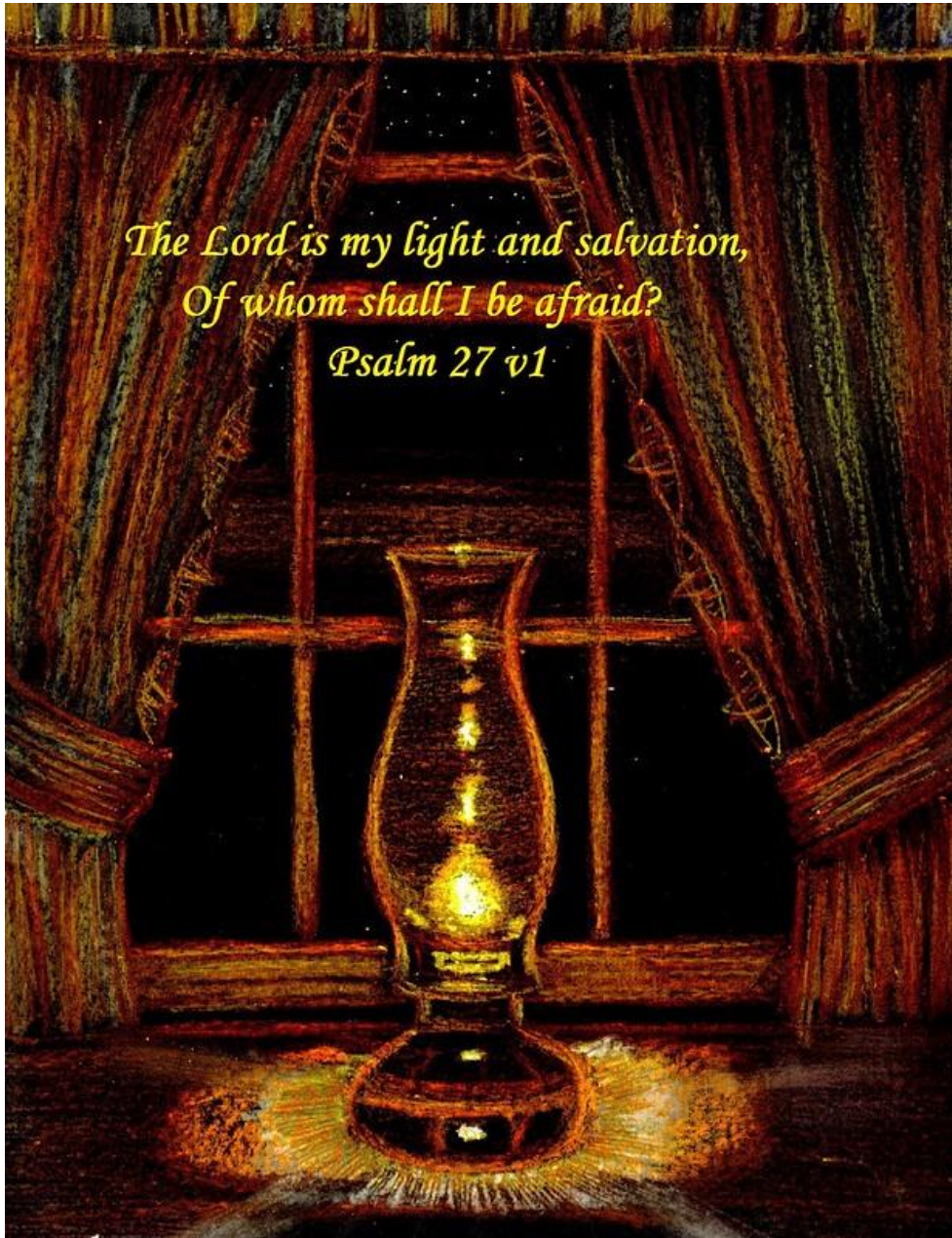


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Second Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2022

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Canzone
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

P. I. Tchaikovsky
Arr. by Jason Krug

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME

Missy Coulter

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation. Whom shall I fear?

People: **The Lord is the stronghold of our lives. Of whom shall we be afraid?**

Leader: We remain confident of this: We will see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

People: **Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.**

Leader: We gather in the name of Jesus Christ to worship God, the Holy One of all creation.

People: **We will sing and make melody to the Lord our God!**

* HYMN OF PRAISE 441

Hear the Good News of Salvation

NETTLETON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Holy One, we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times, O God, when we fail to recognize you amidst the routines of our lives. Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness. Holy God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of your holy presence near us and in us. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Help us to see you in the moment-by-moment possibilities of our lives that we may live the faith honestly and act courageously for the good of all.

