

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Prayer

(from The Book of Praise, #535)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen

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Sunday March 8th, 2020

2nd Sunday of Lent

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WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Entry of the Bible

Introit

Second Sunday of Lent (see insert)

Hymn: "Christ, of all my hopes the ground" #680

Opening Prayer:

God of all Creation, your mystery embraces the vast reaches of the universe and yet you are present with us in our daily lives. You come to us as light and love, and with even the tiniest spark, you brighten our darkness. Deepen our sense of your holy presence this day. Open our minds so that we wonder at your faithfulness to us and all creation. God of mystery and mercy, we confess that we fail to recognize the magnitude of your love and grace. We hope that our will is done, not yours. We trust our own strength and overlook our deep need for grace and forgiveness. Open our eyes to the truth of our arrogance and help us look more honestly at our lives and the world you love. Renew our trust in your mercy and the hope we have in Christ's renewing love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Special Music: Gracious Saviour - Evelyn Konrad &

WE CELEBRATE GOD'S CHILDREN

*Praise Song: "In the bulb there is a flower" #674

Exploring God Together

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation: #384 v.3

"O Breath of love, come breathe within us, renewing thought and will and heart: come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us, revive your church in every part."

Please stand at items marked * if you are able. Passages in **Bold Print** are to be spoken in unison

Bible Readings:

Genesis 12:1-4

pg. 10 OT

Psalms 121

pg. 571 OT

John 3:1-17

pg. 93-94 NT

Gloria Patri:

#594

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.

Sermon: "Born of the Spirit"

Hymn: "Spirit, Spirit of gentleness" #399

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Response: #625 v.1

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you Allelu, alleluia!"

*Prayer of Dedication:

Generous and loving God, in gratitude for all that we have received in Christ and in creation, we offer you this portion of what we have to share. Take these gifts and bless them, and us, for the building up of your kingdom in the world you love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (see the back of bulletin)

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn: "There's a spirit in the air" #764

Blessing #726

"May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all. Working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call."

Postlude:

(Please maintain a reverent silence and stillness during Postlude)