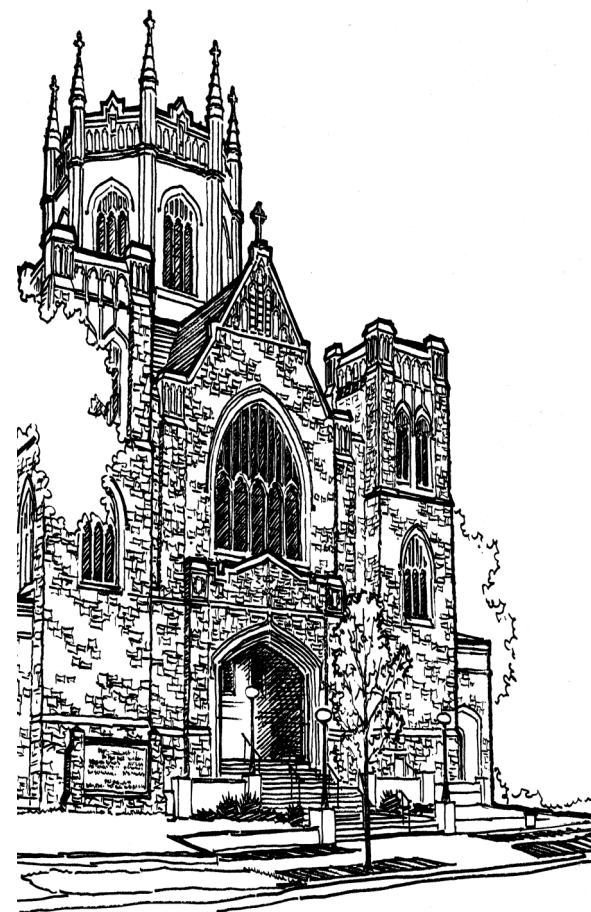


First Presbyterian Church



February 24, 2019
8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

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7th Sunday after Epiphany

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Prelude

Preamble

Louis Vierne

***Chorale*

Joseph Jongen

****Processional**

Griffin Barker & Carter Bowles

Greetings

***Call to Worship**

Leader: In the sanctuary, God, the Holy One, whose glory fills the whole earth, calls us.

People: Beside the sea, along ordinary paths, in our daily work, God calls us.

Leader: We respond with our whole heart, singing God's praise and giving thanks.

People: In steadfast love, God fulfills the divine purposes for our lives.

Leader: Let us worship God.

***Prayer of the Day**

Holy One, earth and heaven reverberate with your glory, and humans and angels alike sing your praises. Open our minds to your breathtaking work in the world, even as you call us to spread the good news of Jesus Christ, our mentor and savior, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

***Hymn**

God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us

No. 261

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

***Song of Thanksgiving**

Gloria Patri

No. 579

***The Peace**

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

First Readings

1 Corinthians 13:12-13; Revelation 21:1-8



Welcome, Visitors!

We extend a special welcome to those who are visiting First Presbyterian Church this morning. We are glad you are here!

Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from an usher. Transistor hearing aids are also available for your use. Please ask any usher for one and feel free to sit wherever you wish in the Sanctuary while using one.

All persons are encouraged to sign the Ritual of Friendship Pads as they are passed to you in the pews. Please include your address, email address, and telephone number. **Please remember to turn off your cell phone before worship this morning.**

Children's Information-Children are welcome in worship. We do not mind a little fidgeting and fussing in the pew. We offer children's worship bags with various quiet activities in cloth bags located just outside the Sanctuary doors. But if you feel that your child is having a difficult time sitting through church, you are welcome to worship in *The Well*. Remember, quiet play in *The Well* is appropriate so as not to disturb others who are trying to worship. Also, the McComb room is available as a Cry room. And, finally, we encourage you to consider the Nursery, which is located in the South end of the Case Building, where we have trained Staff to look after and engage your child from Birth to Kindergarten. If we need to contact you during worship, just give us your cell number and we will text you. You and your child's (spiritual, emotional, and social) needs are important to us. (Liz Norris—Director of Children's Ministry)

A quick reminder: Under the Child Protection Policy **children are not allowed to leave the Sanctuary or *The Well* without an adult escort.** Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Flowers-The flowers for our services this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Wayne Klocke by Rosalie Klocke and the family.

