

The First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin
Second Sunday in Lent
March 8, 2020
10:30 a.m.

Enter the church in silence. Through silence speak to God and let God speak to you.

PREPARATION: *The following are the lectionary scriptures for this morning: Psalm 121 – (Pew Bible page 498) My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Genesis 12:1-4 (Pew Bible page 8) The Lord says to Abram: I will make you a blessing to the nations. Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 (Pew Bible page 916) Consider Abraham; the promise of God depends on faith. John 3:1-17 (Pew Bible pages 863-864) Those who seek God’s kingdom must be born of water and Spirit. Matthew 17:1-9 (Pew Bible pages 798) On a high mountain with Moses and Elijah, Jesus is transfigured.*

PRAYER FOR THE DAY: *Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us by your Word through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

THE GATHERING

BELL PEAL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

PRELUDE **“O Blest the House”** **Jenne**

INTROIT (Hymn #356) “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Nettleton

ALL: O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace, now like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

OPENING SENTENCES

LEADER: We come seeking to receive a blessing from God.

PEOPLE: We come seeking to be a blessing to others.

LEADER: When we look around, from where does our help come?

PEOPLE: Our help comes from the Holy One who made heaven and earth.

***HYMN #87 “The Glory of These Forty Days” Erhalt uns, Herr**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty and gracious God, you give us every reason to have confidence in you. Still, we are burdened by questions: Where are you calling us to go? From where will our help come? How can your promises be fulfilled? Patient God, we confess our fear and lack of faith in you. We admit our confusion and resistance to your teaching. Open our minds, O God, and open our hearts, that we may know you are faithful and trust your gracious care for us. (*silent confession*)

***RESPONSE (Hymnal #573) “Lord Have Mercy” Kyrie**

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

CHOIR: Christ, have mercy.

ALL: Christ, have mercy.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

PEOPLE: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

(Children may leave for Sonshine Mountain)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING **Genesis 12:1-4 (Pew Bible page 8)**

The Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM **“I Look to Mountains High”** **Caldara/Hopson**

GOSPEL READING **John 3:1-17 (Pew Bible pages 863-864)**

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Praise to You, O Christ!

SERMON **"Under Cover of Night"** **Rev. Dr. David K. Shelor**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Ken and Laura Huff

Marilyn Schnee

***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.

THE RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

You have given me all that I need, in gratitude I give back to you.

OFFERTORY

“Wondrous Love”

Callahan

***DOXOLOGY (Hymnal #591) “Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ, all people here below.
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.”**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE SENDING

***HYMN #85**

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

Wondrous Love

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“Prelude and Fugue in g”

J. S. Bach

For some, the Postlude serves as festive music to accompany their going out into the world. Others prefer to remain seated and listen. Those departing during the Postlude can help those who listen by softening their joyful greeting of others.

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

NEXT SUNDAY, March 15, 2020 will be the Third Sunday in Lent. The lectionary scriptures will be: Psalm 95 (Pew Bible page 479) Make a joyful noise to the Lord, the rock of our salvation. Exodus 17:1-7 (Pew Bible page 56) The people thirst and quarrel; God gives them water from a rock. Romans 5:1-11 (Pew Bible page 917) Justified by faith, we have peace with God through Jesus Christ. John 4:5-42 (Pew Bible pages 864-865) Jesus offers living water to a Samaritan woman at the well.

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome! It is good to be together as a community while we worship in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Following the service, there will be a time of light refreshments and further conversation and connection with one another in Hager Hall. The easiest way to access the hall from the sanctuary is through the doors closest to the pulpit and to the right.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER – You are invited to fill out the Friendship Register with as much information as you are comfortable in sharing. It can be found at the center end of each pew. As it is returned to the center aisle, please take time to look at the names of others with whom you are sitting. It can be a good feeling to call someone by their name, even though you are just meeting them, and it is a reminder that, this morning, we are all part of God's community together.

HAVE CHILDREN? – A professionally staffed nursery is available for children age 3 and younger in the Nursery Room, off the Courtyard. Coloring pages for use in worship are also available. Ask an usher about both. After the beginning of worship, children through 5th grade will be invited to attend “Sonshine Mountain,” a time of fun and faith just for them. They will be returned to meet their families in Hager Hall following worship.

NEW TO FIRST CHURCH? – Thank you for being here today! Your presence adds to this experience of worship. Please introduce yourself to the folks around you and to Pastor David. If you'd like, you are welcome to identify yourself with the “Visitor” stickers found in the Friendship Register. At the close of worship, please feel free to take a Blue Welcome Bag, which includes a small gift and further information about First Church. They can be found at the front.

LIKE TO KNOW MORE? – For more information about First Presbyterian Church, its ministry and mission, and how we can grow and learn together, please:

- See the announcements in this bulletin
- Go to the church website (www.fpcdunedin.org)
- Read the monthly newsletter, *The Voice*, found at various information tables here and on the church website.
- Find us on Facebook
- Contact the church office (727-733-2318, frontoffice@fpcdunedin.org)

THOSE WITH VISION OR HEARING IMPAIRMENTS – Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers. Hearing assisted devices are also available at the sound booth.

