

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsford, Michigan
Rev. Michael March, Pastor

1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 26, 2023

Greeting: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Announcements / Opening Prayer

Prelude

*Praise Medley

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***Prayer of Confession: Gracious God, as we wander through this wilderness with Jesus, examining all the worldly comforts we turn to during times of stress and struggle, we confess the neglect of our faith. We confess all that we place above you, making idols of money, earthly power, and even food. Empty us this Lent, Holy God. Guide us in our spiritual practices so we can leave this wilderness season more aware of your presence and the ways our faith can sustain us; for we ask in Jesus' Name.**

*Assurance of God's Pardon

***Gloria Patri: 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.**

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message (Sunday)

Prayer for Illumination (Saturday)

--Lorrie Vross

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--Chris Sericati

Scripture Reading: Genesis 2:15–17, 3:1–7

Pg. 2, Pew Bible

Responsive Reading: Psalm 32

Pg. 462, Pew Bible

Anthem (Saturday)

Choral Anthem (Sunday): *Go Into the World*

Sermon Text: Matthew 4:1–11

Pg. 809, Pew Bible

Sermon

*Hymn: *Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?*

No. 306

*Creed: *Scots Confession (1560)*

That same eternal God and Father, who by grace alone chose us in his Son Christ Jesus before the foundation of the world was laid, appointed him to be our head, our brother, our pastor, and the great bishop of our souls. But since the opposition between the justice of God and our sins was such that no flesh by itself could or might have attained unto God, it behoved the Son of God to descend unto us and take himself a body of our body, flesh of our flesh, and bone of our bone, and so become the Mediator between God and man.

The Offering (Sunday)

***Doxology (Sunday): 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 Thanksgiving

*INTERCESSIONS & PRAYER CONCERNS:

Tom Olson, Carol Hochstein, Bob Hendrickson, Ralph Kramer, Mark Kaad, Harvey Johnson, Tobias Cook, Karen Daft, Pat Quick, Sara Miller; Sam and Cayla Schaefer

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.

*Hymn: *Higher Ground*

No. 549

*Benediction & Response: *The Old Rugged Cross*

No. 327, v. 3

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

CHURCH NOTES

- Monday:** 3:30p.m Prayer in the Chapel
5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen (*drive-thru only*)
- Tuesday:** 10:00a.m. and 5:15p.m. Lenten Study
1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry
- Wednesday:** 3:30p.m. KID'S CLUB
3:30p.m. 5th/6th Youth Group
6:30p.m. Adult Choir
- Thursday:** 9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That
6:00p.m. 789 Youth Group
- Saturday:** 4:00p.m. Worship

Flowers are given by Cheryl Swanson in memory of her parents, Curt and Pearl Troyan.

Our Lenten Study on Tuesdays has begun. There is still time to purchase a devotional and/or join a small group. The sign-up sheets are in the Fireside Room.

Youth Sunday is on March 12th: If your child will be taking part in the service that day, let Lorna or Mary know. Youth who participate will be given a t-shirt to wear for the service and we need to have shirt sizes as soon as possible.

Lauren March's ordination service will be Sunday, March 19th at 3:00pm. All are invited and encouraged to attend this worship service for our first seminary graduate! A potluck in Fellowship Hall will immediately follow the service.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Wednesday, March 29th 5:00-7:00p.m.

We are excited to be partnering with the Maranatha Church for this event. Please check out the table in the Fireside Room to volunteer or donate items for this outreach. Items needed are: plastic eggs, egg cartons (cut in half), and candy to fill the eggs.

Volunteer Opportunity: We need someone to spearhead the College Connection care packages we send to our students in the beginning of April. If you are able or have any questions about what is involved, please call the Church office.

Ushers: Ferrand and Gladys Ethington
Philip and Margaret Spooner