

The Lord’S Day Worship
March 1, 2020
First Sunday in Lent
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Prelude: *Aria Da Chiesa* Georg Muffat
Jesus, I will Ponder Now setting: Paul Manz

Introit: *Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place* Lanny Wolfe
 Sanctuary Choir
*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
 I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
 I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face;
 Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*
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Welcome & Call to Worship

Leader: On Ash Wednesday, we heard these words:
People: **“Consider yourself dead to sin and alive in Christ.”**
 Leader: On this first Sunday in Lent, we continue the journey to the Cross and Empty Tomb,
People: **asking the Spirit to lead us every step as we commit ourselves wholeheartedly to saying no to sin and yes to Christ.**

***Hymn:** *Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days* No. 166

Word with the Children (11:00 a.m.).....Jackie Wilhelm
 Director of Ministry with Children
 After Word with the Children, children are invited to Children’s Church.

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 32:1-5..... Page 480
 Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Anthem: *Thy Perfect Love* John Rutter
 Laura Floyd, solo ~ Sanctuary Choir
 Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest, Thy perfect love close in my breast,
 That I Thee love and never rest; And make me love Thee of all thinge best,
 And wounde my heart in Thy love free, that I my reign in joy evermore with Thee.
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New Testament Reading: 1 John 1:5-9 Page 1065
 Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: “Confession” Dr. Will Robinson

Call to Confession: *O God, You Search Me* Bernadette Ferrell

O God, you search me and you know me. All my thoughts lie o-pen to your gaze. When I walk or lie down you are be-fore me: ev-er the mak-er and keep-er of my days.
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Prayer of Confession (in unison) Elder Jane Upshaw

All-Powerful God, though we don’t *have* to sin, we still do. We sin when we don’t listen to Your Spirit, who dwells in us, leads us and reminds us of what’s right in Your eyes. Forgive us for our sins, including greed, lust, not forgiving, judging, selfish ambition and not loving You or our neighbors as we should, especially our neighbors in need. God of Second Chances, give us ears to listen to Your Spirit, so that we would faithfully follow Your Son, our Lord and Savior.

Silent Confession

***Assurance of Forgiveness:** *We Are Forgiven* Hal Hopson

We are for - giv-en. We are for - giv-en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
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***Passing the Peace**

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

Life of the Church (Please sign and pass the Friendship Pads.)

Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory: *Aberystwyth* setting: Paul Manz
***Response:** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*..... to the tune of Hymn 265
***Prayer of Dedication**

Sacrament of the Communion

Invitation to the Table
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & Lord’s Prayer
 Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
 Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
 Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Communion of the People
 Please hold the bread or cup until all are served; we’ll then partake of each together. A gluten-free option is available on the tray.

Prayer after Communion

***Hymn:** *Guide My Feet* No. 741

***Charge & Benediction**

***Response:** *O How He Loves You and Me* Kurt Kaiser
 Sanctuary Choir & Congregation

O how He loves you and me. O how He loves you and me;
 He gave His life, what more could He give? O how He loves you;
 O how He loves me; O how He loves you and me!
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***Postlude:** *If You But Trust in God to Guide You*.....arr. John A. Behnke

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Worship at FPC

Join us for worship next Sunday, March 8:
Dr. Will Robinson preaching ~ “Repentance” ~ Luke 13:1-9

For pastoral care needs, you may contact Rev. Lisa Schrott at 318-286-3816 (cell) or 843-681-3696, ext. 245 (church).

Welcome Visitors! Whether this is your first visit or you’ve been here many times, we’re so glad to have you with us! Join us in the Gathering Space after worship for refreshments and fellowship and stop by the Visitor’s Table to say hello and learn how God is at work at FPC.

Connection Card: Connections with our visitors and members are crucial, so please place a completed Connection Card in the offering plate during worship or leave it at the Welcome Center (in the narthex, outside the sanctuary) after worship.

Guest Organist: We welcome Beth Corry as guest organist this morning! FPC’s organist Charlie Frost is in concert today at First Presbyterian Church in Greenville, SC.

