



# First Presbyterian Church

4th Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023

Worship Service - 8:15

Sunday School - 9:10 - 10:10

Worship Service - 10:30

# Gathered As God's People

Welcome and Announcements

*Please sign the red friendship pad at the end of each pew, so we will know who is worshipping with us today.*

Prelude

Elegy

James Biery

\*Call to Worship (Adapted from Luke 11:2-9)

One: We gather to praise and give thanks to God, glorifying God's name.

**Many: We gather to look for the coming of God's kingdom.**

One: We gather to ask from God the bread we need for today.

**Many: We gather in confidence and assurance that whoever seeks, finds, and to everyone who knocks, the door is opened.**

One: We gather to ask and receive forgiveness for our wrongs and to forgive those who have wronged us.

**Many: We gather to follow Jesus, who will lead us in the way that leads to life.**

\*Hymn 20

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Lord God, as we search our hearts through this season of Lent, we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from those in need. We have not lifted up the lowly. We have strayed from your will. We have failed to do the things you have called us to do. We have looked on others with judgment rather than compassion. Forgive us, we pray. Lift us out of our sin and fill our hearts with your goodness and love. See us as we are. Show us mercy and remember us today. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son.** (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, this is the good news of the gospel.

**Many: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

\*Congregational Response 575 “Lord, Have Mercy upon Us”

KYRIE ELEISON

**Lord, have mercy upon us;  
Christ, have mercy upon us;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Children’s Conversation (10:30)

*(Children through age five may leave the sanctuary for Children’s Activity Time, and they may be picked up in the nursery after the 10:30 worship service)*

The Sacrament of Baptism (10:30)

*Lee and Kat Patton present their daughter, Betty Adalaide Patton, for baptism  
Assisting: Beth Patton, Ruling Elder*

Congregational Response

Jesus Loves Me

JESUS LOVES ME

## **Proclaiming God’s Word**

Prayer for Illumination

8:15 Ed Lancaster

10:30 Lee Maddox

First Scripture Reading

Psalms 34:1-10

OT p. 508

One: The Word of the Lord

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem (10:30)

The Lord Is My Shepherd  
Beth Patton, Soloist

spiritual setting by James Biery

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 17:11-17

NT p. 80

Sermon

Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws  
Samaritan Leper

Rev. Sarah Bird Kneff

\*Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the  
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was  
crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day  
He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth  
on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He  
shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

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

## **Responding To God's Word**

\*Hymn 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

Prayers of the People 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**

Offertory

To Music: Thy Mercies

Richard Shephard

\*Doxology 607

***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 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

\*Benediction

Postlude

Intermezzo on an Irish Air

C. V. Stanford

Flowers in the sanctuary are to the Glory of God and in honor of the Baptism of Betty Adalaide Patton, given by Beth & Tom Patton and Jill & Paul Zotter

\*Please stand as able

## Weekly Calendar:

Wednesday: 10:00 - Staff Meeting

5:30 - 6:00 Dinner for All\*

6:00 - 7:00 Activities for children and youth, Adult Bible Study, Young Women's Bible Study

7:00 - Chancel Choir

\*If you would like reservations for Wonderful Wednesday Dinner, please call the office at (931) 388-1985 or email Renea at rfosterfpc@gmail.com. We need 3 volunteers to bring a dessert to share. Please call the church office if you can bring one.

### *Music Notes:*

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### Care List

The **Care list** is a list of members and friends who are sick, bereaved, or celebrating a happy occasion. After reading their names, you may want to write a short message to someone on the list.

Our Prayers...

Ray Messick and family, Greg Baxter, Sue Chiles, Barbara Barlar (mother of Janet McAlister), Joe Pugh (brother of Ann Lewis), Gloria Bryson (mother of Ellen Ludwig), Bob Sweeney, Imogene Nelson, Lynn Carroll (father of Margaret Piper), Joe Graham III, Waymon Hickman, Steve, Roger, and Gary Rampley (brothers of Betty Sloan), Kristin Gwaltney (niece of Jennie Grace Jewell).

## Announcements

People's Table - First Presbyterian Church is in charge of the People's Table for the month of April. We need cooks, servers, and helping with cleaning up. If you can help, please call the church office at 931-388-1985 or email Renea at rfosterfpc@gmail.com.

Easter Egg Hunt - April 2nd at 3:00 pm, we are taking donations of candy filled easter eggs. There is a basket in the hall for your donations.

Congregational meeting called for Sunday, March 26, following each worship service for the purpose of nominating 4 members-at-large for the Nominating Committee.

Getting to Know the Kneffs—Over the course of the next several months, there will be opportunities for members of the congregation to meet Pastor Sarah and her family in a more intimate setting. If you're interested in hosting a small group for Sarah, Michael, and Grace to meet members of our church family, please let the church office know.

Acolyte Training Program launches this month! If your child is in grade 2-5 and would like to serve as an acolyte, the next training session is Wednesday, March 22nd at 4:45pm in the sanctuary. We will commission new acolytes during worship on Sunday, March 26th. Come be a part of this special ministry of the church!

Lenten devotions are located in the gathering area, narthex and in the church office. Feel free to pick one up!

These Day Daily Devotions for April, May & June are located in the gathering area and in the narthex.

# Ministers of the Church

## Ruling Elders

<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>
Dorothy Duncan	Mary Beth Cotham	Andy Crichton
Dan Garman	Tony Khim	Lorie Fisher
Michael McAlister	Ed Lancaster	John Hill
Jim Ross	Craig Lorch	Amy Overton
Dawn Taylor	Terry Hendrickson	Argie Satterwhite

## Board of Deacons

<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>
Frank Dale	Brian Allred	Jennie Harlan
Janice English	Jessica Elam	Mary Marshall Jewell
Zach Maddux	Bill Handy	Martha Kelley
Sharon Shaw	Lynne Hendrickson	Brent Perry
Joann Lorch	Katie Ledbetter	Debbie Sherman

## Staff

Rev. Sarah Bird Kneff, Pastor; Susie Baxter, Director of Christian Education;  
Renea Foster, Administrative Assistant; Carroll Kilgore, Business Administrator;  
James Marshall, Sexton; Nancy G. Reiser, Director of Music