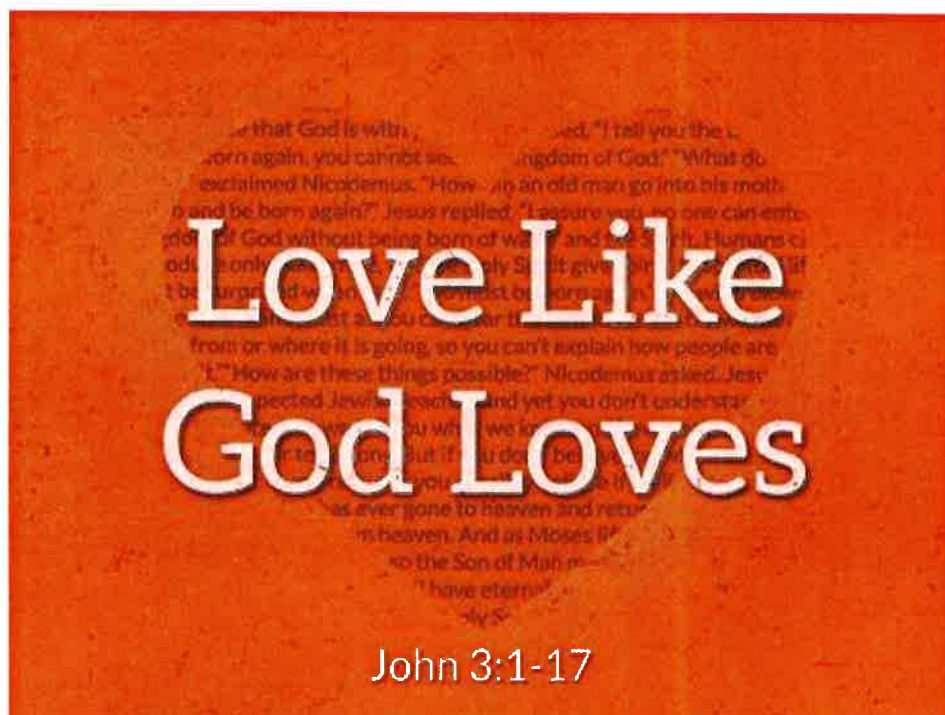


*THE
FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*



2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 5, 2023

10:00 A.M.

**119 WEST COMMERCE STREET
(AT THE CORNER OF GILES STREET)
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE *"Simple Song"* Suzanne Ciani

WELCOME Liturgist

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

There is so much we do not understand,
so many mysteries in this life of faith.
But some things are certain. We do know:
**Our help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
God is our keeper and our shade.
Let us lift our eyes to God.**

*HYMN #356 *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Kaul

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Liturgist

Teacher, you call us to go, following the plan that you have set out for us. You promise us blessings and purpose, but we do not trust your words. We cling to what we already know, we trust in what we can see and touch, we make excuses for our failure to trust in you. Call to us again, that we may be born again through your Spirit. Help us to believe and give us the abundant life that comes from following your will.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS Rev. Kaul

God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Thanks be to God.

We will bear witness to God's saving grace with our lives.

*GLORIA PATRI

HEARING THE WORD

ANTHEM *"Canticle of Care"* Anna Laura Page

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

The Lenten Candle Wreath

The Ambrose Family

The Symbolism of the Seven Candles:

Theme as focus: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1:5)

These candles symbolize Jesus, the Light of the World, that was God's glory illuminated as God for us. This Light gradually darkened, until it was finally snuffed out on Good Friday as Jesus died on the cross and the earth became covered with shadowy darkness. On Easter, the resurrection of our Lord symbolizes Jesus's Light as The Christ and the glory of God is on full display (just as it was on Transfiguration Sunday while Jesus was on the Mountain, at the end of Epiphany and before Lent began). One by one, week by week, a candle will be snuffed out to be our reminder of the struggle in our lives of darkness trying to overcome the light.

Second Sunday in Lent:

All: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love.

THE CANDLE READINGS

The Ambrose Family

The Second Candle is extinguished.

Pastor: Jonah cried out to the people of Nineveh, repent or in 40 days you will perish.

People: Lead us Lord, from death to life.

