

First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Pastor

5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 17, 2024

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

Response: **And also with you.**

Announcements / Opening Prayer

L: Come, let us worship Christ the Lord.

P: Who for our sake endured temptation and suffering.

Prelude

*Praise Medley

Insert

*Prayer of Confession:

Lord God, You forgave Your people in the desert:

Forgive us when we follow the gods of this world.

Lord God, You fed Your people in the desert:

Forgive us when we feed upon the false promises of our day.

Lord God, You gave Your people water from the rock:

Forgive us when we try to quench our thirst from polluted fountains in life.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

(silence for personal reflection and confession)

*Assurance of God's Pardon

God, in His mercy, sent His Son to deliver us. Jesus faithfully obeyed His Father's will and suffered and died to save us.

Dearly beloved, hear and believe the good news;

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen

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

Time for Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

Susan Corcoran

Responsive Reading: Psalm 119:9-16

Pg. 512, Pew Bible

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Pg. 660, Pew Bible

Choral Anthem: *The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power* A. Crouch

Sermon Text: John 12:20-33

Pg. 899, Pew Bible

Sermon: *Guided to the Cross: Persevering*

*Hymn: *A Charge to Keep I Have*

No. 666

*Affirmation of Faith: *The Apostles' Creed*

We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS & PRAYER CONCERNS:

Cathy Lundy, Emily Cummings, Chris Hanley, Anne Starr, Holly Werner, Geri Anderson, Linda McClure, Mark Kaad; missionaries, 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.**

The Offering

*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 Thanksgiving

*Hymn: *Lead On, O King Eternal* No. 724, vs. 1 & 2

*Benediction & Response: *Lead On, O King, ...* v. 3

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

CHURCH NOTES

Tuesday: 1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry

Wednesday: 10:30a.m. Lenten Study (**no 5:15pm**)

5:00-7:00p.m. EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

6:30p.m. Adult Choir

Thursday: 9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That

1:00p.m. Parkinson's Society

We have 20 Easter Lilies left. Forms are located at the back of the sanctuary.

The EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA will be held this Wednesday. We are still in need of some help for the event itself and some food donations. If you haven't signed up yet, please prayerfully consider how you can help. Please pray for this event and for all the families who will be in attendance. Thank You!

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA:

Wednesday, March 20th, 5:00-7:00p.m.

We still need many hands to make our Easter outreach event happen. *Please check the sign-up sheets* to see where you can help or what you can donate.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be collected next Sunday. Kids: Remember to bring your fish banks! This offering goes to the Presbyterian Church (USA) in support of disaster assistance along with self-development and hunger programs.

College Connection: Addresses for college students are due by March 31st. Donations of gum, mints, individually-wrapped baked goods, candy, etc. can be dropped off by Sunday, March 31st.

We are planning for 10 packages.

Ushers: Mike and Susan Corcoran; Scott and Shaun Lewellyn

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CHORUS: Through it all, through it all, I've learned to trust in Jesus
I've learned to trust in God, through it all, through it all, I've
learned to depend upon His word

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Louisa M. R. Stead, William James Kirkpatrick CCLI Song #22609; Words: Public Domain; Music: Public Domain

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word
Just to rest upon His promise, just to know thus saith the Lord

CHORUS: Jesus Jesus how I trust Him, how I've proved Him o'er
and o'er, Jesus Jesus precious Jesus, O for grace to trust Him more

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, Precious Jesus Savior Friend
And I know that You are with me, will be with me to the end *chorus*

I WILL TRUST IN YOU Danny Daniels CCLI Song #106659; © 1987 Mercy / Vineyard Publishing

VERSE 1

When I can't see You I know You're here, when I can't feel You
I will not fear, I will trust in You and I will not be afraid

VERSE 2

And when the battle is close at hand, I know You're with me to
help me stand, I will trust in You and I will not be afraid

CHORUS:

I will not be afraid, I will not be afraid
I will trust in You, I will trust in You

VERSE 3

And when the darkness is closing in, and I am running against the
wind, I will trust in You and I will not be afraid

VERSE 4

'Cause when I'm standing upon that shore, and all the battles they
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