(Silence for Personal Confession)

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, give you courage in the face of despair and difficulty.

People: **This is the hope that sustains us on the journey: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

* GLORIA PATRI

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*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.*

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Bob Brearley

*Following the Children's Moment, children preschool through 2nd grade are invited to
Children in Worship. Parents can pick up their children from the third floor after worship.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 27

Bee Smith

(Pew Bible, pg. 503, Old Testament)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 13:31-35

Rev. Bob Brearley

(Pew Bible, pg. 77, New Testament)

SERMON

"I'm Going on Anyhow"

Rev. Bob Brearley

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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 on 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.

INVITATION TO PRAYER (Remain seated) (Sing twice)
*Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
Beyond my fears, from death into life.*

SHEPHERD ME

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Call to Giving

Offertory Anthem

Beautiful Savior
Joy Ringers

Arr. by Bill Ingram

Lauren Decker, Madison White, Kelsie Decker, Norma Abbott, Lisa Hellams, Joseph Bettinger

* Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH
*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.*

* Offertory Prayer

* **HYMN** 829

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

OLIVET

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

BENEDICTION

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** 166

ST. FLAVIAN

*Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be past,
An Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Postlude in G Minor

Franklin Ritter

* **Please stand as you are able**

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

This morning's congregational meeting has been called for the purpose of electing an Officer Nominating Committee. Nominees will include the following: Missy Coulter (Elder), Liza Cooper (Elder), Jim Alexander (Deacon), Linn Richardson (Presbyterian Women), Scott Williams (Presbyterian Men), Wilson Frerichs (Youth). Two at-large members are to be nominated by the congregation. If anyone has a member they would like to nominate, the nominee must understand the duties and responsibilities of the Church Officer Nominating Committee and have previously agreed to serve if elected.

In addition, the Session has approved asking the congregation at that meeting to vote on the following:

1. That each class of the Diaconate be composed of five (5) Deacons, a change from seven (7) Deacons presently;
2. That the congregation nominate four (4) at-large church members, including a youth, to be elected to the coming year's Church Officer Nominating Committee. (The Session will elect two Elders, and the Diaconate will elect one Deacon to complete the committee.)

WELCOME!

We especially welcome those of you who are guests today. We invite you to fill out a Welcome card found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate as it is passed. We look forward to meeting you. If you have particular questions, please speak to Rev. Brearley.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Elders: Missy Coulter, JD Dunn
Assisting in Worship: Missy Coulter
Deacons: Macaulay Smith, Kathy Lyons
Youth Liturgist: Bee Smith
Junior Usher: Murrell Smith

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Elders: Caron DuRant, Ann Geddings
Assisting in Worship: Caron DuRant
Deacons: Chris Somheil, Andrew McCord
Youth Liturgist: Sumter Cooper
Junior Usher: Connor Thames



The Woman's Afternoon Music Club presents

An Afternoon of Sacred Music

Experience a liturgical year of music!

Sunday, March 13, 2022

3:00 p.m.

FPC Sanctuary

ON THE MOVE FOR JESUS

Children, 3K – 5th grade, meet Sundays through March 20, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Youth Sunday school for middle and high school students meets Sundays from 4:30-5:00 p.m. in the West Building. Youth group begins at 5:00 p.m. with dinner and ends at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Liza Cooper with questions.

The Nehemiah Code: It's Never Too Late for a New Beginning

Adult Bible Study

4:00 – 5:00 p.m. each Sunday in the Chapel

HIGH SCHOOL MONTREAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

(Rising 9th-12th Grade)

July 10 – 16

Anyone who is interested is asked to please contact Taylor Geddings or Caron DuRant.



TIME TO ORDER EASTER LILIES

We will once again place Easter lilies on Easter Sunday, April 17. Order forms were included in this week's Focus and are also available from the table outside the church office. Orders must be received in the office no later than Friday, March 25.



EASTER EGG HUNT

Palm Sunday, April 10

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

As we start preparing for this fun event, we need your help with Easter eggs. We need plastic eggs filled with individually wrapped candy or stickers. Please no chocolate (it melts), or peanuts (due to peanut allergies). All donations are needed in the church office by Sunday, April 3. Any questions, please contact Ashley Blum.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

National Healthcare: Jennie Linn Duffie

Home: Nancy Smith, Harold Gadson, Bill Scobee, Robert Stage II (Son of Marta Stage)

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Linda Brown on the death of her brother, Joseph Crawford Culp, who died March 4 in Peachtree City, Georgia.