

February 18, 2024; 9:00 am
First Sunday in Lent

We Gather Together

Welcome to today's Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on zoom, watching on our YouTube channel, or listening on the radio we are glad you are here. For those in person, please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. We extend a special welcome to our visitors, and if you have not already received your welcome gift, please pick one up as you leave the sanctuary after worship.

Prelude: "Pleading Saviour" *arr. by Thomas Zachacz, David S. Harris*

Welcome & Announcements *Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin*
Ringing of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ

***Call to Worship** *Lew Smith*

The Lord has called us here this day.

Lord, reveal to us your purposes for us.

Open your hearts to receive God's good news.

Lord, make us ready to serve you.

Come, let us worship God!

Let us sing our praises to the Almighty One. AMEN.

*** Opening Prayer**

Faithful God, you called all creatures into being, and you care for each one. Send your grace upon your people gathered here, that we may follow your ways of truth, and walk in the paths of steadfast love, proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Sung Response: GTG 23 "God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"**
Carol Wetzel, Cantor

***Call to Confession** *Lew Smith*

It is God who judges our faithfulness, and so it is to God that we bring our minds and hearts that have, too often, been blinded by the gods of this world. Let us confess our failures and our need, as we pray together...

***Prayer of Confession**

Lew Smith

O Sovereign God, we confess that we have allowed so many things to come between us and the gospel, that we cannot see the light of Christ or hear your voice calling us to listen. We have neither the courage nor the faith to respond effectively to your call. We are more concerned for our own safety and comfort than for the triumph of truth.

Silent Confession

(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)

God of grace, as you forgive us again, we pray that you will lift the veil that blinds us. Save us from perishing, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

The kingdom of God has come near. God's realm is in our very midst. Believe in this good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and reclaimed by God. **Amen.**

***Sharing God's Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also, with you!**

*(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you using the ancient formula 'The Peace of Christ.' 'And also, with you.' Please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands or be too close. **We encourage you to use this time to send a text or emoji to someone who cannot be here.**)*

***Sung Response: GTG 627 "I Love You, Lord" (sing twice)**

God's Word Is Proclaimed

Psalm Reading: Psalm 25:1-10 (Common English Bible)

(page 502 in the pew Bible)

I offer my life to you, Lord.

My God, I trust you.

Please don't let me be put to shame!

Don't let my enemies rejoice over me!

For that matter,

don't let anyone who hopes in you be put to shame;

instead, let those who are treacherous without excuse be put to shame.

Make your ways known to me, Lord;

teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth—teach it to me—

because you are the God who saves me.

I put my hope in you all day long.

Lord, remember your compassion and faithful love—

they are forever!

But don't remember the sins of my youth or my wrongdoing.

Remember me only according to your faithful love

for the sake of your goodness, Lord.

The Lord is good and does the right thing;

he teaches sinners which way they should go.

God guides the weak to justice,

teaching them his way.

All the Lord's paths are loving and faithful

for those who keep his covenant and laws.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:9-15 (Common English Bible)

(page 34 in the pew Bible)

About that time, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. While he was coming up out of the water, Jesus saw heaven splitting open and the Spirit, like a dove, coming down on him. And there was a voice from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness.”

At once the Spirit forced Jesus out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among the wild animals, and the angels took care of him.

After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee announcing God’s good news, saying, “Now is the time! Here comes God’s kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!”

Children’s Time

Jennifer Zander

Sermon: “Kingdom Power”

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

Sung response: GTG 702 “Christ Be Beside Me”

We Respond to God’s Word

In response to God’s Word and remembering all things come from God, we offer with thanks a portion of that which God has entrusted to us. The ushers will collect God’s tithes and our offerings. For those who have given in other forms, there are cards in the pew racks that you may use as a tangible act of thanks. No matter what is physically offered back to God, may we spiritually place our hearts, and our very lives, in God’s hands, to be re-shaped to further God’s kingdom here on earth.

