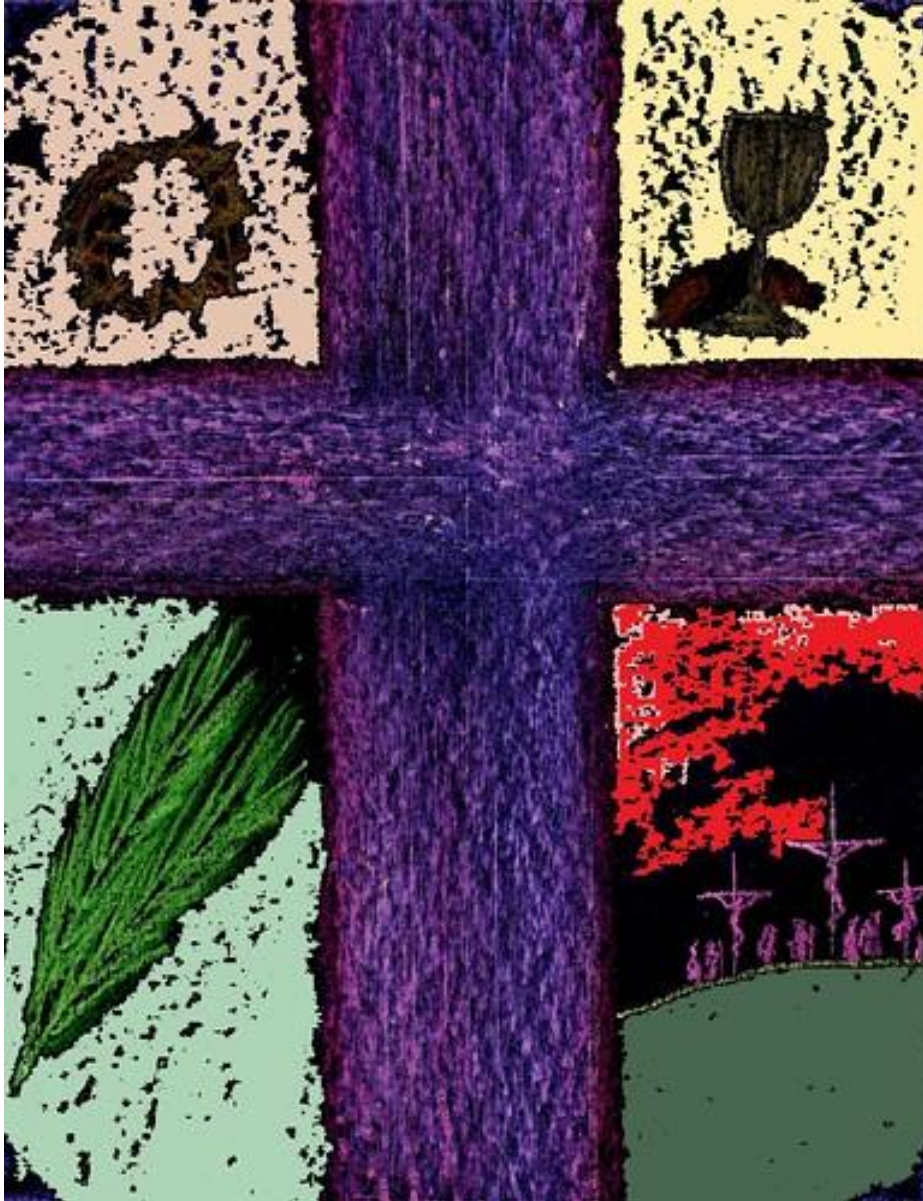


# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**April 3, 2022**

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

James Denton

**CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**WELCOME**

Jack Osteen

**PRESENTATION OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

Winnie Gee, Pam George

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader:* Your steadfast love, O God, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds!