Memorial Rose: The memorial rose is for Kathie Patten who entered the Church Triumphant on February 22. Please hold her husband John and the rest of her family in your prayers.

LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS, hearing devices and children’s bulletins are available from the ushers.

Hearing Assistance: For those who need hearing assistance, we’ve installed a new system (in addition to the current one) that works with a smartphone and your own earphones. Go to the App Store (iPhone) or Google Play (Android) and download the app, WaveCAST Receiver (by Williams Sound). Then, log onto our “FPC Member” network using the password “firstpres” (case sensitive); open WaveCAST; click on FPC Sanctuary; and adjust the volume (on your phone or the app’s screen).

Love Letters: Please sign the “love letters” on a table in the Gathering Space, extending the love of the Lord to people in need of support. You’re encouraged to sign the letters even if you don’t know the person.

If You See Something, Say Something! If you see something questionable at the church, please notify ushers, pastors, or staff immediately. Ushers are at the back of the sanctuary (8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship) and in Fellowship Hall (9:45 a.m. CrossRoads worship).

The Life of FPC

Weekly Happenings: Please see FPC's "Weekly Happenings" at the Welcome Center (in the narthex, outside the sanctuary) and in the information rack outside Fellowship Hall to learn about FPC's many weekly ministries and activities!

Feed My Sheep: Please donate non-perishable food items and paper products to help nourish the bodies and the souls of people in need in our community. Your donations today will benefit the Bluffton Self Help food pantry.

Carillon Bell Choir: The Carillon Bell Choir is seeking new members to fill openings. If you're interested and are able to read music, please contact Charlie Frost, organist, at cfrost@fpchhi.org.

Pizza with Pastors: Are you new to the church? Interested in learning more about Presbyterianism? Then Pizza with the Pastors is for you! Join our pastors in Fellowship Hall on March 8 following 11:00 a.m. worship for conversation and fellowship. Children are welcome to join us; the nursery is available for younger children.

Organ Recital: Charlie Frost, our organist, will present an organ recital on Sunday, March 8, at 4:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. This program is free and open to the public. It will include music by Walther, Bach, Reger, Hailstork and others.

Books and More: In March, FPC is collecting books for pre-school through high school children in an area known as the Corridor of Shame, part of rural South Carolina along the I-95 corridor. You may bring books to the Books and More ministry table in the Gathering Space on March 8, 15 and 22 or to the church office during the week. Help us turn Corridor of Shame into the Corridor of Hope!

Sarah Circle Spring Luncheon: March 19, 11:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m., (Gathering Space) featuring renowned Lowcountry author David Lauderdale who'll present "Lowcountry Life" as seen through the eyes of remarkable Lowcountry women. Cost is \$20. Call the church for your reservation.

Offering Envelopes: Please pick up your offering envelopes in the Gathering Space hallway behind the fireplace; this will save the church on postage. Thank you!

Sunday School at FPC

Age Three-12th Grade

Please check in your child at the registration table adjacent to the elevator near the Gathering Space.

All morning: Nursery for infants-age 2 in the Day School/children's wing

9:45 a.m.: Sunday school for children age 3-5th grade

Age 3-Kindergarten: Room 113 in the Day School/children's wing

1st-5th grades: Room 216/Creation Station

Sunday school for youth in 6th-12th grades: Youth Room

11:00 a.m.: Children's Church following Time with the Children in Room 216/

Creation Station

Adults

9:45 a.m. **Work in Progress** (Honey Horn Chapel) discusses current events in relation to Scripture and Christian faith.

Living in the Word (library): "Cries from the Cross" through April 5

Family Faith (Room 202) is studying *The Story* through the lens of families nurturing children and youth.

Seekers (South Room) explores the Biblical message and how it applies to daily life.

Lowcountry Lessons (sanctuary) is combining a study of *The Story* with stories about the Lowcountry.

11:00 a.m. **J.O.Y. Group** (library) is exploring *The Story*.

