
First Presbyterian Church

Clarksburg, West Virginia

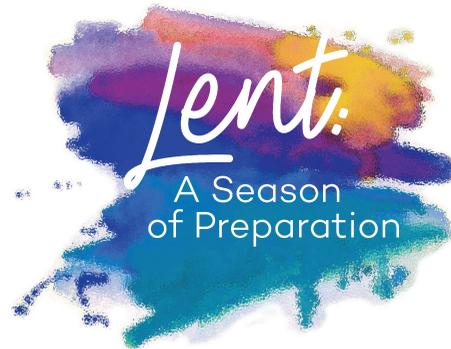
Rev. John F. Koerner

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February 21, 2021

Ten Forty-Five



First Sunday in Lent

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Organ Prelude

"Pleading Savior"

Arr by Martin

Welcome

* The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

Psalm 25:1-2, 8-10

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O God, in you I trust;

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

God leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,

for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

Come, let us worship the Lord!

Let us pray.

From Homiletics Magazine

Almighty and eternal God, you are a refiner's fire,

you are the thunder in the mountain,

you are the potter with the clay,

you are the pillar of cloud in the wilderness and the burning bush in the desert.

We do not take off our shoes as did Moses, but we do take off our pride as we stand in awe and reverence in your holy presence. Fill us with you Holy Spirit so that we may worship you now in spirit and in truth. In Jesus' name. Amen.

* Hymn #138

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

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1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee; Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see, Only thou art holy; there is none beside Thee Perfect in power, in love and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea; Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons. blessed Trinity!

* Call to Confession

Jesus calls us," Come unto me all you who labor and are heavily burdened and I will give you rest."

*Prayer of Confession

From Homiletics Magazine

Forgive us, Lord, for our preoccupation with things; for believing we would be happy if we only had more; for neglecting family in the pursuit of advancement; for giving low priority to the kingdom of God; for judging right and wrong on the basis of profit; for allowing discontent to cloud our lives; for pampering the body while starving the soul. With cries and petitions, we call out to you in the midst of our hurting. In the agony of our pain, we reach for you. In the turmoil of our brokenness, we plead for your healing touch. Save us, God. Save us from death, illness, pain, depression, economic oppression, racial inequity, fear, loneliness, violence and hate. We accept your grace and providential care for us in every area of life and cling to your assurance of love and acceptance. Forgive us, Lord, for our preoccupation with the things of the world, and enable us to seek first your kingdom and your righteousness. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Know that God always goes with us. Know that God is always there to lead us, guide us, forgive us, comfort us and encourage us. Know that God is always near to us, now and forever. Friends, believe the good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! In Jesus Christ we are transformed!

*Congregational Response-

"Gloria Patri"

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Hymn #304

"Jesus Loves the Little Children (verse 1)

Children of the Church

Jeanne Harris

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Let us pray together.

Loving God, you have so made us that we cannot live by bread alone,

but by every word that proceeds from your mouth.

Give us a hunger for your Word, and in that food, satisfy our daily need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 9:8-17

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

Mark 19:9-15

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Affirmation: *I am a child of God. I believe in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.*

I believe he has the power to change my life and your life.

Sermon

"Anticipation"

Rev. John F. Koerner

Piano Interlude - *Silent prayer and reflection*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

*Hymn

"More About Jesus"

1. More about Jesus would I know, More of His grace to others show; More of His saving fullness see, More of His love who died for me.

Refrain: More, more about Jesus, More, more about Jesus; More of His saving fullness see, More of His love who died for me.

2. More about Jesus let me learn, More of His holy will discern; Spirit of God, my teacher be, Showing the things of Christ to me. *Refrain*

3. More about Jesus on His throne, Riches in glory all His own; More of His kingdom's

sure increase, More of his coming, Prince of Peace.

Refrain: More, more about Jesus, More, more about Jesus; More of His saving fullness see, More of His love who died for me.

Prayers of the People

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Gathering - electronic gifts may be made through our website www.clarksburgfpc.org

Offertory Anthem

Rev. James A. Harris

*The Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* Hymn "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

Refrain: Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home. Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.

