

*FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*

A New Spirit,
A New Covenant

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Fifth Sunday in Lent

St. Patrick's Day

Sunday, March 17, 2024

10:00 A.M.



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Be Thou My Vision" arr Clay Christianson

WELCOME Liturgist

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

Let us join our voices with the saints whose lives inspire.

We are here today, aspiring to claim the life of faith with courage.

We are ready to worship and give thanks for whose we are.

In our worship, we share God's message with the world.

***HYMN-Lenten Hymnal** "Here In This Place"

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Kaul

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of glory and righteousness,
we confess that we do not live as citizens
of your kin-dom.**

We give allegiance to earthly thrones.

We ignore the neediest in our midst.

We discount our own worth.

We forsake the justice due your kin-dom.

**Take from us the spirit of isolation, greed,
lust for power, and false pride.**

**Give us instead the spirit of interdependency,
generosity, humility, and love.**

Amen. (*Silent Reflection*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

THE LENTEN WREATH

SCRIPTURE READING:

Mark 10:34-45

Lenten Scripture Readers

REFLECTION

PRAYER

Jesus, we live in a world searching for more authority and recognition. We are tempted by the false promises of ambition. We have let those lies seep into our life together. We don't want the cross. We want to be served rather than to serve. Change us, Jesus. Help us to find the joy in serving one another. Give us your grace to seek first your good, true, and peaceful kingdom. Amen.

SONG RESPONSE-Lenten Hymnal "Jesus Remember Me"

ANTHEM "In Heavenly Love" John Ness Beck

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION **LITURGIST**

A TIME TO BE YOUNG

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 51:1-12 Liturgist

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.

² **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

³ **For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

⁴ Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgement.

⁵ **Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.**

⁶ **You desire truth in the inward being; therefore, teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

⁸ **Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

⁹ Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

¹⁰ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.**

¹¹ Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy Spirit from me.

¹² **Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 31:31-34 Rev. Kaul

SERMON

“A New Spirit, A New Covenant”

HYMN

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“Be Thou My Vision”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Liturgist

We believe and trust in God The Father Almighty.

We believe and trust in Jesus Christ, His Son.

We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.

We believe and trust in the Three in One.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“The King of Love (St. Columba)”

Irish tune arr. Wilbur Held

***Doxology**

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

HYMN

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“Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION - (Christ Be With Me) - Lenten Hymnal

“May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent, one from the other.” (*Mizpah Benediction*)

POSTLUDE

“Fugue”

Johann Pachelbel

Presby Perennials are looking to borrow card tables for their Afternoon Tea to be held April 13, 2024. If anyone has a card table please contact Yvonne.



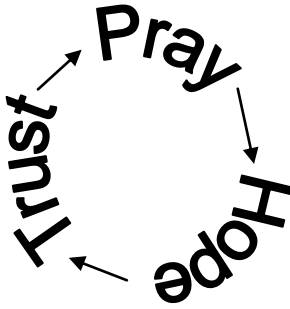
Deacon's Bakeless Bake Sale -
(By the way this past Thursday 3.14.24 was π day!)



Happy St. Patrick's Day!



"Am I Irish? Are you kidding? I was born green!"



Soren Kierkegaard observed,
*“Life can only be understood backwards; but it must
be lived forwards.”*

Pray ⇔ Hope ⇔ Trust ⇔ Pray



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