

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 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

We enter into worship together,
reflections of God's glory.

**Inspired by God's presence,
we gather to join in praise.**

In joy, we lift our voices.

With adoration, we express our gratitude.

*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, through Jesus Christ you bring salvation to the world. Give us strength to believe in him that we may share in his victory over the power of death and fulfill the purpose for which you have made us, for he lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*HYMN 409

God is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Diane Bowers

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

By the gift of your grace we are saved, O God, from all that separates us from you. Still, we would rather believe that we can earn your love. Still, we would rather believe that we are in ultimate control. Forgive us when we do not recognize the radical gift of your grace; have mercy when we fail or refuse to share that grace with another. 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 is written in 4/4 time and consists of seven staves. 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

John 3:17

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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 649)

AMAZING GRACE

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.**

**The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.**

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

Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22

A song of God's covenant people. **Amen.**

Ephesians 2:1-10

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

SERMON

“God, Grace and Good Works”

Rev. Matt Curry

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

Make a Joyful Noise

John A. Behnke

Make a joyful noise, all the earth. Come before his presence with a song.
For the Lord is good, his love endures forever, and his faithfulness until the end of time. (Psalm 100)

*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 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

*CHARGE AND BENEDECTION

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry* | Liturgist: *Debbie Hutchinson*

Communion Servers: *Don Preuss & Debbie McCoy* | Worship and Wonder: *Susan Godthaab*

The Life of the Church

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:

- Mar. 13: Chapters 7 & 8
- Mar. 20: Chapter 9 & Epilogue

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	Month of Feb. (Final)	Week Ending Mar. 4
Income: \$100,889.78	Income: \$42,942.15	Income: \$ 9,241.95
<u>Expense: \$ 94,566.51</u>	<u>Expense: \$48,309.35</u>	<u>Expense: \$ 22,052.83</u>
Balance: \$ 6,323.27	Balance: -\$5,367.20	Balance: -\$12,810.88

REPAIRING THE BREACH

— ISAIAH 58

Presbyterians are at work around the world, doing the work of hunger prevention, disaster relief, and community empowerment. Please plan to support this mission on Easter Sunday through your generous participation in the annual One Great Hour of Sharing.

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