

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 26, 2023

1st Sunday in Lent

10:00 AM

*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: Audrey Geyman

PRELUDE

A Little More Faith In Jesus

Spiritual, Arr. John W. Work III

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TURKEY & SYRIA EARTHQUAKE UPDATE

PASSING THE PEACE

INTROIT HYMN

Now All The Woods Are Sleeping

J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: Let us worship God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

All: We are new creations; the old has gone, the new has come!

One: Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.

All: Through us and through our worship may we announce the good news to all.

One: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

All: Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!

***HYMN #167**

Forty Days and Forty Nights

Aus Der Tiefe Rufe Ich

CALL TO CONFESSION (One)

We remember our Lenten commitments with these words from Psalm 51: "The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise." Let us confess our sins to God and before one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God, you despise nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that, truly repenting of our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHORAL KYRIE

Lord Have Mercy

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsively)

based on 2 Corinthians 5:16-17

One: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Receive the good news of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Hymnal #585

*Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!
To God be glory forever! Alleluia, Amen!*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MOMENT FOR EDUCATION

Camp Excitement!

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

ANTHEM

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

Gilbert Martin

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 5:12-19

SERMON

"A Confounding Start"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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; the life everlasting. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and Lord's Prayer ("debts")

OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory *What can I, A Sinner, Do?* BWV 770 Partita 2 J.S.Bach

*Doxology (Unison) Hymn #710 *We Lift Our Voices, We are An Offering*

*We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering. Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives;
they are your: we are an offering.*

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:

we are an offering; we are an offering.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***HYMN #174**

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

Madeleine

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Abide In Me

Stephen Deeter

POSTLUDE

Chaconne

Johann Pachelbel

IN OUR PRAYERS: All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, Julius Peter (Eniko's brother), Alta Coddling, Linda Myers, Ken Oman, Mike Carver, Jan McLaughlin, Dean Clark (son of Mary Clarke), Courtney Schnitker (Tammy's daughter-in-law), the LGBTQIA+ Community, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, those picking up and trying to recover from surgery and loss.

This is a MORE LIGHT Presbyterian Church!

A "More Light" Presbyterian church welcomes lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons to full participation in the life, ministry, and witness of the congregation. We work to expand the inclusiveness of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

There are no closed doors here.

Christ Welcomes All Here!

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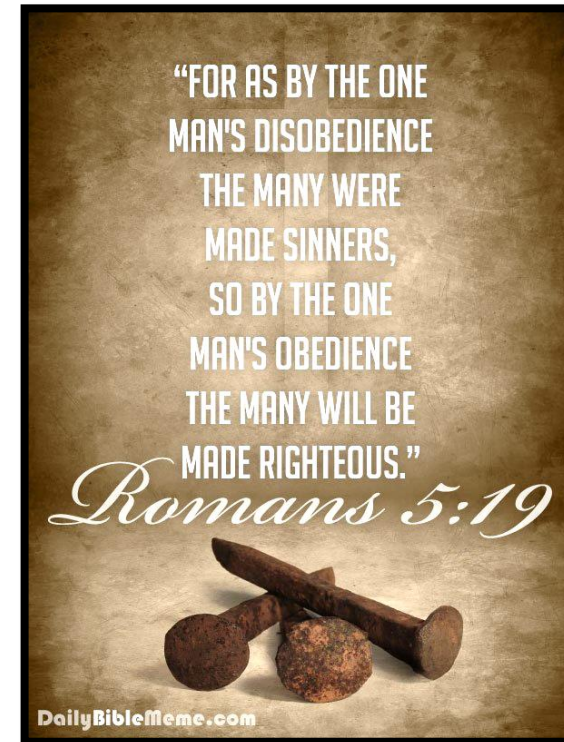


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Week of February 26 thru March 5

SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Chili & Soup Cook-off in Fellowship Hall
	4:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts in Green Lounge
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation Group in the FH
MONDAY		OFFICE IS CLOSED
	5:30 p.m.	Bible Study via Zoom
TUESDAY	1:00 p.m.	Book Group in the Green Lounge
	5:30 p.m.	La Conexion Classes (Nursery, Youth Lounge, Drama Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Nurture & Membership meetings
	8:00 p.m.	A.A. in the Green Lounge
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop
	12:00 p.m.	BULLETIN DEADLINE EVERY WEDS.
	6:00 p.m.	We Meet Dinner & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	Deacons' Shop is open to the public
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Mtg. in Pastor Jeff's office (office will be closed)
	5:30 p.m.	La Conexion Classes (Nursery, Youth Lounge, Drama Room)
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	8:00 p.m.	Meditation Group in the Green Lounge
SATURDAY	9:30 a.m.	Horizon Youth Theatre Workshops
SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service

Join us after the service today for our Chili (and soup!) cook-off.