Praying for the Church Family-As a congregation we weekly focus our personal and corporate prayers upon a selection of church members and friends. Let us remember in prayer this week the following: Elise & Jimmy Black and family, Larry & Margery Warren, Doris Little, Cynthia & James Rekoske and family, Torre Rekoske and Trebor Rekoske.

If you need a Stephen Minister, or would like more information about the Stephen Ministry, please contact Dr. Brent Johnston at 263-0248 or Louise Farmer at lfarmer4164@gmail.com.

Activities & Announcements

NEWS FROM THE JOURNEYS CLASS

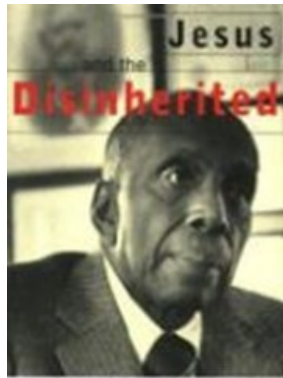
We will be finishing Brian Howard's excellent study on "The Church: The First Hundred Years" on Sunday, February 24. Thanks to Brian for his leadership!

There will be no Journeys Class on Sunday, March 3.

Starting on Sunday, March 10, we will be studying Howard Thurman's classic, *Jesus and the Disinherited*. Jeff Van Sickle will lead the class, which meets at 9:30 in the West Dining Room. All are welcome! (No reading is required, but if you want the book, it is available in the church office for \$16.)

SIGN UP FOR LENTEN STUDY GROUPS

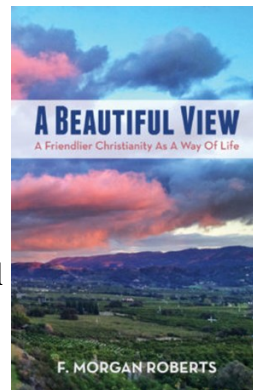
For Lent we will be studying Howard Thurman's classic, *Jesus and the Disinherited*. It



is a little book, but it is filled with insight about what the Gospel might say to those "who stand with their backs against the wall." Thurman believed this was the situation that Jesus lived in when confronting the powers-at-be calling for repentance and it is certainly speaking to the African American experience. But it also speaks to anyone or any group that feels helpless against the forces that are lined up against them. Sign up sheets are located in *The Well*. (Group Study dates, times and locations are included the bulletin insert.)

Lenten Wednesday Night Adult Book Study

This past year at age ninety Presbyterian Church ((USA) pastor, the Reverend F. Morgan Roberts wrote a summary of his view of Christianity in the endearing book, *A Beautiful View: A Friendlier Christianity As A Way Of Life*. Tom Church will facilitate the study and conversation of this book at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor for the Wednesdays of Lent, beginning March 10. The book provides a regenerative spirit with which to view and practice faith. Books are available in the church office for \$15.00 or you may purchase a copy on-line on amazon.com. A review of the book as published in a recent issue of The Presbyterian Outlook is posted on the bulletin board adjacent the office. Come join us.



Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer
Call to Stewardship

Offertory

***None Other Lamb*
Gretchen Bixler & Susan Buehler, Sopranos
*None other Lamb, none other Name,
None other hope in Heav'n or earth or sea,
None other hiding place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee!
My faith burns low, my hope burns low;
Only my heart's desire cries out in me
By the deep thunder of its want and woe,
Cries out to Thee.
Lord, Thou art Life, though I be dead;
Love's fire Thou art, however cold I be:
Nor Heav'n have I, nor place to lay my head,
Nor home, but Thee.*

Mark Sweeney, Organ
Craig Courtney

*Doxology

No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

No. 538

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**Recessional

*Postlude

Postlude

Harald Rohlig

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

**signifies 10:45 service only

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor
Parish Associate
Director of Music
Organist

Brent O. Johnston
Judy Conners
Steve Bixler
Mark Sweeney

News & Upcoming Activities

C.R.E.W. Christians Ready Equipped and Willing

Beginning in February, the youth group is doing Sunday school differently. After attending the APCE (Association of Presbyterian Church Educators) our Youth Director, Geri Doll, decided to bring an idea back to the youth group. The youth will meet in *The Well* at 10:30 a.m., then sit together in the Sanctuary for worship. The scripture readings and sermon will be our subject for discussion each Sunday and our discussion notes will be given to the pastors for them to review. Our new time together will be called C.R.E.W. and we hope this will be a meaningful way for our young people to think about and unpack God's word. Following the discussion, the youth will have time for fellowship.



