

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 11, 2024

10:00 a.m.

*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: Seamus Coon

PRELUDE *Shout to the Lord* Darlene Zschech

WELCOME
PASSING the PEACE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *God Is Here! (from #409)* Abbot's Leigh

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) *Psalm 99:1-3*

One: The Lord is Sovereign; let the people tremble in awe.

All: God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

One: The Lord is great in Zion and is high above all peoples.

All: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God, and worship God upon the holy mountain.

***HYMN #190** *"Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory"* Geneva

CALL TO CONFESSION (responsively) *based Romans 6:23*

The bad news is definitely bad, as the Apostle Paul reminds us: "The wages of sin are death." But the Good News is so much better, as "the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Friends, let us be bold in our faith in Christ Jesus and confess our sins before God and one another. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Eternal God, we confess that we do not expect and long for the transforming power of your love to work miracles in these hard hearts of ours. Yet we secretly long for a rescue, an escape, a miracle, to relieve us of the responsibilities and the challenges you set before us. Healing Spirit, renew our confidence in your power and in the power of love to change our lives, and give us courage to be the fully responsible persons Christ calls us to be. Amen.

CHORAL KYRIE RESPONSE *"Fear, a kyrie"* J.A. Schooley/S. Deeter

Forsaken and afraid
Embarrassed, eyes cast down
Anger burning within
Relief we cannot find

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsively) *2 Corinthians 3:17-18*

One: Amen. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and transformed!

All: Praise be to God! Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #584** *Glory, Glory, Glory* Cuequita

Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high! (x2)
And on earth peace to all people in whom God is well pleased (x2)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MOMENT FOR EDUCATION

SCRIPTURE READING **2 Kings 2:1-12**

ANTHEM *Grow, Lovely Rose* Gordon Young

SCRIPTURE READING **Mark 9:2-9**

SERMON *"Passing the Mantle"*

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS (see insert)

OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory *Fond D'Orgue* Louis Marchand

*Doxology (Unison) Hymn #606

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.

*Prayer of Dedication

***HYMN #825** *"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"* Swing Low

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *May the Lord Bless You And Keep You* G.F. Handel

***POSTLUDE** *Best of Mark Hayes* Charles Gabriel/Mark Hayes



Venmo

IN OUR PRAYERS: All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, Linda Smith's sister, Jaynie, Frank McLaughlin, Kat Nic, Scarlet Gensler-Nic, Linda Myers, Ken Oman, Mary Clarke, Dean Clarke (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.)

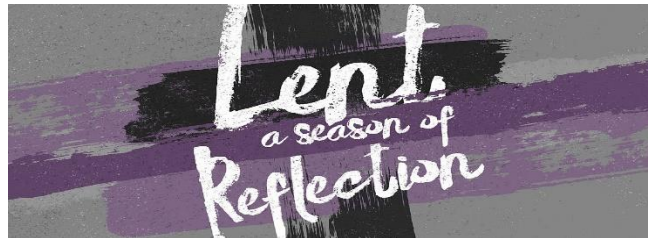
. There are no closed doors here.
Christ Welcomes All Here!



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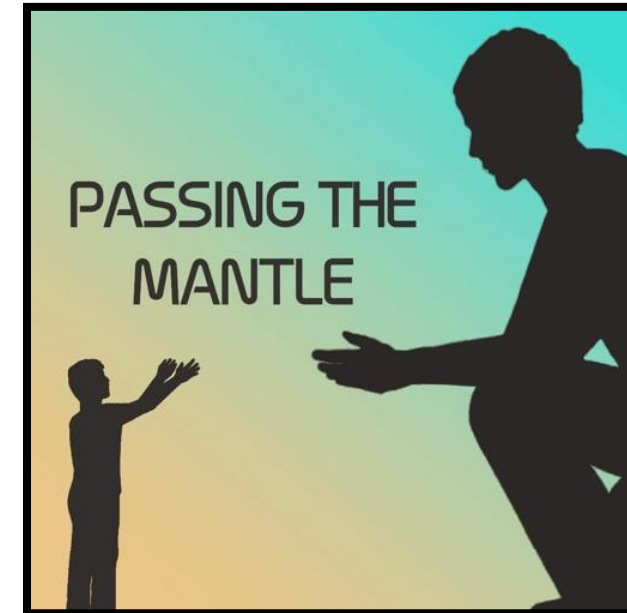
**Lenten Study - 40 Days of
Reflection and Giving**

**Our daily Lenten study and
giving calendar will begin**

February 14th. There will be a daily verse and reflection posted on our Facebook page as well as an ask to put so many coins in your One Great Hour of Sharing boxes based on a fact or statistic about things the One Great Hour of Sharing works to help. Boxes and study calendars can be picked up anytime. If you do not have access to Facebook but still would like the daily reflections, ask Amanda to be put on the daily e-mail list.

