

First Presbyterian Church



April 3, 2022

9:30 a.m. In-Person & Live Streaming

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5th Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m.

Meditation

See Insert

Prelude

Fairest Lord Jesus

Hermann Schroeder

Greetings

*Call to Worship - from *Sanctified Art*

Leader: May we find courage here—

People: courage to follow our call, courage to live out our faith.

Leader: May we find hope here—

People: hope for a better world, hope that refuses to let us go.

Leader: May we find truth here—

People: truth that lives in sacred community, truth that lives in ancient stories.

Leader: May we find all that we seek.

People: And in our seeking, may we know God. Amen.

*Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth (vs. 1, 2, 5)

No. 473

Call to Confession - from *Sanctified Art*

There are very few things as powerful as a group of people that admits they are not perfect and asks for grace as they grow. Imagine what our world might be like if every institution had such a weekly rhythm? Friends, we can light the way. Let us be brave in our truth-telling and honest in our confession. For we will always be met by grace. Let us pray. . .

Prayer of Confession - from *Sanctified Art*

Jesus of Nazareth, [Christ of faith,]

we admit that often we tuck our faith into our pockets, hiding in a place of comfort rather than proudly declaring: yes we are Christian, yes we believe, yes this faith has changed me. We are so afraid of offending others or embarrassing ourselves that we have established rules: no faith at the dinner table, no faith in politics, no faith with strangers. Forgive us for whispering when we could be singing. Forgive us for staying quiet when we could be part of rewriting the narrative. We want to be brave. We want to pour out perfume over your feet. These things we pray, amen.

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon - from *Sanctified Art*

Leader: Family of faith, hear this good news: Even in our silence,

People: God loves us.

Leader: Even in our fear or shame,

People: God chooses us.

Leader: Even when we sin,

People: God wraps us in grace.

Leader: You are free-to be bold, to be brazen, to be exactly who God called you to be.

People: Thanks be to God, Amen.

*Song of Thanksgiving

Gloria Patri

No. 579

*The Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Kid's Connection (pre-recorded)

Liz Norris

First Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

Anthem

I Wonder Why?

Arr. Lloyd Pfautsch

Second Reading

John 12:1-8

Sermon

"Levels of Soul"

Pastor Dave Fulton

*Affirmation of Faith - from *Sanctified Art*

I believe in beauty—beauty pulled into being by our Creator, beauty that catches our breath, beauty that turns us toward awe. I believe in courage - courage to believe, courage to stand up for the people we love, courage to love without hesitation. I believe in the Holy Spirit who prays for us when we cannot, who is brave for us when we are not. I believe in Jesus Christ who stood up for Mary, who quieted the voice of critique, who welcomed every bid for relationship. I believe in God. I believe in God who believes in us. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Call to Stewardship

Offertory *Come Away, Come Away Death* Gerald Finzi
 Terry McManis, Baritone

*Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* (vs. 1, 3, 4) No. 81

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude *Dialogue sur les grands jeux* Francois Couperin

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

Worship Leaders

Guest Pastor	Dave Fulton
Liturgist	Brent O. Johnston
Director of Music	Steve Bixler
Organist	Mark Sweeney

Production Crew

Dave Muehl, Sound; Sailor Sulier, Computer Graphics;
Bob Moler, Camera Operator; Video Editor, Michelle Edwards

News & Events

Easter Egg Candy Donations Needed by April 7

We will be having an Easter egg hunt for the children after Easter Sunday service on April 17. We need candy to fill the eggs for this event. Please bring your donations to the church during office hours, Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or contact Liz Norris at 214-4318 to arrange an alternate drop off time and answer any questions. **Thank you!**



USHERS

We so appreciate those who contacted Phil Michel with their willingness to serve as an Usher. As more individuals are choosing to worship in person, we would like to have an Usher at the south Sanctuary door to greet people as they enter.

This would be on a rotating schedule, and you would be needed once every couple of months. If this is something you feel called to do, please contact Patty Cole by email at pattycole21@gmail.com or call Patty at 316-250-4577. We want to have visitors and members feel welcomed!

“Earth Day” Picnic Celebration April 20

Every Christian has a responsibility to care deeply about the natural world. As a church we emphasize the ecological responsibilities of Christians as stewards of God's earth. Beginning with Genesis 1:26–28, God instructs humanity to manage the creation in a positive way. The Biblical emphasis is on stewardship and not ownership. The earth remains the Lord's and does not “belong” to its human inhabitants.

You are all invited to a church-wide picnic celebration on Wednesday, April 20 (rain or shine!). The Minisa Park shelter, across the river from North High School, has been reserved for a time of fun and fellowship for the whole church family. First Presbyterian's Stewardship Commission is planning activities for all ages so that we might celebrate God's beautiful earth and learn how to be good stewards. This event is always well attended and you are guaranteed to have fun.

You can come as early as 5:30 p.m. We will plan to eat at 6 p.m. The main course, drinks and service will be provided. You are encouraged to bring any side dish to share. Ice cream will follow.



