

Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2024
10:30 A.M.

FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pilgrims, we are invited to journey through this season

Toward the One who calls each by a new name.

Disciples, we walk with Jesus wherever he leads us,

Pulling our fears, our doubts, our longings behind us.

Believers, we seek to trust the God who always surprises us,

Whose promises take on flesh and blood in the good news called Jesus.

*OPENING PRAYER

God of Sarah and Abraham, long ago you embraced your people in covenant and promised them your blessing. Strengthen us in faith, that, with your disciples of every age, we may proclaim your deliverance to generations yet unborn; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*HYMN 49

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

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

O God, you have made us your covenant people, marked us as your own, and charged us for lives of service. Forgive us when we live as if success were the worthiest aim or independence the highest virtue. Call us once more to take up our crosses, and show us how to follow you. Forgive us, O God, and wash us in your mercy. Forgive us, O God, and free us to try again. Amen.

A brief silence is kept for personal prayer.

SUNG RESPONSE

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

The musical score consists of seven staves of music in 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isa. 55:3

Listen, so that you may live: the steadfast love of the Lord never fails.
In the name of 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 829)

OLIVET

**My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day be wholly thine.**

**May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;
As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!**

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, open our hearts to receive your Word, reveal to us the good news, and enable us to trust in the promise of salvation in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalms 22:23-31 A song of God's covenant people. **Amen.**

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“What’s In a Name?”

Rev. Marilyn Ericksen

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from a Brief Statement of Faith—Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel

against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

Show Me Thy Ways

Walter L. Pelz

Hunter Jones, Guitar Linda Cole, Oboe

Show me thy ways, O Lord, teach me thy paths; Lead me in thy truth and teach me:
For thou art the God of my salvation and on thee do I wait all the day. (Psalm 25:4, 5)

*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

We give you thanks, O God, for here at your table you have transformed us from individuals into the body of Christ. Make us strong for your service that we may be messengers of your reconciling love for all people. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Marilyn Ericksen* | Assisting: *Stephanie Dube* | Liturgist: *Patti Price*
Communion Servers: *Debbie McCoy & Pat Corkran* | Worship and Wonder: *Kim Lashbrook*

The Life of the Church

Youth Group meets tonight from 5:00-7:00 P.M.

Mission Committee meets today following worship in the Gardenside Parlor.

Our Wednesday Night Lenten Series continues 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. 28: Chapters 3 & 4
- Mar. 6: Chapters 5 & 6
- Mar. 13: Chapters 7 & 8
- Mar. 20: Chapter 9 & Epilogue

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.

Year to Date (through Jan.)	Month of Feb. to Date	Week Ending Feb. 23
Income: \$57,974.27	Income: \$33,041.95	Income: \$5,015.00
<u>Expense: \$46,202.16</u>	<u>Expense: \$35,147.25</u>	<u>Expense: \$9,610.45</u>
Balance: \$11,772.11	Balance: -\$2,105.30	Balance: -\$4,595.45



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