

February 18, 2024
First Sunday in Lent

Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

*We invite you to rest here in the arms of the divine...
...to feel the connection, to feel the belonging,
to feel that you have a place among us. You belong in our story.*

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ken Maurer

Good morning and welcome to Coleman Memorial Chapel! We are so glad you have chosen to join us today as we have worship and time for fellowship. I open our service with the following scripture from Psalm 25:10, "All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees."

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Esther Mefferd

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 25 and John 12)

From garden to wilderness:

God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

From Adam to the Son lifted up:

God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

From our own path to the path of Jesus:

God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

People of the covenant, God does not remember us according to our sins.

God remembers us according to God's own steadfast love!

Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

Blue #84

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Covenant God, we thank You and praise You for Your mercy. We begin Lent in confession. We do not live according to Your ways, but according to our own. We condone violence, allow injustice, use power to our advantage, and gain for ourselves at the expense of others. Forgive us for giving in to temptation to follow paths that are not yours. Teach us your commandments, teach us your love, teach us until we never want to turn away again. Together we pray in the name of the one who suffered for us, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Please stand if you are able.

Please mute your phone.

No food in the sanctuary.

Please take a moment for private prayer to make your own confession.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, beloved of God, we are brought from death into new life in Jesus Christ. He is at the right hand of God, gaining our forgiveness and assuring our redemption. Thanks be to God for this good news! And let everyone say...**Amen!**

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD & PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We do not pass the plate for collection, instead a plate may be found on the front table.

*DOXOLOGY

Blue #592, Green #625

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

APOSTLE'S CREED (See inside cover of green hymnbook)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Prayer Response

Green #614

*"Hear our prayer O Lord.
Hear our prayer O Lord.
Incline Your ear to us, and grant us Your peace. Amen."*

HYMN (seated)

"Be Still My Soul"

Green #347

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 9:8-17

Bruce Ott

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 1:12-13

SERMON: The Allure of U-turns

Pastor Karen

*CLOSING HYMN

"Take the Name of Jesus with You"

Green #116

*BENEDICTION

"God Be with You 'Till We Meet Again"

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For general questions, contact a board member (names posted on bulletin board).
For church grounds maintenance requests, contact Roy Mace.
For church building maintenance requests, contact Bosh Leshner.
Covenant Pastor: Rev. Karen S. Bachman; email: PastorK.CMC1@gmail.com
Music Team: Rev. Sally Ott and Bruce Ott. Special thanks for Esther Mefferd filling in as Sally recovers.

OUR PRAYERS

Please contact any board member or the pastor if you wish to add to this list.
In our prayers today and your prayers this week, please remember the following:

- (congregation's requests)
- People fleeing from violence and war, occupation, and oppression; the heart and soul of V. Putin and all others like him.
- Our church mission and the congregation that supports it.
- Our country and all who live, work, and serve here and abroad.
- Our "hometown heroes" and other volunteers who care for special members of our community and those who are sick.
- Our Coleman Memorial Chapel family who cannot be here with us.
- Our leaders – local, state, and national – that they listen to the Holy Spirit.

***** UPCOMING EVENTS *****

Lent began February 14, 2024.

Good Friday Service, March 29, 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunrise Service, March 31, 6:30 a.m.; regular service 10:15 a.m.

Blessing of the Animals & S'mores, April 27, 4:00 p.m. weather permitting

Breakfast by Donation, May 11, 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

2nd Annual Car Cruise & Chicken BBQ, July 20, 11:00 a.m.

CMC 150th Anniversary – August 24 & 25, 2024. Mark your calendars for this special event that will include Elizabeth Furnace and Elizabeth Farms.

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In Fellowship with the Presbytery of Donegal,
The Presbyterian Church (USA)

Traditional Worship 10:15 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship: Before and after the service.