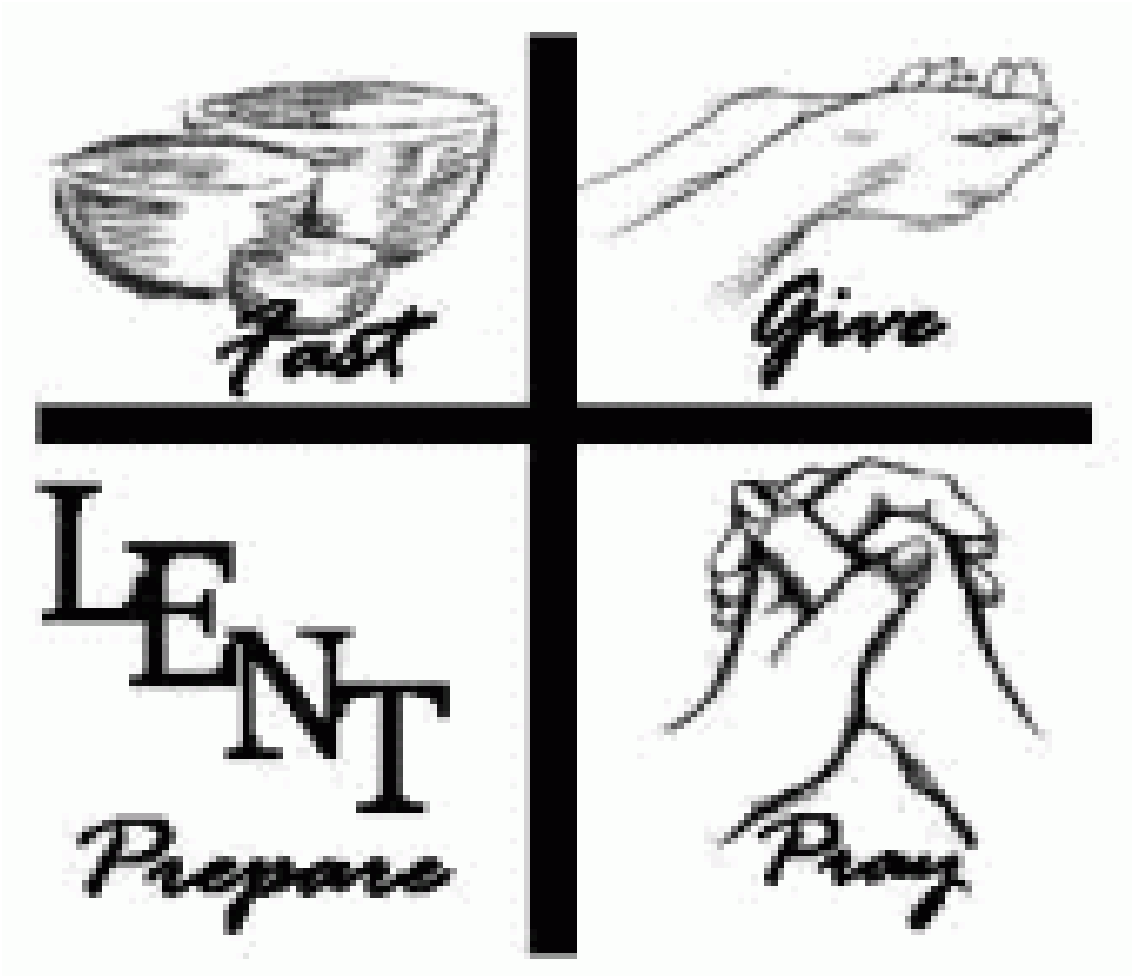
# SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



# *United Presbyterian Church*
## *of*
# *Plainfield, New Jersey*

***February 25, 2018*** ***11:00 AM***

***Second Sunday in Lent***

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## THE GATHERING

***PRELUDE*** Joshua Fit De Battle of Jericho arr. R. Daniels
(Black History Month)

***OPENING HYMN*** Fishers of Men (see insert)

***CALL TO WORSHIP***

*The Lord is merciful and gracious,*
***slow to anger and abounding in love.***
*Jesus calls us to be his disciples.*
***We take up the cross to follow him.***
*Let us worship God.*

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION***

***God our Redeemer, we confess***
***that we are people of ashes and dust.***
***We join the parade and shout hosanna,***
***then deny our Lord in his hour of need.***
***We wave the palms and sing praise,***
***then hand our Savior over to die.***
***Forgive us, God of grace.***
***Our lives are in your hand—***
***deliver us from evil.***
***Save us, by your steadfast love;***
***through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

***PERSONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION***

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON***

***WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS***

***PASSING THE PEACE***
***CHILDREN / YOUTH MESSAGE*** Sue Terry

## ***THE WORD***

***NEW TESTAMENT READING*** Mark 8:31-38 Page 53

****GLORIA PATRIA***

***SERMON*** A Covenant Worth Living! Pastor Victor

## ***THE RESPONSE***

***PRAYER REQUESTS*** Pastor Dottie

***PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE***
***THE LORD'S PRAYER***

***BRINGING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS***
(Today is Dedication Sunday –It is held every fourth Sunday for certain needs:
*With a prayer—Lord, I herein make a gift for-*
***Property Grounds Maintenance.***

***OFFERTORY*** Standing in the Need of Prayer Negro Spiritual

****DOXOLOGY (Hymn 592)***

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION***

***We give Thee but Thine own, What e'er the gift may be;***
***All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord from Thee.***

## *THE SENDING*

***PARTING HYMN GTG 826*** Lift High the Cross (vs. 1 &4)

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION***
***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE GTG Hymn 599***
***POSTLUDE*** Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart Marion

