

Following worship we invite members, friends and guests to the Fellowship Hall, for light refreshments. Please exit the doors at the front of the Sanctuary. We want to get to know you better!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Sanctuary Flowers are given to the glory of God.

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting to be held today, in the Sanctuary at the conclusion of morning worship. The purpose of the meeting is to hear a report of the Nominating Committee to fill a vacancy on the Diaconate for the Class of 2019. They will place the name of Carroll Bridges in nomination to fill this vacancy. As required by the Book of Order, there will be an opportunity for other nominations to be received from the floor. March 11 is also the first day of Daylight Savings Time, so please make every effort to attend this brief but important meeting.

Please keep these Arkansas Presbytery congregations in your prayers this week: Second Presbyterian, Little Rock; First Presbyterian, Yellville.

Children are always welcome in worship at First Presbyterian Church. Childcare is also available for children who are newborn through Kindergarten in Room #208, upstairs from the Sanctuary. Older children are encouraged to participate in worship and are welcome to pick up a clipboard of activities on the front row near the entry doors. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

YOUTH: If you are looking for information about our Youth Group here at First Presbyterian Church, check out **Instagram!** There you will find photos and the latest on what's happening regarding youth activities. Go to: **1stpresyouthhs**

Welcome Visitors! The bookmarks in the pew in front of you, depicting our stained glass windows, are available for all to take home. Thank you for worshipping with us!

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the prayers, calls, cards, and food, following my surgery. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated!

Jerry Jones

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Order of Worship
March 11, 2018
Fourth Sunday in Lent
Gathering Around the Word

Today's Liturgist Chris Chapmond

Welcome the Community, Sharing Concerns, and Prayer Requests

Prelude

Introit *"O Dearest Lord, Thy Sacred Head"* David N. Johnson
Adrienne Inglis, Flutist

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

People: For we are God's people—the work of the Creator's hands!

Leader: As God's people we are called in faith to be the light of the world.

People: To be light in places of darkness—to shine God's love in places of pain and sorrow.

Leader: Together we bind our hearts in worship, to praise the Living God.

People: Together we draw strength from Christ's presence in this holy community.

Leader: In faith and trust, let us worship God.

Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn No. 485 *"To God Be the Glory"* TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, have mercy on us as we confess our sin. Though Jesus said that we must be born from above, we will not lift our eyes from our own concerns to see you. We seek signs and proofs before we believe and are afraid of where your Spirit may take us. Shine the light of your judgment on our darkest moments, we pray, and forgive our sins. Give us confidence in your salvation that we may shine the light of your love into our suffering world. Lift us up into your everlasting life that we may sing your glory forevermore.

*Silent Prayers of Confession

*Lord Have Mercy Upon Us (Kyrie) (Unison) Hymn No. 574
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Glory to the Father (Gloria Patri) (Unison) Hymn No. 579
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.

Proclaiming the Word

The Children's Sermon

*Hymn No. 316..... *"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"* TRENTHAM

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading.....Numbers 21: 4-9pg. 139, OT

Anthem..... *"What Wondrous Love is This"*..... James Mansfield
Adrienne Inglis, Flutist

"What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, that caused the Lord of bliss to lay aside his crown for my soul."

Gospel Reading John 3: 14-21pg. 94, NT

Sermon "God's Love Lifted Up for Our Salvation"
Rev. Dr. Lacy S. Sellars, Jr.

Responding to the Word

*Hymn No. 411 *"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"* FESTAL SONG

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)..... The Apostles' Creed
I 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.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (Traditional) Hymnal, page 16

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology (Unison) Hymn No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication

Bearing the Word Into the World

*Charge and Benediction Rev. Dr. Lacy S. Sellars, Jr.

Postlude

*Congregation Standing (Please remain seated if standing is uncomfortable.)