

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

February 28, 2016

10:00 a.m.

This service is being broadcast over radio station WATN 1240

* Indicates that those who are able may stand.

GATHERING

GATHERING Music

(Early in the week, Carl pre-records the gathering music on the Rodgers organ console's sequencer. What you hear is not a recording, however, it is our 1960 Austin pipe organ playing live in real time.)

- 'Tis a Gift to Be Simple Shaker hymn, arr. W. Held
By the Galilean Lake Wihla Hutson
Bless His Holy Name Andrae Crouch
Carl Bingle, FPC Organist

GREETING

Peace be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE

Jesus, My Heart's Treasure Johann Sebastian Bach
Carl Bingle, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP ~ adapted from Psalm 63

Leader: I thirst and seek for the water of life;
I faint for the path has become too long;
I abide in the sanctuary and wait.
People: In the sanctuary is a rich feast of mercy;
The evening does not dispel the light;
The songs of joy render the silence replete.
I cling to you, my God, my Lord
I am satisfied with any measure
For I know steadfast love is better than life.
Let false voices flee and scatter;
Let the proud fall before the truth.
The right hand lifts the broken.

HYMN #306

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN



THIS WEEK

- March 1 Jean Sturtz
March 3 Harold Little



Arlene Wilson, Shane McWayne, Gerda Barbour, Irene Kolton, and for the sick and those who need God's comfort.

Prayer Help Available. Please call the church office at 782-1750 if you have a prayer request. Your confidential prayer request will be put on the First Pres. Prayer Chain. Only those requesting public prayers are included for prayers in our church bulletin.

Darrel D. Rippeteau, longtime member of First Presbyterian Church, passed away on February 8, 2016. A memorial service will be held here at First Pres. on July 7th at 1:00 p.m.

The Worship & Music Committee and Session have agreed that our church should purchase and use 'The Celebration Hymnal.' If you have any questions regarding the process in which this decision was made, please attend the Hymn Sing and Soup potluck on March 10th at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Sign up sheets will be available in Fellowship Hall for those who would like to bring soup. In the meantime, the Worship & Music Committee has organized a fundraiser to purchase the new hymnals. The suggested donation per hymnal is \$10. If you give \$10, a bookplate will be made with your requested dedication and placed inside the front cover of a hymnal. (Please dedicate only one name per hymnal, i.e.: Mr. & Mrs. John Smith or John Doe.) In 'memory of' will be used for loved ones that have passed away and 'in honor of' may be used for loved ones that are still alive. You will find envelopes in the pews to fill out and enclose your donation. These may be placed in the weekly offering or turned in to the church office by March 1, 2016. Thank you, in advance, for being a part of our endeavor to make our worship music meaningful and expand our musical offerings.

INVITATION TO REPENTANT PRAYERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, visit our hearts and remove the false words that damper fear. Abide in us and let our ears hear the words of justice. Let justice silence the shouts of vanity and pride. Remind us we are creatures of the dust. Our glory is your image. Forgive our sins and let your mercy restore the intent of creation. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSIONAL PRAYERS

WORDS OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS

. . . in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ you are also forgiven.

*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

Gloria Patri - Hymnal 579

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, Amen.

LITURGIST WELCOME

MINUTE FOR MISSION

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

2 Corinthians 4:15-5:10 (New Testament, page 181 in pew Bibles)

HANDBELL ANTHEM

This is My Father's World
Adult Handbells

arr. Peggy Thompson

CHILDREN'S TIME

(At this time we invite all K-7th graders to join us for Sunday School, please have children follow the teacher thru the door on the left. Children will meet parents in Fellowship Hall after the service.)

*Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

ANTHEM

It Is Well With My Soul
Chancel Choir

Bliss

SECOND READING

Luke 4:38-41 (New Testament, page 62 in pew Bibles)

SERMON

"Transcending the Mundane"
Rev. Dr. Fred Garry

*HYMN #84

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBUN

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY SOLO

Saw Ye My Savior?
Nancy Boynton, mezzo-soprano

Church Harmony - 1834, arr. David Johnson

DOXOLOGY

*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 THANKSGIVING

SENDING

*HYMN #261

God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us

O QUANTA QUALIA

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in D Major
Carl Bingle, organ

David Johnson