- 1. I looked over Jordan, and what did I see coming for to carry me home?
A band of angels coming after me, coming for to carry me home. O, *Refrain*
- 2. If you get there before I do, coming for to carry me home,
tell all my friends, I'm coming too, coming for to carry me home. O, *Refrain*
- 3. The brightest day that ever I saw, coming for to carry me home,
when Jesus washed my sins away, coming for to carry me home. O, *Refrain*
- 4. I'm sometimes up and sometimes down, coming for to carry me home,
but still my soul feels heavenly bound, coming for to carry me home. O, *Refrain*

* Charge and Benediction

* Congregational Response "First Song of Isaiah" (chorus only) x2

**Surely it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure defense,
and he will be my Savior.**

* Organ Postlude "Surely It Is God Who Saves Me" by Gerwain

Liturgists.....	The Congregation of First Presbyterian Church
Officiant and Preacher.....	Rev. John F. Koerner
Worship Leader.....	Bryon Delawder
Minister of Music.....	Jeanne Harris
Organist.....	Dr. Mary Kay Devono
Acolytes.....	Hannah Burnett & Gia Corsini
Parish Associate.....	Rev. Charla Waters Koerner
Parish Associate.....	Rev. James A. Harris

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5517202769>**

Church News and Announcements

February 21, 2021

Deacon Greeter: Loria Cavallo

Ushers: Jason Burnett, Lance Kuhens

The flowers in the reredos are given to the Glory of God and presented in celebration of the birthday of Jeanne Harris. Presented with love by James.

NURTURING FAITH

February 21 – First Sunday in Lent: Read Mark 1:9-15

Jesus' life and call are affirmed and confirmed through his experience of baptism. Reflect on what your baptism means to you. Every time you encounter water this week, perhaps as you wash dishes or pour yourself a drink, listen for God to affirm you as God's beloved child. Listen for the statement, "With you I am well-pleased." Notice your feelings, both emotional and physical, as you rest in God's love for you.

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FLOWERS-I have openings for flowers for the reredos. February 28th, March 7th, March 14th, March 21st, and March 28th (Palm Sunday)

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SPECIAL CONCERNS- Please let us know if anyone needs to be added or removed from the Special Concerns / Prayer List. The prayer chain operates every day. Just let Pastor John or Harriett Northey know if there is a concern.

FOR CHURCHES IN OUR PRESBYTERY

First Presbyterian Church, Thomas
Keller Presbyterian Church, Pence Springs

SPECIAL CARE FACILITIES:

Sara Graham, & Amy Garrett

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN FAMILIES:

MORRISON, Micah and Maria, Victoria and Carter; MYERBURG, Andrea; NICKERSON, Gary, Karen, Brad, Morgan; NORTHEY, Jeff, Melissa, William, Graham; NORTHEY, Phil, Camie, Brayden, Abigail; NORTHEY, Wayne and Harriett; NUZUM, David, Sandi, Casey, Courtney, and Jared; OGDEN, Dick and Sally; OLDAKER, Kenneth; OLDAKER, Wilma; PALETTA, Anthony and Mary Beth; PALETTA, AJ; PALETTA, Mary Virginia

FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL CONCERNS:

ADKINS, Charles	LINTON, Doug	PITZER, Donna
ARNOLD, Sarah	McCLEAN, Nora	PLYBON, Jo
COLLINS, Eugene	MICHOME, John	ROGERS, Joey
COX, Eddie	MICK, Jillian	SAUNDERS, Susie
COX, Jeremy	MITCHELL, Gary	SHIFFRA, Everett
CUNNINGHAM, Debbie	MOORE, Bob & Mary	SIMMONS, Melanie
FREEMAN, Mark	MORRIS, Robin	SMITH, Bonnie
	MOORE, Arvelia	SMITH, Chuck
GRIFFIN, Carol Lee	NARDONE, Nickolas	SWANN, Donna
GUMP, Yvonne	OLDAKER, Kenneth	TRAVIS, Mark
HARDMAN, Derek	OLDAKER, Wilma	WAMSLEY, John
HARDMAN, Bob & Janice	ORR, Susan (Carole's sister)	WETZEL, Jennifer
HOOD, Robbie	PACK, Amy	WRIGHT, Jack

Please email me with names that you would like to add or remain on the list. Most will be removed soon.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Tuesday February 23

Prayer Group 10:00 A.M. by Zoom

Wednesday, February 24

Lenten Service at 12:30 Live stream and in person
Rev. Linda Muhly from St. Marks Lutheran Church
Bible Study 3:30 P.M. Zoom and in person

Friday, February 26

AA meeting at Noon

Sunday, February 28

Congregational Meeting after worship