Upcoming News & Events

Sunday Morning Lenten Studies through April 10

Plan to join us for Lent as the Journeys Class continues its study of *The New Testament in its World* by N.T. Wright and M.F. Bird. Classes will begin at 10:45 a.m. in The Parlor and also via Zoom.

- How did Jesus' teaching and actions relate to the kingdom of God?
- Did Jesus think he was the Messiah? How was Jesus' death on the cross understood?
- What did the ancient people believe about the afterlife?
- How did the apostle Paul view resurrection?
- How did the Gospel writers view resurrection? How can we begin to think through what Jesus' resurrection means for us?

This series will include both video presentations and discussions. For those who want to read the book, we will cover Chapters 9 through 14. **Please plan to join us!**

Wednesday Night Lent Classes through April 6

Beginning Wednesday evening from March 9 through April 6, Pastor Brent will be leading a series entitled *Full to the Brim, An Expansive Lent*. Classes will be held in *The Well* and via Zoom, starting at 6:30.

Full to the Brim, is an invitation into a radically different Lent, into a full life. It's an invitation to be authentically who you are, to counter scarcity and injustice at every turn, to pour out even more grace wherever it is needed. When we allow ourselves to be filled to the brim with God's lavish love, that love spills over. It reaches beyond ourselves; like water, it rushes and flows, touching everything in its path.

Classes will feature weekly scriptures, employing Lectio-Visio Divina, which incorporates contemplating an image as well as the Word. The images were created by a group called *A Sanctified Art*, a team of artists in ministry. This bringing of scripture and theological themes to life through the arts will help us all to connect deeply to the abundant life of Christ. **Please plan to attend!**

Whispering Winds Spring Workday

This year's Spring workday at the camp will be on Saturday, April 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided at noon by the Camp Commission. Please plan to come help us clean, cut weeds, pick up branches and other various chores. Feel free to bring family, friends, and neighbors. For more information contact DJ Spaeth at (316) 210-0196.





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Welcome, Visitors!

We extend a special welcome to those who are visiting First Presbyterian Church this morning. We are glad you are here! If you recently had a change in address, e-mail, or phone number, please feel free to contact the office on Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. so that we may update your information.

Please remember to turn off your cell phone before worship this morning. Please sign in at the front

entrance prior to entering the Sanctuary for Sunday worship service.

Thank you.

Children's Information-Children are welcome in worship. We do not mind a little fidgeting and fussing in the pew. 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 supervise 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, if needed. You and your child's (spiritual, emotional, and social) needs are important to us. *A quick reminder: Under the Child Protection Policy children are not allowed to leave the Sanctuary without an adult escort. In addition, all children and youth group activities including children in the Nursery must be supervised by a minimum of 2 authorized staff or volunteers.* -Liz Norris, Director of Children's Ministry

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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: Cynthia Berner, Jeff Crittenden, Paul Crittenden, Kevin & Michelle Cronkleton and family, and Marilyn Heffner.

Meditation

"Lessons from a Winter Rose" by Rev. Sarah Speed

I am dumbfounded by the sheer persistence of a winter rose that blooms on the coldest of days-when the rest of the world has turned dim and gray, when the rest of the world is sleeping. The audacity to stand so tall, to decorate the world with color, to be the only one brave enough to bloom. I wonder what that's like. Maybe it's similar to pouring perfume on the feet of Jesus-shocking and beautiful at the same time. On winter morning walks I pass a bed of roses. I dare not pick one. Instead I say thank you. Thank you for the beauty. Thank you for the reminder. Thank you for the bloom. And I walk home and pray-God, if you can, make me that brave.

Calendar

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 3

- 9:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 9:30 Worship (Sanctuary) In-Person, Live Stream, & Facebook Live
- 10:00 WRCC Worship (C204)
- 10:30 Journey's Lenten Study (Parlor/Zoom)

Tuesday, April 5

- 1:00 Staff Meeting (*The Well*)
- 2:30 Pastoral Staff Mtg (*The Well*)
- 4:30 Camp Comm. Mtg (C109)
- 5:30 CE Comm. Mtg (Zoom/*The Well*)

Wednesday, April 6

- 9:00 Dorcas (C105)
- 6:00 Youth & Kid's Club (YL)
- 6:30 Lent Study (*The Well*/Zoom)
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)

Saturday, April 9

- 9:00 Camp Workday (Camp)
- 9:30 Transportation Mtg (C109)

Sunday, April 10

- 9:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 9:30 Worship (Sanctuary) In-Person, Live Stream, & Facebook Live
- 10:00 WRCC Worship (C204)
- 10:30 Journey's Lenten Study (Parlor/Zoom)
- 10:45 Worship & Music Comm. Mtg (McComb/Zoom)

"Sabina: Tortured for Christ"

The movie we watched on Friday, March 4th is available on DVD for check out. If you would like to watch the movie at home, please contact the church to check out the DVD.

RAISE FUNDS FOR FPC USING AMAZON SMILE!

You can also help earn money for FPC when you make purchases from Amazon. Amazon Smile is a program that donates 0.5% of each purchase to the charity of your choice. When you are ready to shop, go to <http://smile.amazon.com>, choose FPC as your charity, then shop!



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Anniversary Cookbook!

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