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Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

1. Swiftly pass the clouds of glory, heaven's voice, the dazzling light; Moses and Elijah vanish; Christ alone commands the height! Peter, James, and John fall silent, turning from the summit's rise downward toward the shadowed valley where their Lord has fixed his eyes.
2. Glimpsed and gone the revelation, they shall gain and keep its truth, not by building on the mountain any shrine or sacred booth, but by following the Savior through the valley to the cross and by testing faith's resilience through betrayal, pain, and loss.
3. Lord, transfigure our perception with the purest light that shines, and recast our life's intentions to the shape of your designs, till we seek no other glory than what lies past Calvary's hill and our living and our dying and our rising by your will.

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Refrain: **Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.
Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.**

1. I looked over Jordan, and what did I see coming for to carry me home? A band of angels coming after me, coming for to carry me home. O, (*refrain*)
2. If you get there before I do, coming for to carry me home, tell all my friends I'm coming too, coming for to carry me home. O, (*refrain*)
3. The brightest day that ever I saw, coming for to carry me home, when Jesus washed my sins away, coming for the carry me home. O, (*refrain*)
4. I'm sometimes up and sometimes down, coming for to carry me home, but still my soul feels heavenly bound, coming for to carry me home. O, (*refrain*)

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

Just a reminder that the deadline for the March newsletter is on Tuesday, February 20th. All articles need to be emailed (firstpresbyterianbg@gmail.com), to the church office copy ready by the end of the day. Any information for 1st Friday, BG Choral Scholars' dinner, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter must be in by the deadline. Also remember to let the church office

know what days/times your committees are meeting so it can be placed on the church calendar. Do not schedule an event without checking the office/church calendar first .

Week of Feb. 11 thru Feb. 18

SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service & Ordination/Installation of officers
	11:30 a.m.	Refreshments and Fellowship in FH
	4:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts in the Green Lounge
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation Group in the Green Lounge
MONDAY		OFFICE IS CLOSED
	7:00 p.m.	Green Team meeting
TUESDAY	1:00 p.m.	Book Group in the Green Lounge
	5:30 p.m.	La Conexion ESL classes
	5:30 p.m.	Session meeting in the Gathering Place
	6:00 p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous in the Green Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	A.A. in the Fellowship Hall
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop
	12:00 p.m.	BULLETIN DEADLINE EVERY WEDS.
	6:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday meal in the Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday service in the Sanctuary
THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	Deacons' Shop is open to the public
	9:30 a.m.	Staff meeting in Pastor Jeff's office
	5:00 a.m.	Worship Committee meeting in the pastor's office
	5:30 p.m.	La Conexion ESL classes
	6:00 p.m.	Bell rehearsal in the Bell room
	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
	8:00 p.m.	Meditation Group in the Green Lounge
FRIDAY		Office Closed in observance of Presidents' Day
SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service

This next Wednesday, February 14th is Ash Wednesday and we will have a **light soup and salad dinner in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 6 pm.** Following the dinner at **7 pm, there will be an Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary** where there will be the Imposition of Ashes placed on those who choose to come forward at the designated time.

Join us for an unforgettable "Evening at the Fair" at our Choral Scholars Fundraising Dinner on Saturday, March 9th, starting at 6 PM. This



enchanting evening will be graced by the culinary magic of the illustrious Chef Mike Evans, who promises to elevate fair food to new, high-brow heights. Prepare to be swept away by a captivating musical journey with songs from beloved classics like "Carousel," "State Fair," and the ever-popular "The Greatest Showman." This is a can't-miss event that combines delectable dining with enchanting melodies, all in

support of our cherished Choral Scholars. Reserve your spot now for an evening of exquisite tastes and tunes!

ORDINATION/INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

Profession of Faith (Pastor and Officers)

As God calls some to particular forms of ministry, God calls us all to bear gladly the yoke of Christ given in the covenant of Baptism. Let us, therefore, reaffirm our baptismal vows, renouncing all that opposes God and God's rule and affirming the faith of the holy catholic church.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? **I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? **I will, with God's help.**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith: (responsively)

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Constitutional Questions (Pastor and Officers)

Kathy, Karla, Dar, and Chris, in baptism, you were claimed by the love of God, clothed in the grace of Jesus Christ, and anointed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to share Christ's mission in the world. Now you are called by God through the voice of the Church for new service and ministry in Jesus' name. In accordance with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), show your commitment to this calling by responding to these questions:

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? **I do.**

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you? **I do.**

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God? **I do.**

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions? **I will.**

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit? **I will.**

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world? **I will.**

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church? **I do.**

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? **I will.**

(For Ruling Elder) Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will, with God's help.**

(For Deacon) Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will, with God's help.**

To the congregation:

Do we, the members of the church, accept Karla, Dar, and Chris as ruling elders and Kathy as deacon, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**