THE SESSION

Class of 2020
Mary Kate Beard
Lonnie Feller

Lonnie Feller Mary Rutland Class of 2021 Sandra Jimerson Sarah Martin Class of 2022 Mary Lou Griffith

Sarah Martin Donna Hopkins

Lee Matthews, Clerk of Session

TRUSTEES

Bruce Galinat

Ray Metzler

Billy Griffith

Karen Selvage, Secretary

Susan Jarmon, Treasurer

#### HOW WE ARE DOING

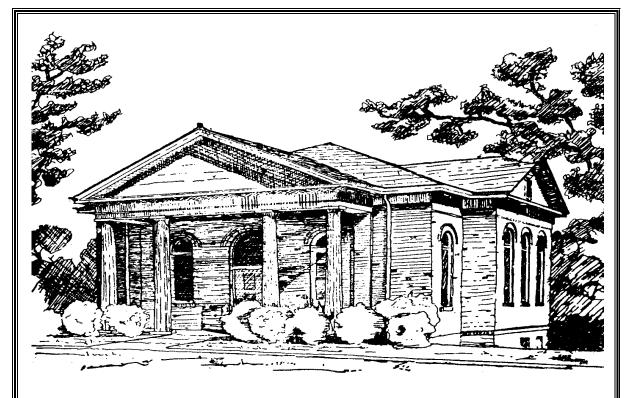
General Contributions (3/8/2020): \$\,\,\,\,\,\,\,\,\,\,\.2,459.29

Month to Date Giving: \$5,454.29 Year to Date Giving: \$32,825.34 Church Attendance: 35
Sunday School: 7

### **PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Sam Chandler, Bruce Galinat, Lynn Jarmon, Cassie Rollings.

Also, please keep your Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) in your prayers. They need prayers for guidance, wisdom, and patience while searching for your new pastor.



"Our Mission is to Glorify God, Make Disciples of Jesus Christ, and Meet Human Need"



# First Presbyterian Church

Organized 1890

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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

10:30 A.M.

#### PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES

## **GATHERING**

PRELUDE Minuet (J.S. Bach) Christine Calip, violinist

Canon in D (J. Pachelbel)

SPECIAL MUSIC "Surely the Presence" Choir

Accompanist, Bonita Hubble

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please sign friendship pad and pass it to your neighbor.)

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God's spirit is in our midst. He is present with us.

**People:** We are here to be drawn together with God and with God's people. We

seek renewal, new life, hope, peace. We seek a chance to love and be loved.

Unison: May God help us to open our lives to Him so that all that can happen.

#### PRAYER OF ADORATION

\*HYMN OF PRAISE "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

No. 92

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, our Father, we confess that we have sinned against you and have not followed your will in our lives. We have failed to be obedient to you and have failed to realize that we have a freedom of spirit through Christ. Help us to realize that even though we fall far short of being truly obedient, you will grant us pardon and freedom from the bondage of all sins, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

(Let all continue in silent prayer, followed by singing)

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

\*RESPONSE "Glorify Thy Name" No. 29

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*CHORUS "The Family of God" No. 282

## THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC "The Gift of Love" Choir

Accompanist, Bonita Hubble

SCRIPTURE READING: John 4:27-42 Pg. 1652

SERMON "Sowers and Reapers" Dr. Mel A. Strain

## RESPONSE

**HYMN** "There's Something About That Name" (sing twice)

No. 102

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from A Declaration of Faith)

We believe that God sends us to tell all people that Christ calls everyone to repentance, faith and obedience. We are to proclaim by word and deed that Christ gave himself to set people free from sin and self-hatred, from ignorance and disease, from all forms of oppression, and even from death. We are to offer them in Christ's name fullness of life now and forever. We must not restrict our proclamation to persons just like ourselves. We invite people everywhere to believe in Christ and become his followers.

#### **OFFERING**

OFFERTORY MUSIC

\*CLOSING HYMN

Bonita Hubble, Pianist

#### \*DOXOLOGY

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.

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

No. 515

#### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

You go nowhere by accident. Wherever you go, God is sending you.

Wherever you are, God has put you there. He has a purpose in your being there.

Christ who dwells within you has something He wants to do through you where you are.

"Since Jesus Came into My Heart"

Believe this and go in His love to "glorify God, make disciples of Jesus Christ, and meet human need".

\*POSTLUDE Bonita Hubble, Pianist

<sup>\*</sup>Those who are able may stand