Wednesdays at FPC

For Children & Youth

Children's WOW at 3:15 p.m. (second floor classrooms); register online

Youth AiM Choir at 4:15 p.m. (Choir Room)

Middle & High School Youth Group at 6:15 p.m. (Honey Horn Chapel/Youth Space)

For Youth & Adults

New Voices Choir at 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)

For All

Dinner at 5:45 p.m. (Gathering Space)

Cost: \$11/adult; \$5/youth (6th-12th grade); \$2/child (pre-school-5th grade)

RSVP by Monday at 5:00 p.m. to the church or on the easel in the Gathering Space.

Menu for March 4: Pot Roast/Salad/Dessert/Beverage

Lent at FPC

Lent is a forty-day journey of reflection, repentance and renewal in preparation for the death and resurrection of the Lord on Easter.

Worship in Lent

Fellowship Dinners at 5:45 p.m. (Gathering Space)

Worship on March 4, 11, 18 & 25 & April 1 at 6:30 p.m. (James Chapel)

Go Deep in Lent

Hard copies of FPC's Lenten devotional, "The Beloved Community," are available in the Gathering Space on Sunday and in the church office during the week for a suggested donation of \$2. You may also sign up to receive an electronic version by email each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at fpchhi.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/25/responses/new.

Brown Bag Lent Book Study

On Fridays through March 20, noon-1:15 p.m. (library), Rev. Lisa Schrott will lead a discussion of the book *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawanda. The book is available through local bookstores or can be ordered online from Amazon. Bring lunch and join us! Contact Lisa with questions.

In the Word Bible Study

Beginning on Wednesday, March 4, 4:30-5:30 p.m. (library), Dr. Will Robinson will lead a Bible study based on essays from the book *Issues in New Testament Interpretation*. Join Will for this opportunity to allow the Spirit to deepen your faith and your understanding of your faith through this study, conversation, and time together. *The essays we'll address in Lent are "Reading the Bible Devotionally and Critically" and "Inerrancy and Its Implications for Critical Biblical Study."* For copies, please contact the church.

Easter Flower Orders Due by March 31

Name _____ Phone Number _____

___ Lily (\$16/each) ___ Azalea (\$20/each)

___ In memory of _____

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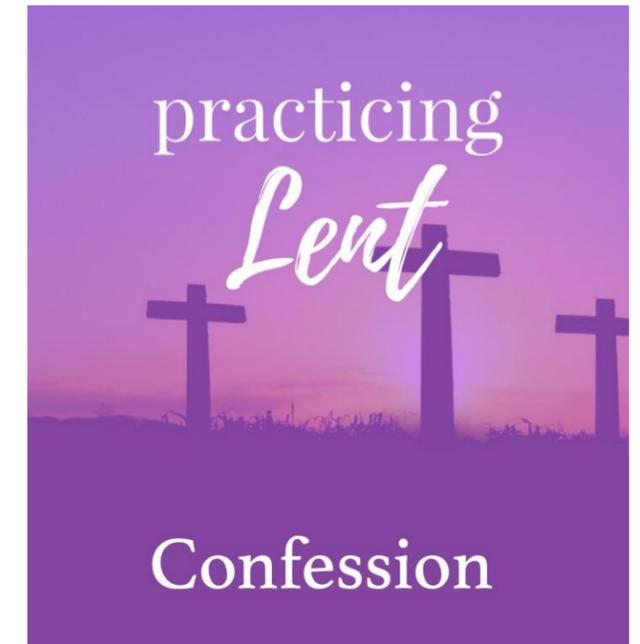
___ In celebration of the Easter season

Names of contributors will be listed in the Easter Sunday worship bulletins.
Checks payable to FPC; please note Easter flowers on the memo line.



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Our Mission:

Changing Lives . . . Making Disciples

Our Vision:

Every Member in Ministry

In Christ United, Our Values of Ministry:

Joyful Worship, Gracious Invitation, Prayerful Study,
Sacrificial Service & Caring Connections

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