

The First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin
First Sunday in Lent
February 18, 2018
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 25:1-10 (Pew Bible page 436) Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord: do not remember my sin. Genesis 9:8-17 (Pew Bible pages 6-7) God's covenant with Noah: I will never again flood the whole earth. 1 Peter 3:18-22 (Pew Bible page 985) The flood of former days prefigures the sacrament of baptism. Mark 1:9-15 (Pew Bible page 812) After his baptism, Jesus is tested in the wilderness for forty days. (Today's service scriptures are: Exodus 19:1-19 (Pew Bible page 57) and Matthew 6:7-13 (Pew Bible page 787).*

PRAYER FOR THE DAY: *God of mercy, your word was the sure defense of Jesus in his time of testing. Minister to us in the wilderness of our temptation, that we who have been set free from sin by Christ may serve you well into life everlasting. Amen.*

THE GATHERING

BELL PEAL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS GREETING

PRELUDE "Wondrous Love" Lind

INTROIT "Join Hearts and Voices" Tune: Hamburg

ALL: Join hearts and voices as we lift our gratitude for every gift,
and multiply each gift with praise to God who gives us all our days.
So may we answer Christ's clear call to offer talents, treasures, all.
God's love abounding, grace on grace, enriches life in every place.
(from "A Singing Faith" – Jane Parker Huber – used with permission)

OPENING SENTENCES

LEADER: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.
PEOPLE: Know that the Lord is God. It is God that made us, and we are God's;
we are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

LEADER: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise.
Give thanks to God, bless God's name.
PEOPLE: For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's
faithfulness to all generations. Praise the Lord!

***HYMN #81** "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" St. Flavian

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess our lack of trust in you. We confess that we forget that we need you. We run about trying to fix and correct and save the world, whilst forgetting that you have already fixed, corrected and saved. Help us to stop our human striving and lean into you. Apart from you, we can do nothing. With you anything is possible. And so we surrender control and put our trust in you. May we seek you and your will in prayer. *(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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM – Daniella Victoria Ryan

***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 WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING Matthew 6:7-13 (Pew Bible page 787)

The Gospel of the Lord!
Praise to You, O Christ!

ANTHEM "Pie Jesu" **Guilmant**
(*"Blessed Jesus, Lord and King, grant us mercy, give us peace."*)

OLD TESTAMENT READING **Exodus 19:1-9 (Pew Bible page 57)**
The Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Generosity – Revealed in Prayer/Lived in Faith" **Rev. Dr. David K. Shelor**

THE RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY "Herzliebster Jesu" **Lind**
***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 #87** "The Glory of These Forty Days" **Erhalt uns, Herr**

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** "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, February 25, 2018 will be the Second Sunday in Lent. *The lectionary scriptures will be: Psalm 22:23-31 (Pew Bible page 435) In the great congregation I will praise the Lord, my deliverer. Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 (Pew Bible pages 11-12) God's covenant with Abraham: I will make of you a great nation. Romans 4:13-25 (Pew Bible page 916) Abraham's faith was reckoned to him as righteousness by God. Mark 8:31-38 (Pew Bible page 820) Jesus says: Deny yourselves; take up your cross and follow me.*

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are delighted to have you with us today! We invite you to join us for a time of fellowship and light refreshments immediately following both worship services in Hager Hall. Large print bulletins and large print hymnals are available from the ushers. Hearing devices are also available. Please ask for one at the sound booth. Should your hearing device not work properly; please notify the sound technician for a replacement.

HAVE CHILDREN? A professionally staffed nursery is available for children age 3 and younger in Room 103 of our Christian Education building. Coloring pages for children to use in worship are also available. Contact an usher for information on both. During the 10:30 a.m. service, children through 5th grade are invited to come forward during the Children's Sermon in worship and leave afterward for their own class in Sonshine Mountain (Christian Education building) for the remainder of the worship service.

NEW TO FIRST CHURCH? Thank you for being our guest today! We would like to offer you as a gift one of our Blue Welcome Bags. They are found at the front after worship today. Pastor David will be nearby. He hopes you will introduce yourself to him before you leave. Thank you again for joining us today. We are happy to share our love of Jesus Christ with you.

LIKE TO KNOW MORE? For more information about First Church, its ministry and mission, and how you can learn and grow with us, you can see the announcements in this bulletin, go to our website (www.fpcdunedin.org), where we post our monthly newsletter, *The Voice*, find us on Facebook or contact the church office. We also invite you to fill out the Friendship Register you will find near your seat and share as much contact information as you would like. We are glad you are here!

NEW GUEST WELCOME TODAY! – We invite any recent new guests with us to attend one of our New Guest Welcome sessions held on periodic Sundays following each worship service in the Heyward Study. This is your opportunity to meet with our pastor, David Shelor, and others to ask questions and to learn more, including how to become an official member of the First Church community. (Please meet in the Pastor's Office this morning.)

