

Morning Worship—March 1, 2020

First Sunday in Lent

Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor.

**Please stand if able. It is our custom to sing, “Amen,” after hymns.*

As the chimes ring in the worship hour,

we invite people to enter a time of personal reflection and congregational worship.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR LAY RENEWAL

Joyce Perez

PRELUDE

“Prelude in d minor”

by J. S. Bach

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

(Isaiah 43:19-21, adapted)

Leader: Let us worship God, who has done great things.

People: We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.

Leader: Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

People: We praise God for the grace that has saved us. Let us worship him in spirit and truth.

***HYMN OF PRAISE 81**

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God, you have given us the good gifts of life and shown us your blessing.

When we are in our right minds, we are grateful for all you have provided. Yet we confess that sometimes we hold a grudge that you have not treated us as well as somebody else. We let our gaze fall sideways as we look at our neighbor and covet something in their lives. Have mercy, O Lord, for the times that we have fallen to temptation’s appeal.

Let your Holy Spirit turn our eyes upon Jesus in whom we find our light and life. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The God who created the heavens and the earth is the same God who meets you in his Son, Jesus Christ. In Christ he has forgiven you, redeemed you and provided new life for you.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

GLORIA PATRI (579)

GREATOREX, 1851

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

(children exit for Sunday School)

Rev. Willis

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

(396/414)

Psalms 32:6-11

ANTHEM

“Ave Verum”

by W. A. Mozart

GOSPEL LESSON

(682/719)

Matthew 4:1-11

SERMON

“Temptations and Short Cuts”

Rev. Steve Willis

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (See Apostles’ Creed in Aids to Worship pew insert)

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 345**

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER (See Lord’s Prayer in Aids to Worship pew insert)

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Offering in Music

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Handbell Choir

*Doxology 591

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT 527**

(children return from Sunday School)

“Near to the Heart of God”

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE 535**

“Go with Us, Lord”

POSTLUDE

“A Gaelic Blessing”

Handbell Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL CONCERNS— Lisa Bolt, Amy Bracey, Whitney Bracey (N. Bracey sister-in-law), Matthew Dolianitis, Betty & Bill Fitzgerald, Kay Gillespie, Fred Gunn (W. Gunn’s brother), Flo Hall, Ray Hayes, Judy Hooker, Sister Jones (P. Brandon), Peggy Lackey, Maryann W. Lewis, Bob Lowther, Martha McQueen, Ronnie Mathena, Patrick Martin (H. Beale), Carolyn Miles, Tony Parker (W. Barrow’s father), Meg Powell (B. Takata), Dianne Shelton, Debra Bolt Thompson, Easton Zunker (K. Meadows)

The concerns of those who wish to remain unnamed. Our PNC Committee. Our Service Personnel & First Responders. The people of Togo.

ON THE MEND — Mrs. Helen Harris, Dick Stoakley

Our condolences to the Cuttle family in the loss of Charles who passed away 2/26, 2020.

Heather Perryman is coordinating a hymn book study to determine the changing needs of the congregation and the possible adoption in the future. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please contact Heather or the church office.

Reminder-if you are reapplying to college, please stop by the office & get your scholarship application. Deadline is April 30th.

The Lay Renewal Committee is looking for members who would be willing to volunteer to host the lay members during the renewal weekend. The host will provide a bedroom and a light breakfast on Saturday & Sunday mornings. Contact Rebecca Atkinson at 434-203-1666 or rebeccaatkinson@comcast.net if you can help.

SERVING TODAY		Please use inserts to let us know if you will be attending our dinners for the Lay Renewal. There will be no charge for the dinners Friday & Saturday—but we need a head count.
Nursery/Sunday School	L. Blount & M. Meadors	<div>The Staff of First Presbyterian Church Rev. Steve Willis: plaidpastor@yahoo.com Interim Pastor Jackson Weller: Jackson@fpcdanville.com Minister of Youth and Children Heather Perryman: heather@fpcdanville.com Minister of Music Erin Parris: erinbparris@yahoo.com Day School Director Vickie Holman: vickie@fpcdanville.com Administrator James Cannon Custodian Ron Tanner Weekend Custodian</div>
Combined Sunday School	R. Atkinson/C. Moore	
Elders at Front Door	T. Barrett	
Security & Side Door	R. Beale	
Deacon to Receive Offering	D. Swann	
Deacon Visitation	K. Meadows	
Officers to Count Offering	Barrett/Wilson	
Church School Superintendent	Gail Davis	
Liturgist	B. Hayes	
Time for Young Disciples	Rev. Willis	
Sound System	S. Meadema	
Ushers	Team 1	
Flower Ministry	Evening Circle	
Childcare Specialists	Lea Smith, Kelley Fochler	
Saturday Lunch Ministry March 8th	Westover	
Saturday Lunch Attendance 2/15th	62	

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

MONDAY, March 2
9:30 a.m. Prayer Group
10:30 a.m. Coordinating Council
7:00 p.m. Evening Circle @
H. Beale 129 Westmoreland Ct.

TUESDAY, March 3
5:15 p.m. Handbells
7:00 p.m. Property Committee

WEDNESDAY, March 4
6:00 p.m. Youth & WNSupper

THURSDAY, March 5
5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, March 6
All Day Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, March 7
11:30 a.m. Lunch Ministry

SUNDAY, March 8
9:45 a.m. Sunday School:
See below for Class information
11:00 a.m. Worship
Mid-worship K-2/3-5 SS
Noon Fellowship

Opportunities to Study the Word every Sunday Morning
Youth & Adult Sunday School 9:45 a.m.– 10:40 a.m.
Youth (middle & high school) Rm 302 /discussion type class studying scripture lesson used in Sunday’s sermon
Bible Seekers/Rm 109/ “Feasting on the Word” / discussion type class
Bible Study Fellowship/Library/ Ligonier Ministry’s “Tabletalk Magazine” / discussion type class
Outlook/Rm 322/“The Present Word” / lecture type class
The Children’s Extended Time (mid-worship 11:15-12:00) Deep Blue Cokesbury Curriculum
K-2 /Rm304/various instructors/**Gr 3-5**/Rm 306/various instructors
Nursery care from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM & Sunday School for grades K-5 after Time for Young Disciples.