

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019 · 10:30 AM

(* Those who are able, please stand. Large print hymnals, bulletins & wireless hearing aids are available. Ask an usher. Members, please wear your name tag.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

[PRELUDE](#) "The Lord's Prayer" Russell Nagy
Youth Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

People.... The journey begins in the wilderness.

Leader We follow the way of Jesus,
who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.

People.... Like Jesus, we are not alone.

The Holy Spirit is with us. God's Word is on our lips.

Leader Our call is to trust in God alone,
to do God's will in all things.

**All For God leads us not only into the wilderness,
but also through the wilderness.**

*HYMN "Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days" # 81

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Leader: Julie Denton

Invitation

Unison Prayer

**O God, our refuge and fortress,
forgive us when we fail to trust in you.**

**We fall to temptation;
we are swayed by false words;
we speak false words of our own.**

**We choose our ease and comfort
over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world.**

**In turning from you,
we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend.**

Forgive us, we pray.

Do not let us be put to shame, O God.

Hear us as we call to you; show us your salvation.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Sharing God's Peace

Response "My Song Is Love Unknown" # 76 (v1)

**My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me;
Love to the loveless shown, That they might lovingly be.
O who am I, That for my sake' My Lord should take Frail flesh, and die?**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 26:1-11

"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" OT Page 141

[ANTHEM](#) "On Eagle's Wings" Michael Joncas, arr. Wagner

GOSPEL READING Luke 4:1-13

"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" NT Page 46

CHILDREN'S TALK Julie Denton

(4yr to Gr1 invited to 1st Floor Nursery. Children leave through front exits)

[SERMON](#) **No Shortcuts**

*HYMN "O Jesus, I Have Promised" # 388

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from Philippians 4:4-9

We believe in the power of gratitude.

We commit ourselves to acknowledge

every act of generosity

every gift

every sunrise and sunset

every smile, touch and kindness.

**We believe that rejoicing and gentleness can warm cold hearts,
bring people together, build peace and bring forgiveness.**

**We intend to be guided by what is excellent and admirable,
just and holy, true and beautiful.**

We have received many gifts.

They do not belong to us but are meant to be shared.

We can build a better world by living with thanks.

OFFERING

Invitation

[Offertory Music](#) "From the Day You Were Born" Nagy

Song of Praise "My Song Is Love Unknown" # 76 (v5)

Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine;

Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.

This is my Friend, In whose sweet praise; I all my days Could gladly spend

*Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Choral Prayer "Give Peace" Berthier

Silent Prayer

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

...See Laminated Pew Cards for the Lord's Prayer

*HYMN "As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought" # 414

*BENEDICTION See Laminated Pew Cards concluding with...

Leader:..Remember that God is good **People:... All the time!**

*SUNG RESPONSE (Choir starts followed by Congregation)

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way Through this and every coming day,
That in Your Spirit strong and true Our lives may be our gift to You.**

[POSTLUDE](#) "Prelude and Fugue in g minor" attrib to JS Bach

Welcome Visitors. Please leave your contact info on the pink card that you find in the pew rack. Pick up a Visitor's brochure from the back or ask an Usher!

Mission Statement: First Presbyterian Church exists to improve our understanding of Christ; to spread His word and teachings; and to reach out to our church family, our community, and the world through acts of compassion, kindness, and love

A Staffed Nursery & Toddler Care Room is located on the 1st floor behind the sanctuary. We also offer an optional Quiet Room for parents with small children located in the sanctuary back

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today....10:00 amWorship

11:15 pmIntergenerational Event & Lunch in Dining Hall

Mon.....10:45 amPW Coordinating Team in Parlor

NoonFuneral Service for Edith George

Tues.....10:00 amPrayer Shawl Ministry/Crafty Ladies

7:00 pmSerenity Circle in Parlor

Wed.....9:00 amRome Clergy meets in our parlor

6:30 pmBell Choir

7:30 pmSenior Choir

Thurs7:30 amWestern Pastor Group in parlor

NoonNursery School Open House

3:00 pmBible Study in Library

BIB Packing at TUCC

5:00 pmCOFFEE meets

6:00 pmMission Committee meets

Sat10:30 amStand Tall Book Talk in parlor

NEXT SUNDAY ...Luke 13:31-35; Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

Food Pantry Collection, 4:30 Lenten Gathering