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**Assisting in today's Worship:**
**Liturgist: Marcia Marsh -Hinds**
**Greeters/Ushers: Mobolaji Falowo and Neekah Hinds**
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**WE WELCOME YOU IN JESUS' NAME!** Let us come before the Lord our maker. And may God grant us the humility to be receptive to God's life changing grace.
**Nursery Care** is provided for infants and toddlers.
**Again, thanks for coming out today!!! Hearing Aid Units, Large Print Bibles,** and **Large Print Bulletins** are available from an usher.
**If you are interested in becoming a member of United Church, please see the pastor or an usher. You are invited to the Fellowship Room after worship for refreshments and conversation.**
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**REMEMBER WITH YOUR PRAYERS, CARDS, AND CALLS:**
At Home: Ronn Daniels, Meril Neil, Byron Pelan, Jamie Sweeney, Chuck Sass, Carl & Helen Foerster, Barbara Hyney,
Marcia Marsh-Hinds, Gail Stokes.
**Pastor Aloyo** and **Esperanza Aloyo:** pastor Victor's mother
**Tony Rosado:** Victor's friend
**Jennie Salas and Eneida Concepcion:** Jennie Salas mother
**Freda Lenzo**: friend of Jeanne Ashanky

**Frank Klikus:** BJ Klikus husband
**Errol Neil:** Jean Scott's brother
**Dorothy Meriwether:** former member
**Lucie Brown:** former member
**Ginny Mayer-Brown:** former member
**Bob Neumann and wife Jean:** Helen Forester's nephew
**Brandon Williams:** friend to George & Ginni Hansen
**Tariq Sattar:** Hugh Lecky's cousin
**Helen Pridgen:** Audrey Smith's mother
**Cecilie Martinez-Brown:** Gail Stokes sister
**Robin Powell:** Gail Stokes sister
**Marc Stokes:** Gail Stokes son
**Greg and Cyndi Tufaro:** friends of: Kathy Luisi's
**Prayers for our students**: **Stanley Awobue, Joy Awobue, Kay Falowo, Crystal Awobue, Izaiyah Stokes and Gean Bernard.**
Prayers for peace and end to gun violence throughout our country.
U.S. Armed Forces in Afghanistan and citizens of these places.
People of Syria.
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**FROM OUR PRESBYTERY'S CALENDAR OF PRAYER:**
**Community Presbyterian Church, Edison, Rev. L.L. DuBreuil and Minister-at-Large Rev. Howard Bryant**
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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!**
**2/27 Kayode Falowo**
**3/1 Desirae Hemans**
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**TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY** 12:15pm. Please bring your lunch, dessert and beverage will be provided.
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**OUR ANNUAL MEETING** of the Congregation and Corporation of The United Presbyterian Church of Plainfield, NJ will be held after Worship Service in the Lind Room.
This is the opportunity for members to discuss the annual reports of the committees and to find out answers to some of the questions they might have about the life of the church.
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**PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT IS DUE MARCH 1, 2018,** as follows: General Assembly $7.73, The Synod of the Northeast $4.10, The Presbytery of Elizabeth $26.67. **Total Per Capita is $38.50.** Per Capita is a member assessment used to fund the operating expenses of governing bodies. (Book of Order; G-9.0404 d).
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**ALTAR FLOWERS MINISTRY** Once again it is time to think about the Altar Flowers which beautify our Sanctuary each Sunday. The bouquet also brings cheer to members of the congregation who cannot attend worship and are delivered by a visiting Deacon. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please put your name on the flower chart which is hanging in the Narthex. Also, if you wish your flowers to be in memory or celebration of someone, please note it on the chart. Let's try to fill the chart for the **entire year of 2018.** Contribution is **$25.00**. Please see Zorina Bowers
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## BINGO NIGHT PRIZES NEEDED

Boy Scout Troop 5 is running the bingo night at Arista Care at Norwood Terrace the first Monday night of the month. They are looking for prizes for the residents. They can use toiletries, jewelry, lotions, shampoo, razors, or any small items they can give as gifts to their loved ones. There is a box in the Narthex for any Donations. Any questions contact: Carl or Wanda.

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**THE UPPER ROOM** booklets for March/April 2018 are available on the literature rack in the Narthex. If you wish to make a donation, please place $1.00 in a pew envelope mark "literature" and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!
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**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**I fill my mind with positive imaginings, I see my life as it is meant to be: good and beautiful.**

**"Just imagine!" We often say this when describing something beyond our expectations. "Just imagine!"**

**In truth, we are imagining nonstop from morning until night. The challenge is to make careful, conscious selections each day from the possible imaginings.**

**We experience love, joy, and abundance by imagining with perfect assurance that we will experience those qualities. "Everything that is manifest ," Charles Fillmore writes in *Keep a True Lent*," was first a mental picture and was brought into expression by this forming power." Our task is to be sure that what we imagine is inspired by Spirit within us. By filling our minds with the imaginings of Spirit, we see—and—experience—our lives as good and beautiful.**

## SCHEDULE FOR February 25 - March 4, 2018

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| Sunday | 10:00am | Youth/Adult Church School |
| | 11:00am | Worship Service |
| | Noon | Refreshments, Lind Room |
| | 7:30pm | A/A Meeting, Friendship Hall |
| Monday | 7:30pm | Boy Scouts, Friendship Hall |
| Tuesday | 12:15-2:00pm | Bible Study, Hansen Room |
| Wednesday | 7:00pm | A/A Meeting, Friendship Hall |
| Thursday | | |
| Friday | | |
| Saturday | 6:30pm | A/A, Hansen Room |

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| Sunday | 10:00 am | Youth/Adult Church School |
| | 11:00am | Holy Communion Sunday |
| | Noon | Refreshments, Lind Room |
| | 7:30pm | A/A Friendship Hall |

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