Offering Music: “Across the Lands”

Jaeda R., violin

February Deacon of the Month
Mary Ellen McMeen

February Elder of the Month
Cheryl Clarenbach

This Week at Church

Sunday **02.18.2024** **First Sunday of Lent**
9:00-10:00am Worship
10:15 Fellowship Time
10:15-11:15am Growing Connections
 Intergenerational Activities – Pastor Craig will lead us.
11:00-12:00pm Delicious Homemade Brunch
1:00-5:00pm Tubing at Sunburst

Monday **02.19.2024**
10:00-11:30am Staff Meeting
6:30-8:00pm Session

Wednesday **02.21.2024**
8:00-9:00am Men's Breakfast
4:30-5:30pm Bell Choir
5:30-6:30pm Finance Team

Saturday **02.24.2024**
9:00-12:00pm Table Tennis

Sunday **02.25.2024** **Second Sunday in Lent**
9:00-10:00am Worship
10:15am Fellowship Time
10:15-11:15am Growing Connections
 • Adults Low Vision Awareness – Brian C. and Jodi A. are hosting.
 • 8th-12th Grade Room 6
 • 4th – 7th Grade Room 3
 • Preschool – 3rd Grade Room 8
11:15am Lenten Potluck Lunch
6:00-7:30pm Boy Scout Troop 702

Looking Ahead

9:00am	Worship	February 25	Second Sunday of Lent
11:15am	Lenten Lunches	February 25	
4:30pm	Loaves & Fishes	February 28	Church of Peace
9:00am	Worship	March 3	Third Sunday of Lent
	Communion	March 3	
9:00am	Worship	March 10	Fourth Sunday in Lent ⁶

PRAYERS

Brian C.	*Lynn K.
Pat D.	*Ashley K.
Gib D.	*Cathie
Arnold L.	*Mike S.
Jesse F.	*Dale F.
Liam A.	*Maryann C.
Burt M.	*Lorele C.
Marie L.	*Laura C.
Chastity G. and Joan S.	*Tanya
Bob B.	All the countries affected by unrest, violence, and war.

The names with an asterisk (*) are not church members. However, a church member has requested they be lifted in prayer.

If you have a pastoral concern, that happens after office hours, please call the office (920.922.0425), press #2 for Pastoral Care.

E-Giving

Consider giving electronically. It's easy, convenient, and secure. You can sign-up on our website www.fdlpresbyterian.org. Click on 'Giving'. (You can change your giving at any time.) We are so very thankful for those of you who tithe or give regularly to our church. Your contributions help us do God's work.

Please take a moment to thank those who help make our service run smoothly. Because of them, we can worship God well.

Fishing Derby Weekly Challenge

Week 1 February 18-February 24

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN FISHING DERBY

(February 18-March 24)

Complete the challenges on the Weekly Sheets. Consider the reflections and challenges and then place a coin or bill in your fish bank. Bring your “catch” to be weighed and judged on Palm Sunday, March 24.






Here Are the Categories:

Heaviest Fish, Cutest Fish, Longest Tail, Most Creative Name, Most Active Fish.

Share photos of your fish each week.

Email them: fdloffice@fdlpresbyterian.org or

Messenger: First Presbyterian Church, Fond du lac.

	Try a new spiritual practice this Lent. Find some ideas here: Ideas for Spiritual Practices for Lent. https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/ideas-article-spiritual-practices-lent/
	When roads are closed and the electricity is off, going to see a doctor can be hard. Give a gift for each person in your family who has been able to see a doctor this past year. *From One Great Hour of Sharing PCUSA 2024 Calendar.
	Communication can be incredibly difficult after a disaster, especially if the internet isn't working! Give a gift of every phone your family has. *From One Great Hour of Sharing PCUSA 2024 Calendar.
	Think of three people you are thankful for. Write them a note to let them know you are thinking of them and thankful for them. Share a gift in their honor. *From One Great Hour of Sharing PCUSA 2023 Calendar.
	Around the world, hunger-related causes kill tens of thousands of people every day. Gift a gift for meals you've had today. *From One Great Hour of Sharing PCUSA 2024 Calendar.



Easter Flowers

Easter flowers will be ordered to beautify our sanctuary.
Your order form and money must be in the office by **March 3**.
The flower order will be placed on March 4.

Name _____

Email _____

In HONOR of _____

In MEMORY of _____

In CELEBRATION of _____

_____ Easter Lily \$21.00 _____ Chrysanthemum Daisy \$19.00

_____ Yes _____ No I will be picking up my flowers
after church, March 31, 2024.

Office

Date Paid _____ Amount _____

Cash/Check _____ Pick Up: Y N