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: John Ralph, Dean Pearce, Robert Donofrio, Cheryl Small

LITURGIST: Rebecca Houghton

SOUND TECHNICIANS: Carin Gow and Jeff Cockrell

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

Paul and Lynn Burks in memory of Paul’s mother, Nina Sealey Burks

TODAY’S OPPORTUNITIES

- 8:45 a.m. – Worship Café
- 9:30 a.m. – New Guest Welcome
- 9:30 a.m. – Fellowship Hour
- 9:30 a.m. – Searcher Sunday School Class – Eric Houghton
- 9:30 a.m. – Foundation Sunday School Class – Rev. Buddy Doyle
- 10:00 a.m. – Congregational Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. – God & Me/God & Family Sunday School Class
- 10:30 a.m. – Traditional Worship
- 11:30 a.m. – New Guest Welcome
- 11:30 a.m. – Fellowship Hour
- 1:30 p.m. – Birthday Reception – Shelor’s

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Monday (19 th)	8:30 a.m.	Prayer Walkers
	6:00 p.m.	Scouts
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	7:00 p.m.	Venture Crew
Tuesday (20 th)	9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	2:00 p.m.	Koinonia
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	AA
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study – Doyle
Wednesday (21 st)	7:00 p.m.	Session
	6:30 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
Thursday (22 nd)	7:00 p.m.	Video Club
	11:00 a.m.	OA
	11:00 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
	6:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Friday (23 rd)	8:00 p.m.	NA
	6:30 p.m.	AA
Saturday (24 th)	10:30 a.m.	Directory Photos
	7:00 p.m.	AA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUPPER CLUB sign up starts today in Hager Hall. Please stop by the Supper Club table after Worship Care or the Traditional Service to sign up for the gatherings on March 16 and April 13. All are welcome, and we hope to see you at dinner!

KOINONIA Come to Koinonia this Tuesday, February 20 at 2 p.m. to hear our own Nell Thomas present *The Chilbury Ladies Choir* by Jennifer Ryan. Nell will unfold the struggles, affairs, deceptions, and triumphs of a small village choir as England begins its involvement during World War II. Bring family, friends, neighbors, and strangers to the FPC Library this Tuesday, February 20 at 2 p.m. for food, fellowship, and Nell’s delightful review of *The Chilbury Ladies Choir*.

WE NEED YOUR PICTURE! Picture taking for the new directory will begin today in the Heyward Study. Our photographer, Mary Jo Offutt will be waiting between services.

THE VIDEO CLUB will meet for dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21 at Panera Bread Company. We will return to the church at approximately 7:00 to watch the first half of *Victoria and Abdul*.

GOODWILL BOOKWORKS Hear about this wonderful program at our First Friends Preschool on Wednesday, February 28 at 10:30 a.m. Haydee Castro, coordinator for the Goodwill Industries BookWorks Program, will be here to speak to those interested in reading to our preschool children. All present readers and anyone who is interested in becoming a reader are invited!

ROOM CLOSURE East Hager Hall is closed for the month of February so that new air conditioners in Hager Hall and East Hager Hall can be installed. East Hager Hall will be a staging area for construction. On Sundays, to reach the Sanctuary from the Parking Lot, please plan to use one of several paths: take the Highland Avenue sidewalk; use the west courtyard entrance to Hager Hall and go through the kitchen to reach the Sanctuary; or park on the street and enter the Sanctuary via the Narthex or the door by the Bell Tower. All Restrooms will continue to be available for use. *Contact Diana Carsey (727-409-5415) if you need more information.*

DIALOGUES: A SMALL GROUP ENCOUNTER Diana Carsey will facilitate a discussion of *A Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass* Monday, February 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the church library. Books are currently available in the church library. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Brenda Thomas, drbwy1969@gmail.com.

THE FEBRUARY FELLOWSHIP HOURS are hosted by the Women’s Circles. Please join us each Sunday in Hager Hall at 11:30 to enjoy some light refreshment, take a few minutes to visit with friends old and new, and of course welcome our visitors!

SESSION MEMBERS please remember the Session Docket is now sent via email. Session meets Tuesday, February 20 at 7:00 p.m.

A SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS will start on Wednesday, March 7th. The program will be held in Hager Hall from 11 a.m. until noon each Wednesday and is a low-impact workout focusing on strength, flexibility and balance. If desired, participants can choose to sit during the session. If you're questioning if this is for you, come and try it out. For more information call Deb Markel (231-894-8088) or email her at debmarkel@hotmail.com.

DUNEDIN COMMUNITY CHORUS CONCERT next Sunday, February 25 at 3:00 p.m. at the Dunedin Community Center (1920 Pinehurst Road). Come hear Stephen Allen direct the 80-member group in a fun concert featuring childhood songs like "This Ol' Man", "Warm Kitty, Soft Kitty" and a couple of surprises too!

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.)

- *Babe Young at Mease Dunedin*
- *Family and friends of Miriam Work, mother of Sue Legg, who died February 9*
- *Marion Guthrie at Mease Assisted Living*
- *Joyce Swan at Comprehensive Health Care in Clearwater*
- Jay Archer facing surgery
- Iris Poppler at The Preserve following hip surgery
- Dave Rodman at home following surgery
- Jennie Capel following knee replacement surgery
- Debby Womack, sister of Candy Barnette, diagnosed with Parkinson's
- Herb Russcoe and Stosh Christopoulos, friends of Nancy Klopp
- Michael Deeley, friend of Marge and Richard Simon
- Billie Cooper, aunt of Jeff Cockrell diagnosed with ALS and Rod Newman, stepfather of Jeff Cockrell, diagnosed with Parkinson's and dementia and their caregivers, Andy Cooper (uncle) and Shirley Newman (mother)
- Beth-El Farmworker Ministry
- For continued healing: Joan Wiggins, Ethel (Cricket) Smith, Beth Hoffer, Larry French, Cynthia Nilson, Linda Donnelly, Richard and Dana Garlick, Matthew Lanier, John Willmarth
- All our members who reside in nursing homes or confined at home

Church Attendance on February 11, 2018 - Worship Café 53; Traditional 176

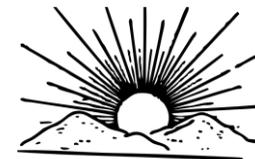
Is God in your will?



Palm Sunday – March 25
Services at 8:45 and 10:30 a.m.



Maundy Thursday – March 29, 2018
Service at 7:30 p.m.



EASTER SUNDAY – April 1, 2018
Sunrise service on Dunedin Causeway
Services at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