Prayer: Merciful God, strengthen us in prayer and for us on our journey. Help us lift up our world's brokenness to your healing power and saving love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

Sung Response: # 599 *“Jesus Remember Me”* (sing twice)

GOSPEL READING

John 3:1-17

Rev. Kaul
N. T. pg 93 ☺

SERMON

"Hush-Hush"

Rev. Norlita Kaul

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #492

"Baptized in Water"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

God's Love never changes. Against all who oppose the divine will, God expresses Love. In the same love God bore judgment and death in Jesus Christ, to bring all people to repentance and new life. Adapted Conf. 1967 9.14

THE EUCHARTIST

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory *"Broken and Spilled Out"* G. Gaither & B. Green
Deb - soloist

*Doxology

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION/THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #372

"Lord, I Want To Be A Christian"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BENEDICTION**

May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent, one from another. Amen.
(Mizpah Benediction)

POSTLUDE

"Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" arr. Mary McDonald

SYMBOLS:

- * - Those who are able, please stand.
- ☺ - Older children leave for Sunday School
- GTG - Glory To God Hymnal (PCUSA)

The Call of Abram Genesis 12:1-4

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.



TODAY

**After Fellowship Time: Adult Forum Study
The Lord's Prayer in Bonham Hall**



**Worship Committee Meeting
Mon. March 6th @ 1:00 P.M.
in Bonham Hall**



Worship Committee



**NEXT, Sunday, March 12, 2023
Daylight saving time begins**



Board of Deacons



**Monday, March 13, 2023
Deacons Meeting @ 7:00 P.M.
in Bonham Hall**



**Friday, March 17th
Happy St. Patrick's Day**

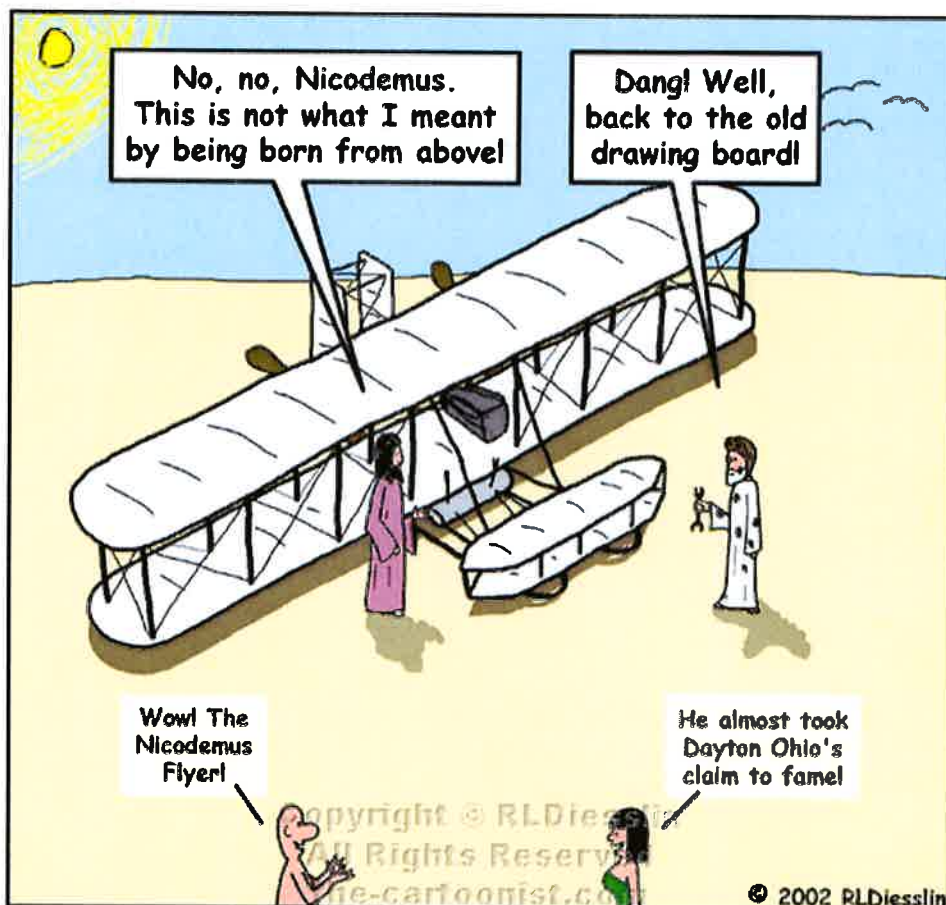
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

For Cash offerings, please use the plain envelopes provided.
Please also include your name/number on the outside of the envelope. Thanks!



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Franz and Marge P
on the birth of their first grandchild. Briana
and Jeremy (Franz and Marges's son)
welcomed a healthy baby girl on March 1st.
Her name is Anastasia "Anya" Rose



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