This cook-off helps raise funds for offsetting the cost of sending our youth and families with their young ones to camp. Please bring an empty stomach and some bills to vote for your favorite dish! We hope to see you all there!



Zoom Bible Lectionary Study is Mondays at 5:30 p.m. The Zoom link is sent out every week by Pastor Jeff and if you are interested in joining, please let Pastor Jeff know by emailing him at fpbgjeff@gmail.com. **This next week the sermon is "A Confounding New Life"** based on the scripture readings from

Romans 4:1-5 & John 3:1-17. *It's easy to read Nicodemus' confusion with a scoff (if not a "yuck" when he proposes crawling back into his mother's womb!), but it must be acknowledged that the new life Jesus is offering Nicodemus comes from an entirely different paradigm that Nic is used to thinking in.*



First Christian Church – Helping Hands: Thank you for your support of this community project. Your monthly donations are greatly appreciated and needed. The next distribution date is March 10. **Please bring your donations by March 8** to the church lobby and place it in the donation bin. Our church is asked to **supply paper towels, toilet paper, shampoo, ladies’ small incontinence products, toothpaste, baby diapers (all sizes) and dog/cat food.** If you want to help but don’t have time to shop, a monetary donation can be made. We will do the shopping for you. **If**

you would like to participate with distribution of food and hygiene items on March 10, join us from 4:30 to 6:30 pm at First Christian Church, corner of Poe and Haskins Roads.

Presbyterian Women are pleased to offer white lilies for sale to decorate the church sanctuary for Easter and to commemorate and honor the memory of loved ones. We will have **15 plants available** this Easter and we ask that you check the church bulletin in the coming weeks for the order form, pricing, and the ordering deadline.



New Church Directory Coming Fall 2023 - The Membership Committee is planning to release a new church directory this fall. We have new staff and new members so we thought it was a good time! During coffee hour in March, committee members will be available with current directory lists so you can review and approve your address and phone information. **Dale Smith will be taking individual photos for the directory after church starting March 26th and throughout April.** A sign up for photo sessions will be in the fellowship hall. Watch for more information in the weekly bulletin.

The **Bowling Green Ministerial Association** is again doing a **Lenten luncheon** series during the Lenten season. The lunches are at Noon at different churches that are part of the association. The lunches are provided and begin at 12:05. **The first is this Wednesday March 1st at our church.**



We Meet **We Meet is back!** Our **first event is this Wednesday evening from 5:30 - 6:30** for Dinner and if you want to stay after for games and conversation you are more than welcome to! Please place a W next to your name in the friendship pad if you plan to come or tell Amanda so we have enough food.

Forty Days and Forty Nights

1. Forty days and forty nights you were fasting in the wild; forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled.
2. Shall not we your sorrow share and from worldly joys abstain, fasting with unceasing prayer, strong with you to suffer pain?
3. Then if Satan on us press, flesh or spirit to assail, victor in the wilderness, grant that we not faint nor fail!
4. So shall we have peace divine: holier gladness ours shall be; round us, too, shall angels shine, such as served you faithfully.
5. Keep, O keep us. Savior dear, ever constant by your side, that with you we may appear at the eternal Eastertide.

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

1. Come and seek the ways of Wisdom, she who danced when earth was new. Follow closely what she teaches, for her words are right and true, Wisdom clears the path to justice, showing us what love must do.
2. Listen to the voice of Wisdom, crying in the market place. Hear the Word made flesh among us, full of glory, truth, and grace. When the word takes root and ripens, peace and righteousness embrace.
3. Sister Wisdom, come, assist us; nurture all who seek rebirth. Spirit guide and close companion, bring to light our sacred worth. Free us to become your people, holy friends of God and earth.