

SCOUT SUNDAY



History of Scout Anniversary Week

Lord Robert Baden-Powell founded the Boy Scouts in 1907. An American, William D. Boyce became lost in the fog in London, and was helped by a young boy to find his way. When Boyce offered the boy a tip, the boy declined, saying that it was his duty as a Boy Scout to help others. Boyce was so impressed by the boy's character that he met with Baden-Powell to discuss bringing the Scouts to the United States. Boyce was helped by Ernest Thompson Seton, Daniel Carter Beard and James E. West, and the Boy Scouts of America was incorporated in Washington, D.C., February 8, 1910.

*United Presbyterian Church
of
Plainfield, New Jersey*



March 8, 2020

11:00 AM

Second Sunday in Lent

**TO ALL THOSE WHO ENTER HERE, be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent.
Before the Service speak to God, during the Service let God speak to you, after the Service
speak to others.**

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE A Lenten Meditation

Robert J. Powell

OPENING HYMN GTG 188 Jesus Loves Me!

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP *Now is the moment of grace.*

This is the hour of blessing.

Today is the day of salvation.

Here is the path to new life.

Already joy is abounding, and love is flowing.

For this is the day God is making.

Let us rejoice and sing.

ALL: Trust in the Lord at all times, O People; God is a refuge for us.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have done wrong things We have followed too much the methods and desires of our own hearts. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; O Lord have mercy upon us, forgive our sins, and deliver us from evil. Amen.

PERSONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

YOUTH MESSAGE

Pat Dawson

THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 3: 1-9 Page 114
John 3:10-17 Page 114

**GLORIA PATRIA*

"Zacchaeus"

Author - Unknown

Zacchaeus was a wee little man,
and a wee little man was he.
He climbed up in a sycamore tree
For the Lord he wanted to see.

And when the Savior passed that way
He looked up in the tree
And said (pause -next is spoken)
Zacchaeus you come down!
(Sung) For I'm going to your house today
For I'm going to your house to stay!

SERMON

Pastor Allegra Hoots

THE RESPONSE

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BRINGING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days St. Flavian

***DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)**

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 DEDICATION (Hymn 708)**

*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** O How I Love Jesus (insert)

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE 599**

POSTLUDE Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates Truro

Assisting in today's Worship:

Liturgist: Avril Lecky

Ushers: Oladimeji Falowo and Neekah Hinds

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!!! 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 Lind Room after worship for refreshments and conversation.

REMEMBER WITH YOUR PRAYERS, CARDS, AND CALLS

At Home: Ronn Daniels, Carl & Helen Foerster, Barbara Hyney, Thelma Barnes, Fred Robinson.

Frank Klikus: BJ Klikus husband

Jamie Sweeney: Helen Foerster's cousin

Jean Neumann: Helen Forester's niece

John and Marianna Perry: Helen Foerster's brother and wife

Annette O'Connor: Jean Scott's sister

Phyllis Sennyuen: Jean Scott's sister

Brandon Williams: friend to George & Ginni Hansen

Nabielah Scott: Kevin Scott's wife

Zachary Robinson: Jean Scott's nephew

Lillian Willing: Michelle Wildridge's mother

Wendy Oldham: Pat Dawson's friend

Osquit Vanderstoop

Cynthia Hinton: Pat Perry's cousin

Jackie Powell: Pat Perry's cousin

Gail Stokes, and Izaiyh Stokes: Gail Stokes grandson

Ceceile Brown: Gail Stokes sister

Sylvia Denson: Gail Stokes friend

John Zayatz, Gail Stokes friend

Larry Brown: Gail Stokes brother-in-law

John & Carol Guerriero: Ginnie Hansen's brother and sister-in law

Freda Lenzo: friend of Jeanne Ashanky

Charisse Payne & Family: Elder & Mrs. Davis, daughter: Cathedral

Derrick Young: has been to some of our programs

Prayers for our students: Neekah Hinds, Mobolaji Falowo, 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.

FROM OUR PRESBYTERY'S CALENDAR OF PRAYER:

Second Presbyterian Church, Elizabeth, Rev. Michael Grazen, Rev. Christopher L. Hedges and Ministers-at-Large: Rev. Reid S. Byers, Jr., Rev. Mindy Campbell and Rev. Sally Campbell

CONGREGATIONAL GATHERING AFTER WORSHIP – for a presentation from UPC's Budget Committee.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE SCOUT SUNDAY by welcoming to our worship members of our own Boy Scout Troop 5 and Brownie Troop 40889 and 40640. *See insert*

Everyone is invited to a reception hosted by and in honor of our scouts, in the Lind Room after the service. This is the troop's way of saying thank you for sponsoring us for 108 years.

Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.

March 10 through April 16, 2020

CONSIDER JOINING OUR 7- WEEK LENTEN STUDY:

for a deeper walk with God. The study is held twice weekly at different times to accommodate as many people as possible. One group will meet on Tuesdays from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. The other group will meet Thursday

evenings from 6:30 – 8: 30pm. Meetings will be held in the Hansen Room. There will be no preaching during the study.

OUR ANNUAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, March 15 after worship 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.

PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT IS DUE MARCH 1, 2020 as

follows: General Assembly \$8.95

The Synod of the Northeast \$4.10

The Elizabeth Presbytery \$31.95

Total 2020 Per Capita is \$ 45.00 . . . Per Capita is a member assessment used to fund the operating expenses of governing bodies

(Book of Order; G-9.0404 d).

THE UPPER ROOM booklets for March/April 2020 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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Like Spring, Lent is a time of rebirth. It is a time for spiritual transformation. We observe Lent not by giving up “things” but by releasing negative thoughts and feelings. We “fast” from negative thinking or behavior that creates a sense of separation from God or from our own authentic selves. We realign with Christ Consciousness through prayer, meditation, and quiet reflection.

Lent is a period of preparation for Easter. Yes, we may reflect on the pain or suffering that seems to be part of the human experience, but we also celebrate resurrection. The story of the first Easter reveals that each of us is living an eternal life. The physical death of these humans bodies is not the end of us, merely a transition.

In the West, Lent begins on Ash Wednesdays a reminder of our humanity. Ashes to ashes, dust to dust. Ashes also symbolize repentance. To repent means to turn around to change your thinking.

SCHEDULE: March 8- 15, 2020

Sunday	11:00am	Worship Service
	12:30pm	Refreshments, Lind Room
	7:30pm	A/A Meeting, Friendship Hall
Monday	7:30pm	Boy Scout, Friendship Hall
Tuesday	2-4pm	Lenten Study, Lind Room
Wednesday	7:00pm	A/A Friendship Hall
Thursday	6:30-8:30pm	Lenten Study, Lind Room
Friday		
Saturday	6:30pm	A/A, Hansen Room

Sunday	10:00am	Adult Bible Study
	11:00am	Worship Service
	Noon	Refreshments, Lind Room
	7:30pm	A/A Friendship Hall

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