

March 5, 2023
Second Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE "Lied Ohne Word, op. 30 no. 12" Mendelssohn

"Romances sans paroles, op. 76 no. 1 'Souvenance'" Chaminade

WELCOME

OPENING SENTENCES Ps. 103:8; Mark 8:34; Rom. 4:16-17

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in love.

Jesus calls us to be his disciples.

We take up the cross to follow him.

Our faith depends upon the grace of God.

Praise the Lord, who gives life to the dead.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+**HYMN: GTG #645** MIT FREUDEN ZART

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

CALL TO CONFESSION 2 Cor. 5:20

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy,
you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.

We confess that we have strayed from you

and turned aside from your way.

We are misled by pride,

for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,

and great when we are small.

We have failed in love,

neglected justice,

and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.

Return us to paths of righteousness

through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

RESPONSE: GTG #579 "Lord, Have Mercy" (Kyrie eleison) KYRIE ELEISON
(choir only) (Orthodox)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS 2 Cor. 6:2

... In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN: GTG #829 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" OLIVET

+ Those who are able may stand.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Have mercy, O God;

hear our prayer.

Young children are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE Luke 13:29; 24:30-31;

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;

Isa. 55:1; Ps. 63:4-5

let those who have no money come and eat.

**God will satisfy our souls with a rich feast,
and we will bless the Lord as long as we live.**

...

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION 1 Cor. 11:23-26

COMMUNION "Think of Me and Remember" Raney

All are welcome at the table.

You will be invited to come forward.

A gluten-free option is available.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, O God,

for here at your table you have transformed us

from individuals into the body of Christ.

Make us strong for your service

that we may be messengers

of your reconciling love for all people. Amen.

Older children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO OFFERING Mark 8:36-37

OFFERTORY "Valse in a minor, B. 150" Chopin

+**RESPONSE: GTG #606** OLD HUNDREDTH

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from The Westminster Shorter Catechism

(England, 1647; language updated)

Q. What is the Sixth Commandment?

A. The Sixth Commandment is, "Thou shalt not kill."

Q. What is required in the Sixth Commandment?

GTG = Glory to God (purple)

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**A. The Sixth Commandment requires all lawful endeavors to
preserve our own life, and the life of others.**

Q. What is forbidden in the Sixth Commandment?

**A. The Sixth Commandment forbids the taking away of our own
life, or the life of our neighbor unjustly, or whatever tends thereto.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 12:1-4a O.T. page 7

PSALM Psalm 121 O.T. page 438

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 N.T. page 118

GOSPEL LESSON John 3:1-17 N.T. page 71

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE 1 Cor. 1:23-25

We proclaim Christ crucified —

the wisdom and power of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Teacher of Israel" Rev. Bill Pinches

+**HYMN: GTG #37** "Let All Things Now Living" ASH GROVE

+**BLESSING** Ps. 51:1, 11

... be with you this day and always.

Thanks be to God.

+**CHARGE** Mark 8:34

... let them take up the cross and follow me.

Amen.

CHORAL BENEDICTION "Sevenfold Amen" Stainer

POSTLUDE "Humoresque, op. 101 no. 7 in G flat major" Dvořák

**Join us for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.**

It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.

SERVING US TODAY

Guest Pianist: Yi-Hui Chen

Liturgist: Gin Gibson

Greeters: Brandon Leffew and Marge Welch

Sound: Andrew Pinches

Livestream: Tami Chapman

Security: Will Ozee

Today's flowers are given by JoAnn and Bob Caltrider

in memory of Millie & Palen Somerville,

Beulah & Delbert Caltrider,

and Sarah Caltrider

TWC = The Worshiping Church (red)

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CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#25. *Simon the Zealot:*

Very little is known about this apostle. Some legends say that after the apostles were scattered he preached in Egypt, Africa, and eventually in Britain.

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 59. Does the Holy Spirit ever speak apart from God's Word in its written and proclaimed forms?

Since the Spirit is not given to the church without the Word, true proclamation depends on Scripture. Since the Word cannot be grasped without the Spirit, true interpretation depends on prayer. However, as the wind blows where it will, so may the Spirit speak or work in people's lives in unexpected or indirect ways, yet always according to the Word, never contradicting or diluting it.

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DAILY PRAYER

search for "Daily Prayer (Presbyterian Book of Common Worship)" in your podcast app, or go to www.buzzsprout.com/1466482

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	<i>The Chosen</i> adult study	11:15 am
Tuesday	Women's Association Craft and Lunch	10:30 am
	<i>Jesus in Me</i> adult study	1:00 pm
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:30 am
	Prayer Fellowship	12:00 pm
	Worship and Music Committee	1:30 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (children/youth)	3:15 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:15 pm
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Thursday	Spiritual Growth Committee	6:30 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor's Sabbath	

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Ruth Sablich	Mar. 5	Jacob Castle	Mar. 8
Ben Pinches	Mar. 6	Peter Robinson	Mar. 11
Travis Archer	Mar. 7		

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*The fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
(Galatians 5:22-23)*