

March 26, 2023
Fifth Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE "Gymnopedie" Satie

WELCOME

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL HUNGER OFFERING

OPENING SENTENCES

The Lord is merciful and gracious, Ps. 103:8

slow to anger and abounding in love.

The Lord makes a new covenant with us. Jer. 31:31, 33

We are God's people; the Lord is our God.

Jesus said: I am the resurrection and the life. John 11:25-26

Those who believe in Christ will never die.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+HYMN: GTG #634 "To God Be the Glory" TO GOD BE THE GLORY

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 KYRIE ELEISON (Orthodox)
"Lord, Have Mercy" (Kyrie eleison)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS 2 Cor. 6:2

... In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

+HYMN: GTG #250 "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" PROMISE

+ Those who are able may stand. 1

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... In your steadfast love, O Lord,
have mercy on us.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Children are dismissed to Kids' Church

INVITATION TO OFFERING Mark 8:36-37

OFFERTORY "Sarabande in b" Bach

+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. Which is the Ninth Commandment?

**A. The Ninth Commandment is, "Thou shalt not bear false witness
against thy neighbor."**

Q. What is required in the Ninth Commandment?

**A. The Ninth Commandment requires the maintaining and
promoting the truth between person, and person, and of our own
and our neighbor's good name, especially in witness-bearing.**

Q. What is forbidden in the Ninth Commandment?

**A. The Ninth Commandment forbids whatever is prejudicial to
truth, or injurious to our own or our neighbor's good name.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Ezekiel 37:1-14 O.T. page 618

PSALM Psalm 130

Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD;

O LORD, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

If you were to keep watch over sins,

O LORD, who could stand?

**Yet with you is forgiveness,
in order that you may be feared.**

I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;
in your word is my hope.

**My soul waits for the Lord more than those
who keep watch for the morning,
more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

O Israel, wait for the LORD,

for with the LORD there is steadfast love;

with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

**For the LORD shall redeem Israel
from all their sins.**

GTG = *Glory to God* (purple) 2

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 8:6-11 N.T. page 120

GOSPEL LESSON John 11:1-45 N.T. page 80

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE 1 Cor. 1:23-25

We proclaim Christ crucified —
the wisdom and power of God.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Open My Eyes, That I May See" OPEN MY EYES

SERMON "The Resurrection and the Life" Rev. Bill Pinches

+HYMN: GTG #728 SOMEBODY'S KNOCKIN'
"Somebody's Knocking at Your Door"

+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 SIYAHAMBA

"We Are Marching in the Light of God"

POSTLUDE "Reverie" Debussy

**You are invited to 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

Liturgist: Rick Cote

Greeters: Will Ozee and Linda Peterson

Sound: Andrew Pinches

Livestream: Tami Chapman

Security: Doreen Chapman

**Today's flowers are given by Debbie Shellenbarger
in memory of loved ones**

TWC = *The Worshiping Church* (red) 3

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#28. Pillars:

Three years after his conversion, Saul comes to Jerusalem, and meets Peter and James. Fifteen days later he flees to Tarsus. (Acts 9:23-30; Gal. 1:18-24) (c. AD 36-37)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 62. What do you affirm when you speak of “the holy catholic church”?

The church is the company of all faithful people who have given their lives to Jesus Christ, as he has given and gives himself to them. Since Christ cannot be separated from his people, the church is holy because he is holy, and universal (or “catholic”) in significance because he is universal in significance. Despite all its remaining imperfections here and now, the church is called to become ever more holy and catholic, for that is what it already is in Christ.

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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
	Explorers Class	11:15 am
Tuesday	<i>Jesus in Me</i> adult study	1:00 pm
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:30 am
	Prayer Fellowship	12:00 pm
	NO Wonderful Wednesday (children/youth)	
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:00 pm
	NO Wednesday Night Dinner	
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath	
Saturday	Yarners	10:00 am

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Mary Torrey Mar. 26
Paul Blonshine Apr. 1

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The Resurrection of Lazarus
by Léon Bonnat, 1857

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