**People:** **Your righteousness is like the mountains, your judgments like the deep;  
You save humans and animals alike.**

*Leader:* How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

**People:** **All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.**

*Leader:* They feast on the abundance of your house,  
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

**People:** **As brothers and sisters in the Lord, we gather to worship the living God!**

**\* HYMN OF PRAISE 463**

*How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, we confess to you now that we have sinned. We confess the sins that no one knows, and the sins that everyone knows: the sins that are a burden to us and the sins that do not bother us because we have become used to them. We confess our sins as a church. We have not loved one another as Christ loved us. We have not forgiven one another as we have been forgiven. We have not given ourselves in love and service for the world as Christ gave himself for us. O God, forgive us. Send the Holy Spirit to us that we may have strength and power to live as disciples of a crucified and risen Lord. Hear our prayers even now.**

*(Silence for Personal Confession)*

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

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*Leader:* If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Friends, believe the good news. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free to love all people.

**People:** **For grace upon grace, thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\* 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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to Children in Worship. Parents can pick up their children from the third floor after worship.*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

II Corinthians 5:16-21

Madison White

(Pew Bible, pg. 181, New Testament)

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

John 12:1-8

Rev. Bob Brearley

(Pew Bible, pg. 106, New Testament)

**SERMON**

*"The Extravagant Gift"*

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

*Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,  
Beyond my fears, from death into life.*

**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

*The Gift of Love (O Waly, Waly)*  
Sean Hackett, Alto Saxophone Solo

Daniel Kallman

\* Doxology

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow  
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.*

OLD HUNDREDTH

\* Offertory Prayer

\* **HYMN** 697 (V. 1-3,6)

*Take My Life*

HENDON

**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**

*Benedictus*

Gordon Young

\* **Please stand as you are able**

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The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God in celebration of the April 2, 2022 wedding of Nancy Cameron Smith and Patrick Kershaw Smith.

**W E L C O M E !**

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: Jack Osteen, Whit Shaw  
Assisting in Worship: Jack Osteen  
Deacons: Elyn Croft, Colin Davis  
Youth Liturgist: Madison White  
Junior Usher: Stuart Ward

### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Elders: Dan Spencer, Kay Smith  
Assisting in Worship: Dan Spencer  
Deacons: Suzanne Wates, Taylor Geddings  
Youth Liturgist: Anna Kate Coker  
Junior Usher: Riley Coker

### CONFIRMATION CLASS

The Confirmation Class continues to meet on Sundays at 5:30 p.m. in the Confirmation Room. Confirmation Sunday will be Sunday, May 1.

### FRASER EDMUNDS CLASS BEGINS 6-WEEK STUDY

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

By O. S. Hawkins

All men are invited to join the Fraser Edmunds Sunday School Class as they begin a new study, *The Nehemiah Code: It's Never Too Late for a New Beginning*. The Class meets in the Chapel on Sunday mornings.

### PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE

An informal service of prayer will be held in our sanctuary this coming Tuesday, April 5, from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Organ and piano music will accompany readings and prayers. Come and go as you wish. Pray for those who suffer and for those who help them in time of war. Pray for peace. All are welcome.



### EASTER EGG HUNT

**Palm Sunday, April 10**

**3:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

**Everyone is invited!**

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). Today is the last day to drop off your eggs. Any questions, please contact Ashley Blum.

## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Palm Sunday, April 10

10:30 a.m. ~ Worship with Communion

3:00 p.m. ~ Easter Egg Hunt

### Good Friday, April 15

7:00 p.m. ~ Worship with Communion

### Easter Sunday, April 17

10:30 a.m. ~ Worship

*Please bring blooms from your yard to decorate the cross in celebration of the risen Christ.*

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

**National Healthcare:** Jennie Linn Duffie

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

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Kelly and Scott Hodo on the birth of a son, Charles (Charlie) Henry Hodo, born March 7 in Mt. Pleasant. Proud grandparents are Susanne and Coles Dwight.

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to Glenda Denny on the death of her brother, J.D. "Ty" Winger, who died March 24 in Kingsport, Tennessee.