FIRST FRIENDS PRESCHOOL OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DUNEDIN offers Christian based curriculum for ages 1-5 and the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) Program. Call 727-733-2111 for more information. Visit the website at www.firstfriendspreschool.net or like us on Facebook @ First Friends Preschool – Dunedin Florida.

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

USHERS: Paul Stone, Barbara and Jim Szatkowski, Paul Burks, Colin O’Brien
LITURGIST: Carol O’Brien
SOUND TECHNICIANS: Dave Thomas and Jeff Cockrell

SANCTUARY FLOWERS THIS WEEK ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY

Ann Hemme in loving memory of Bob and in honor of Bill and Paul
and my daughters-in-law Sylvia, Tina and Naomi
Marion Yongue in memory of Yuko K. Yongue, Ruth Yongue Grubbs and Emory Dean

TODAY’S OPPORTUNITIES

8:45 a.m. – Worship Café (HH)
9:00 a.m. – Children’s Sunday School (N)
9:30 a.m. – Searcher Sunday School Class – Eric Houghton (HR)
9:30 a.m. – Foundation Sunday School Class (L)
10:30 a.m. – Traditional Worship (S)
10:50 a.m. – Children’s Sunday School (B)
11:30 a.m. – Fellowship Hour (HH)

PRAYER REQUESTS - the names of people who have requested prayer are listed in italics the first week of their request and any time there are changes in their condition or place of recuperation. (Please call the church office if you have a prayer concern.)

- *Ashley Hoffer, granddaughter of Joe and Donna Hoffer*
- *Wenda Behm*
- Karen Towers, friend of Jodie Cannon
- Emmie Wagner, daughter of Richard Simon
- Dave Rodman
- Judge Lynn Burris (family of Deborah Kynes) in OK
- Loren Davidson, friend of Bev Fisher

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Monday (9 th)	8:30 a.m.	Prayer Walkers (PL)
	6:00 p.m.	Scouts (HH, B, C)
	6:30 p.m.	Scout Committee (HH)
	7:00 p.m.	Property Committee (612)
	7:00 p.m.	Sarah Circle (L)
Tuesday (10 th)	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship and Hospitality Committee (L)
	11:00 a.m.	Preschool Committee (MR)
	1:00 p.m.	Esther Circle (L)
	4:00 p.m.	Dialogues (L)
	7:00 p.m.	Venture Crew (B)
	7:00 p.m.	AA (EHH)
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee (MR)
Wednesday (11 th)	11:00 a.m.	Senior Exercise Class (HH)
	1:30 p.m.	Worship Committee (MR)
	6:00 p.m.	Mission Dinner (HH)
	6:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal (BC)
	7:00 p.m.	Video Club (L)
Thursday (12 th)	10:00 a.m.	Preschool Chapel (S)
	11:00 a.m.	OA (EHH)
	5:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts (B)
	6:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (CR)
	8:00 p.m.	NA (EHH)
Friday (13 th)	6:30 p.m.	AA (EHH)
Saturday (14 th)	7:00 p.m.	AA (EHH)

Legend: (B) Basement Game Room; (BC) Bell Choir EB; (C) Cinema EB; (CR) Choir Room; (EB) Ed Bldg 2nd Fl; (EHH) East Hager Hall; (FO) Front Office; (HH) Hager Hall; (HR) Highlander Room; (L) Library; (MR) Meeting Room; (N) Nursery; (PL) Parking Lot; (PS) Ed Bldg Gr Floor; (S) Sanctuary; (10) Scout Hut on Loudon; (612) Green House

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIDEO CLUB The Video Club will meet for dinner on Wednesday, March 11 at 5:30 p.m. at the Chatterbox Restaurant. We will return to the church at approximately 7:00 p.m. to watch the first half of *Downton Abbey*.

MISSION DINNER AND SPEAKER Kelli Castro of “Saving our Seniors” (a new and local organization that helps seniors get medical equipment and other services) will be speaking at our Wednesday night dinner on March 11. Dinner will start at 6:00 p.m. with the speaker at 6:30. Cost is \$8.00 at the door. For reservations sign up at fellowship time today or call the church office by noon tomorrow.

THE VOICE is now available on the church web site. Limited printed copies are available in Hager Hall and in the church office.

DUNEDIN CARES In the midst of the Coronavirus concern, please give generously as folks with food insecurity may not be able to afford to stock up on food and household supplies. Peanut butter jelly, pasta and sauce, canned fruits and vegetables will be welcomed. Perhaps think of two-for-one sales – one for yourself and one for another.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR Today’s Fellowship Hour is hosted by the Sarah Circle. Join them in Hager Hall at 11:30 a.m. for special treats and learn more about this dynamic group of women!

DIALOGUES began Tuesday, February 4, 4:00-5:15 p.m., with an 8-week study and discussion of Brian Stevenson’s best-selling book, *Just Mercy*. You don’t want to miss this important discussion of a book that has been called “every bit as moving as *To Kill a Mockingbird*.” Rev. Dr. David Shelor will be leading the weekly discussions. Copies are available on Amazon for \$7.88.

FLORIDA FANFARE BRASS IN CONCERT! Sunday, March 29, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. The Florida Fanfare Brass will present a concert entitled “Showin’ Off”. The program features music that you will recognize from Broadway, movies and TV. Come hear the music and enjoy learning some pretty cool facts about the songs presented during this “free-will offering” concert.