

Welcome All to Sunday Worship Service



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First Presbyterian Church
March 6, 2022
First Sunday in Lent

Prelude “Pie Jesu”

- Andrew Lloyd Webber, 1985

Welcome and Announcements

*Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: **And also with you!**

Introit: O Lamb of God

- Phillip R. Dietterich b. 1931

Call to Worship

One: The season of Lent sets us on a journey.
All: **The journey begins in the wilderness.**
One: We follow the way of Jesus,
who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.
All: **Like Jesus, we are not alone.**
The Holy Spirit is with us. God’s Word is on our lips.
One: Our call is to trust in God alone,
to do God’s will in all things.
All: **For God leads us not only into the wilderness,
but also through the wilderness.**

Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

God Most High,
thank you for signs of your power and grace,
shown to us even in the wilderness.
Give us courage to stand firm in your Word
in every time of trial and testing,
that we may enter the land of your freedom
and receive the salvation you so generously give;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Opening Hymn:** “Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”

No. 483

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

***Invitation to Confession**

God is faithful, leading us into freedom,
but we are conditioned to the slavery of sin.
Comfortable with the way things are,
we lose sight of the way God intends them to be.
We bring our confession before the One
who is more powerful than Pharaoh in Egypt,
mightier than the devil in the wilderness.

***Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

**O God, our refuge and fortress,
forgive us when we fail to trust in you.
We fall to temptation;
we are swayed by false words;
we speak false words of our own.
We choose our ease and comfort
over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world.
In turning from you,
we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend.
Forgive us, we pray.
Do not let us be put to shame, O God.
Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

***Kyrie Eleison** (*unison*)

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Scripture declares,
The Lord is generous to all who call on God's name.
God does not turn away from us,
but desires to bring us into the glorious freedom
offered in Jesus Christ.

Believe in God, Friends!
Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***Gloria Patri** (*unison*)

**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.**

Prayer for Illumination

Bring your word near to us, O God.
May it rest not only on our lips,
but also reside in our hearts.
By the power of your Holy Spirit,
help us to respond to your word
with our whole lives
until you become our dwelling place
through Jesus Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

P. 548 in the Old Testament

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust."
Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
the Most High your dwelling place,
no evil shall befall you,
no scourge come near your tent.
For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.
You will tread on the lion and the adder,
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.
Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.
When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honor them.
With long life I will satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.

Anthem: "On Eagle's Wings"

*-Michael Joncas/
arr.- Jack Schrader, 1979*

Second Scripture Reading: Romans 10:8b-13

P. 160 in the Old Testament

But what does it say?

“The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame. ”For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Sermon: Are You Saved?

Rev. Jim DeMent

Romans 10:9: . . . if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Silence and stillness

***Congregational Hymn:** “For the Bread Which you Have Broken”

No. 508

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: O Lamb of God Most Holy

-Nikolaus Decius, 1541

***Doxology** (*unison*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, all heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** (*unison*)

**Gracious and Generous God,
we are amazed by the good gifts you bestow
in abundance.
Thank you for food that sustains us on our journey.
Thank you for the company of saints to whom we
are joined.
Thank you for giving us your work to do on earth.
We offer back to you a portion of all that we
have received,
setting down our baskets in celebration of your
greatest gift,
Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

***Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)** (*unison*)

**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 at 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.**

Prayers of the People

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and just to give you thanks
in every time and in every place, almighty God.

We give you thanks for the gift of creation
and especially for the gift of our life.

We are grateful that you have made us in your image
and that you pardon us when we act
as though you have no authority over our lives.

We are grateful that you sustain us in your great love.

And so, with all your people,
with angels, archangels,
and with all the company of heaven
we praise and magnify your glorious name,
joining our voices in the eternal hymn:

SANCTUS: UNISON

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ,
who was born of Mary and shared the joys and sorrows of the life that we know.
You anointed Jesus Christ with your Spirit
to preach good news to the poor,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
to give sight to the blind, and to liberate the oppressed,
proclaiming the year of the Lord's favor.

