

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 16, 2025

2nd Sunday in Lent

10:00 a.m.

*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: Ashton Horton

PRELUDE *Forty Days and Forty Nights* Tracey Craig Mckibben

WELCOMING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

INTROIT *The Glory of These Forty Days*

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) *adapted from "God of Our Life" (#686)*

One: God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in thee.

All: **In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see.**

One: God of the past, our times are in thy hand. With us abide.

All: **Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land. Be thou our guide.**

One: God of the coming years, through paths unknown we follow thee.

All: **When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone. Our refuge be.**

*HYMN #52 *When Israel Was in Egypt's Land* Go Down Moses

CALL TO CONFESSION (liturgist)

Throughout the ages, God has repeatedly rescued and restored God's people, tailoring their salvation to their circumstances. In Jesus Christ, God has moved decisively, forgiving all sins past, present, and future. With this confidence in Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit, let us approach God again in prayer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Save us, O Lord! Purify us from all the wickedness both within and beyond. Liberate us from all that entangles and enslaves. Make us citizens of your Kingdom, who can embrace your providence even in our despair. And restore in us all that is broken. Wicked, enslaved, politically corrupt, languishing apart from you, and razed to the ground, we have nowhere to turn but to you. So, we turn again, returning to your love and grateful for your grace.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE *Fear, a Kyrie* Stephen Deeter, J.A. Schooley

DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsive)

One: Amen. In the name of Jesus Christ, you have been liberated.

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen!**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE **Hymnal Page 583**

*"Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!"*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MOMENT FOR EDUCATION

SCRIPTURE READING **Exodus 3:1-10**

ANTHEM *Keep Your Lamps* Thomas

SCRIPTURE READING **Numbers 14:20-35**

SERMON *"Walk It Out"*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles Creed.*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

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

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (we say "debts")

OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory *Larghetto* A.W. Gottschalg

*Doxology (Unison) Hymn #608

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore

*Prayer of Dedication



Venmo

*HYMN #60 *Your Endless Love, Your Mighty Acts* St. Magnus

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *May the Peace of the Lord Go with You* Charles Yannerella

POSTLUDE *Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort, BuxWV 185* Dietrich Buxtehude

PRAYERS: All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, Megan (Jenny Ludwig's great-niece), Miranda Douglas, Kat Nic, Scarlet Gensler-Nic, Lyn Long, Marcy St. John, Linda Myers, Ken Oman, Scott Muellich & David & Mindy Shaner (relatives of Scotty Huntington); Anna Beeker's parents, Jenny Breyer (niece of Mary Clarke), Mahmoud & family, 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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Membership Inquiry Lunch: Following worship on Sunday, March 23, the Membership Committee is hosting a membership inquiry lunch for anyone considering joining the church. The time will feature good eats, great conversation, and time to ask any and every question you ever had about FPCBG and/or church membership. If

you'd like to attend, please RSVP to Nettie Rose at nettierose@aol.com by Wednesday of this week. And please always remember, you are loved in this church whether you're a member or not.

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When Israel Was in Egypt's Land

1. When Israel was in Egypt's land, let my people go; oppressed so hard they could not stand, let my people go! **Refrain.**

Refrain: **Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land; tell old Pharaoh: let my people go!**

2. "Thus saith the Lord," bold Moses said, "Let my people go! If not, I'll smite your first-born dead. Let my people go! **Refrain.**
3. "No more shall they in bondage toil: let my people go! Let them come out with Egypt's spoil: let my people go!" **Refrain.**
4. O let us all from bondage flee; let my people go! And let us all in Christ be free: let my people go! **Refrain.**

Your Endless Love, Your Mighty Acts

1. Your endless love, your mighty acts surpass what words can tell; Lord, may the joys your people know be mine to share as well.
2. Our rebel fore-bears rarely grasped your mercy or your might; we need your mercy, just like them: we, too, do wrong not right.
3. Before a golden calf they bowed an idol in your place! Until, by Moses' faithful prayer, you drew them back to grace.
4. But when they spurned the promised land, you made your anger plain: they wandered long on desert paths, and served the Baals again.
5. Yet those whom once you sold in wrath, in mercy you restored; may we like them, be gathered in to thank and praise you, Lord.

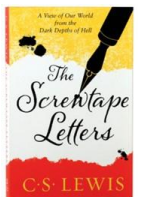
Week of March 16 thru March 23

SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:15 a.m.	Chili Cook-off in FH
	11:30 a.m.	Deacons' mtg. (Green Lounge)
	4:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts (Green Lounge)
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation/Recovery Group (Green Lounge)
MONDAY		OFFICE IS CLOSED
	4:30 p.m.	Kindred Spirits Circle (Green Lounge)
TUESDAY	1:00 p.m.	Book Group (Green Lounge)
	8:00 p.m.	A.A. (FH)
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop
	5:30 p.m.	WeMeet dinner and book group discussion
THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	Deacons' Shop is open to the public
	5:00 p.m.	Worship mtg. (staff conference room)
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir rehearsal (Bell Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation Group (FH)
SATURDAY	6:30 p.m.	Pairs & Spares group at Brewing Gr./Jack&Do's Pizza
SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:30 a.m.	Membership Inquiry Luncheon (FH)



The **Chili Cook-off** for raising funds for our youth to go to Camp and Triennium this year following the worship service. Come on down to the Fellowship Hall and taste the soups our contestants have created, then vote for the one you like the best! (There will be prizes!) Corn bread and crackers will be provided.

WeMeet this week we will begin our study of the Screwtape letters! We will begin with chapters/letters 1-8 and read 8 letters each week. You can come just for dinner or just dinner and socializing is your speed or just for the study or both! Dinner will be "cookout" style food and served at 5:30pm book discussion will begin at 6:15pm.



Pairs and Spares our "Young Adult" (ages 21-40ish) group will be meeting this Saturday (3/22) at Brewing Green/Jack and Do's Pizza for dinner and conversation. Join us there at **6:30pm!**



Easter Lilies

Presbyterian Women are pleased to offer 13 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 \$14.00 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 Thursday, April 3, or until the lilies are sold out.** Families who purchase flowers may pick them up after the Easter Service on April 20.

Please fill out your Easter Lily order with the following information:

Name _____

Phone number _____

In Memory or Honor of _____

Number of plants ordered _____

Divine Doodle Page

