A Health Fair** will be held on Saturday, February 24 from 1:00-3:00 P.M. at FPC. We plan to have healthy cooking and exercise demonstrations, representatives from community organizations, and lots of resources related to building an everyday lifestyle that improves health. Help us spread the word about this opportunity for the whole community!

**FPC Night Out at Pamir** is scheduled for Sunday, March 3 at 5:30 P.M. Pamir is a restaurant opened by some of the folks who have resettled here from Afghanistan. In addition to trying some delicious Afghan cuisine, we will have an opportunity to hear the stories of a few of these newer Owensboro neighbors.

**Hearing Assistance Devices** are available. Please see an usher if you would like to use one.

**Financial Update** Our ministry is funded by the giving of members and friends. Thank you for your generosity.

<b>Year to Date (through Jan.)</b>	<b>Month of Feb. to Date</b>	<b>Week Ending Feb. 17</b>
Income: \$57,974.27	Income: \$28,026.95	Income: \$5,356.13
<u>Expense: \$46,202.16</u>	<u>Expense: \$25,536.80</u>	<u>Expense: \$2,483.93</u>
Balance: \$11,772.11	Balance: \$ 2,490.15	Balance: \$2,872.20



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