In Christ's baptism, suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church, and made a new covenant with us by water and the Spirit.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ,
we take from your creation this bread and this wine,
and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming,
proclaiming the mystery of faith:

GREAT IS THE MYSTERY OF FAITH: UNISON

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your people
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,
so that the bread we share and the cup we bless
will be for us the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ
and with all who share this feast,
united in ministry in every place.
As this bread is Christ's body for us,
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Make us one with Christ,
one with our neighbors,
and one in service to all the world.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

One: Merciful God, we give thanks that you have invited us to this Table.

All: **We give thanks that you have received us as members of the body of Christ
and have affirmed us as a community of faith.**

One: Lead us to live as faithful and dedicated disciples in service to all the world;

All: **in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Closing Hymn:** "The Glory of These Forty Days"

No. 87

***Charge**

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction:** Lead Me, Lord

- *Psalms 5:8, 4:7/Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1861*
- *Amens-John Stoner, 1858-1930*

Postlude: Christian, Dost Thou See Them on The Holy Ground

- *Lloyd A. Pfautsch, 1921*



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Verse 1
Verse 2

Verse 3
Verse 4

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

Sing praise to God, who reigns above,
The God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love,
The God of our salvation;
With healing balm my soul is filled,
And every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power hath made,
God's gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning glow or evening shade
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of God's might,
Lo! all is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away,
But through all grief distressing,
An ever present help and stay,
Our peace, and joy, and blessing;
As with a mother's tender hand,
God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!

Thus all my gladsome way along,
I sing aloud Thy praises
That all may hear the grateful song
My voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,
Both soul and body take your part:
To God all praise and glory!

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

For the bread which You have broken,
For the wine which You have poured,
For the words which You have spoken,
Now we give You thanks, O Lord.

By this promise that You love us,
By Your gift of peace restored,
By Your call to heaven above us,
Hallow all our lives, O Lord.

With the saints who now adore You
Seated at the heavenly board,
May the church still waiting for You
Keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

In Your service, Lord, defend us;
In our hearts keep watch and ward;
In the world to which You send us
Let Your kingdom come, O Lord.

The Glory of These Forty Days

The glory of these forty days
We celebrate with songs of praise;
For Christ, by whom all things were made,
Himself has fasted and has prayed.

Alone and fasting, Moses saw
The loving God who gave the law;
And to Elijah, fasting, came
The steeds and chariots of flame.

So Daniel trained his mystic sight,
Delivered from the lion's might;
And John, the Bridegroom's friend, became
The herald of Messiah's name.

Then grant, that we like them be true,
Consumed in fast and prayer with You;
Our spirits strengthen with Your grace,
And give us joy to see Your face.



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FPC Opportunities for Worship & Service

Wednesday, March 9
4:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting
Thursday March 10
9:30 AM PW Adele Carsner Young Circle
Sunday, March 13 (Daylight Savings Time Begins)
10:30 AM Worship Service

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Pastor’s Notes

Our Bulletin cover features a work by the contemporary French painter Jean-Claude Gaugu (1944-). Entitled “The Awakening,” the work consists of more than 400 brightly painted wood panels depicting the personal awakening that may visit us when we ponder the love of God and new life in Christ.

As we commence, once again, our Lenten journey towards Easter, is each of us praying for an awakening of the Spirit in our heart? Can we dare to imagine what an awakening in our church might look like? Does Gaugu’s vivid linear impressionist style, full of dramatic imagery and radiant colors, suggest to us the amazing, dazzling beauty of a new, transformed life to be found in our Savior Jesus Christ?

During Lent, as somber darkness clouds our lives for forty days, as the pain and hardship inflicted upon our church by Hurricane Harvey and the Covid pandemic bring dark memories to mind, let us carry on in faith that a luminescent brightness awaits us, a brightness founded in hope and promised to us by our Lord. There can be a resurrection of the heart, soul, and spirit, just as there is a resurrection of the body. Come, Lord Jesus! Stir within us a great awakening!

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