Women's Retreat at Westminster Woods

Women of the area are invited to a Women's Retreat at Camp Westminster Woods on April 5 & 6. The women only week-end filled with fun, food, crafts and fellowship will feature Katherine Holmgren as worship leader and Julie Jaderston, a Chapel leader at Sterling College. The theme is THRIVE! Julie will be teaching about how God can bring us to a place where we not only survive as women of faith but thrive. Brochures are available on the table outside the office, registration deadline is March 20. For additional information: 316-253-4783, wmcamp@gmail.com.

2019 is the 70th Anniversary

One Great Hour of Sharing

The offering received on Palm Sunday, April 14, will support:

- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- Presbyterian Hunger Program
- Self Development of People

Wednesday Night Clubs

Wednesday night clubs are at 5:30 p.m. We have a sign up sheets available in *The Well* on Sundays to help contribute to our weekly meal. Thank you to all who have been a part of our Wednesday nights. We are excited to see what 2019 will bring for our children and their growing faith.

Calendar

<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, February 24 <i>Yellow Bag Sunday</i></p> <p>8:30 Worship (Chapel) 9:15 Coffee Fellowship (<i>The Well</i>) 9:30 Personnel Meeting (Hobbs) 9:30 Journeys Class (WDR) 10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary) 10:45 C.R.E.W. Youth Sunday School 10:45 Refugee Worship (C201 & C204) 12:00 Melodrama Rehearsal (EDR)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, February 26</p> <p>10:00 Pastoral Staff Mtg (Hobbs) 11:00 Staff Meeting (<i>The Well</i>)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, February 27</p> <p>9:00 Dorcas (C105) 5:30 Wednesday Clubs 5:30 Wednesday Worship (Sanctuary) 6:15 James Ringers (Sanctuary) 6:30 Adult Bible Study (The Parlor) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, February 28</p> <p>5:00 Mission Commission Mtg (Hobbs)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday, March 1</p> <p>12:00 Lectionary Bible Study (Parlor)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, March 2</p> <p>8:00 Community Breakfast (EDR, WDR) 8:00 Guadalupe Clinic (EDR) 9:00 INK (<i>The Well</i>) 9:30 Friends University Quakers Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 11:00 Brent's Bible Study w/WRCC (Hobbs)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, March 3 <i>Communion</i></p> <p>8:30 Worship (Chapel) 9:15 Coffee Fellowship (<i>The Well</i>) 9:30 Journeys Class (WDR) 10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary) 10:45 C.R.E.W. Youth Sunday School 10:45 Refugee Worship (C201 & C204) 12:00 Melodrama Rehearsal (EDR) 3:00 Angulo Concert w/Friends University Quakers (Sanctuary)</p>
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Anthem

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Gilbert Martin

*When I survey the wondrous cross
 On Which the Prince of glory died,
 My richest gain I count but loss,
 And pour contempt on all my pride.
 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
 Save in the death of Christ my God;
 All the vain things that charm me most,
 I sacrifice them to His blood.
 See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
 Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
 Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
 Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
 That were a present far too small;
 Love so amazing, so divine,
 Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

Second Reading

John 11:38-44

Sermon Series on "The Questions of Existence and Meaning"

Week 5: "What Happens After I Die? Is Heaven and Hell Real?"
 The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

*Affirmation of Faith Excerpt from Confession of 1967

PART III -- THE FULFILLMENT OF RECONCILIATION

First Reader: God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of man's life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. It includes man's natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin. It is the will of God that his purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from his creation.

Second Reader: Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ such as a heavenly city, a father's house, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents the triumph of God over all that resists his will and disrupts his creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in men and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

All: With an urgency born of this hope the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. "Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."