

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

March 5, 2023

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

10:00 AM

\*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: Mike Evans

PRELUDE *What Wondrous Love Is This* Wilbur Held

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

INTROIT HYMN *Quiet Praise* Dan R. Edwards  
First Presby Bell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: Hear the Lord say: Is not this the fast I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice;

All: **To share your bread with the hungry;**

One: To bring the homeless poor into your house;

All: **When you see the naked, to clothe them?**

One: Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,

All: **And your healing shall spring up quickly.**

\*HYMN #618 *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High* Deo Gracias

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)

O Lord, you desire truth in our inward being; teach us wisdom in our secret heart. Send out your light, send out your truth, and let them lead us to our home. Take from us the weight of our sin, that room might be made for the spirit of truth. If we prepare a dwelling place, that spirit will abide within us, and the truth will set our spirits free. Then shall we love not only in word or in speech; then shall we love in deed and in truth, and by this know that our service is faithful. O Lord, you desire truth in our inward being; teach us wisdom in our secret heart.

CHORAL KYRIE *Lord Have Mercy*

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsively)

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 International Women's Day

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

ANTHEM *Adoramus Te* Palestrina

SCRIPTURE READING John 3:1-17

SERMON *"A Confounding New Life"*

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 *Bell Symphony* First Presby Bell Choir  
\*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 #707 *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord* Hall

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*Abide In Me*

Stephen Deeter

**POSTLUDE**

*Partita on "O Sacred Head"*

Gordon Young

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, Scarlett Nic, Linda Smith's sister, Carol; Julius Peter (Eniko's brother), Alta Coddling, Linda Myers, Ken Oman, Mike Carver, Jan McLaughlin, Dean Clark (son of Mary Clarke), 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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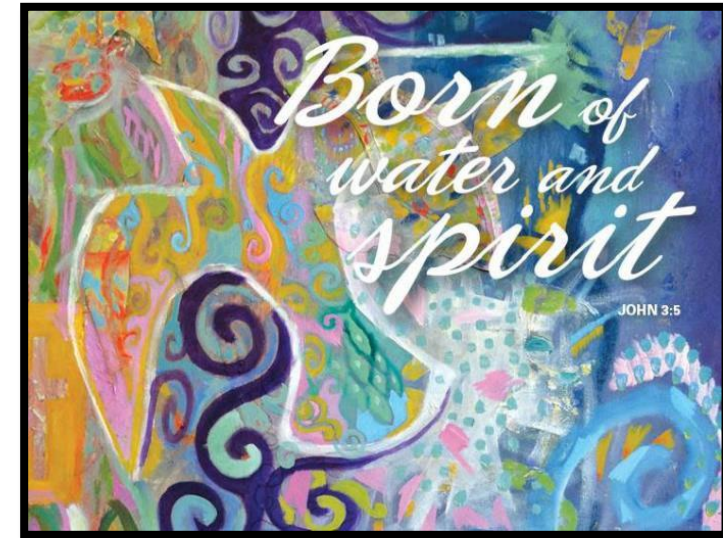
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# First Presbyterian Church

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***"A Confounding New Life"***

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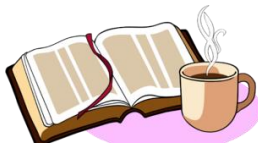
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**Week of March 5 thru March 12**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Refreshments &amp; Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall</b>
	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Youth Group</b>
		<b>Mission Committee meeting</b>
	4:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts in Green Lounge
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation Group in the FH
<b>MONDAY</b>		<b>OFFICE IS CLOSED</b>
	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	Horizon Youth Theatre play practice
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Bible Study via Zoom</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Green Team meeting</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Book Group in the Green Lounge</b>
	5:30 p.m.	La Conexion Classes (Nursery, Youth Lounge, Drama Room)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>W2W will meet in the Green Lounge</b>
	8:00 p.m.	A.A. in the Green Lounge
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop</b>
	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>BULLETIN DEADLINE EVERY WEDS.</b>
		<b>Lenten Lunches – this week at Trinity United Methodist</b>
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>We Meet Dinner &amp; Fellowship in Fellowship Hall</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Trustees meeting in the Gathering Place</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Deacons' Shop is open to the public</b>
	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Staff Mtg. in Pastor Jeff's office (office will be closed)</b>
	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Worship Committee meeting in staff conference room</b>
	5:30 p.m.	La Conexion Classes (Nursery, Youth Lounge, Drama Room)
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Bell Choir Rehearsal</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
	8:00 p.m.	Meditation Group in the Green Lounge
<b>FRIDAY</b>	4:30 p.m.	Horizon Youth Theatre play practice
<b>SATURDAY</b>	9:30 a.m.	Horizon Youth Theatre play practice
		<b>SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR BEFORE BED</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>

**The family of Alta Coddling** had a sale of her quilting material and supplies on Saturday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> in the Green Lounge. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the sexton for the set-up, the Presbyterian Women for arranging the little details, the church for lending us the space for this to happen in Mom's church, and to several church members who made purchases that day. Alta is glad to be able to share her beautiful material with so many community members. It was a lovely event.



**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 [fpcbgjeff@gmail.com](mailto:fpcbgjeff@gmail.com). **This next week the sermon is “Confounding Relationships”** based on the scripture readings from **Romans 5:1-11**

**& John 4:5-26.** *Everything about the woman at the well narrative is confounding – why Jesus is talking to her, what they’re talking about, her own domestic relationships. Yet the story ends with the great grace of a whole town learning of God’s love for them. Once again, we witness grace conquering confusion, which can give us hope for our own confounding relationships.*

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 lunch begins at 12:05 and is at Trinity United Methodist this week.



**We Meet meets every Wednesday in March 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.

**New Church Directory** - The Membership Committee is planning to release a new church directory this fall. 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.



Presbyterian Women are pleased to offer 15 white Easter Lilies for sale to decorate the church sanctuary for Easter and to commemorate and honor the memory of loved ones. The price is \$15.00 per plant. **Checks should be made payable to Presbyterian Women with the word “lily” on the memo line.** Money may be placed in the church offering plate or mailed to the Church office. **The deadline to request and turn in money is March 31<sup>st</sup>, or until the lilies are sold out.** Families who purchase flowers may pick them up after the Easter Service on April 9. Please fill out your easter Lily order with the following information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone number \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Memory or Honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. of plants ordered \_\_\_\_\_

## ***O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High***

1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high, beyond all thought and fantasy, that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.
2. For us baptized, for us he bore his holy fast and hungered sore; for us temptations sharp he knew, for us, the tempter over threw.
3. For us by wickedness betrayed, for us in crown of thorns arrayed, he bore the shameful crow and death; for us gave up his dying breath.
4. For us he rose from death again; for us he went on high to reign; for us he sent the Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
5. All glory to our Lord and God, for love so deep, so high, so broad: the Trinity whom we adore forever and forever more.

## ***Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord***

1. Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray; give us the mind of Christ each passing day; teach us to know the truth that sets us free; grant us in all our thoughts to honor thee.
2. Take thou our hearts, O Christ; they are thine own; come thou within our souls and claim thy throne; help us to shed abroad thy deathless love; use us to make the earth like heaven above.
3. Take thou our wills, Most High! Hold thou full sway; have in our inmost souls thy perfect way; guard thou each sacred hour from selfish ease; guide thou our ordered lives as thou dost please.
4. Take thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will; through our surrendered souls thy plans fulfill. We yield ourselves to thee: time, talents, all; we hear, and henceforth heed, thy sovereign call.