

The Service for the Lord's Day
Second Sunday in Lent
March 17, 2019

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "ST. THOMAS" Douglas Wagner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor/Liturgist

*CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

Leader: God's gifts are as many as the stars,

People: God's grace as endless as the evening sky.

Leader: Let us worship the Christ who binds us together,

People: the One in whom we place our trust.

*OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE

"Stand Up and Bless the Lord" PH#491

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Liturgist

Holy One,

Yours is a story of grace and mercy.

Yours is a harvest of righteousness and truth.

Yours is a gospel of goodness and sharing.

Yours is a love that overflows.

Forgive us of the ways we fall short of your call.

Convict us of our failings.

Enlighten us to your truth.

Enliven us for your service.

Empower us through your forgiveness.

Shower us with your grace. -Amen-

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

People: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life

has gone; a new life has begun.

Leader: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **-Amen-**

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE (Briefly pass the peace of Christ to those immediately around you.)

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE (*Gloria Patri*) PH#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.

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES/YOUNG AT HEART

(No Age Limit) followed by Children's Church (4 years old through 2nd Grade) in Room 116 outside the Sanctuary.

THE HEARING OF GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READINGS (Please stand as you are able for the readings of Scripture.)

*Old Testament Reading: Liturgist

Psalm 27 (Pew Bible pg.503)

ANTHEM "The Lord Is My Light" John Carter

Chancel Choir

*Old Testament Reading: Pastor

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 (Pew Bible pg.12)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

"Living Into the Promise"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Standing On The Promises" (Insert)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the *Book of Confessions*

Taken from *Brief Statement of Faith*, Sect. 11.1, 11.4 and 11.5

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. -Amen-

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Call to Offering Liturgist

Offertory "Andante Expressivo" E. Schubert

*The Doxology PH#592

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 Liturgist

SENDING IN GOD'S NAME

*SENDING HYMN

"Faith Of Our Fathers" (Insert)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Pastor

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"The Spirit Send Us Forth" LAND OF REST

POSTLUDE "Moderato" Edouard Batiste

**All who are able are invited to stand.*

Welcome to our visitors today! We are glad you are here and we hope you will join us for worship again. If you are interested in joining the church, there are three ways you may do so. They are: transfer of letter from your church of previous membership, reaffirmation of faith if you have already been baptized; and baptism and affirmation of faith if you have not been baptized. Please ask our pastor or a ruling elder for more details.

Please use the friendship register to indicate your presence in worship. Pass the register back to the center aisle and note those who are seated with you on the pew and greet them following the worship service. If you are visiting with us for the first time, please include your address, telephone number, and e-mail as well.

Children are welcome and invited to worship with us in many ways! There are worship bags and Children's Bulletins in the narthex. Children of all ages are invited to come forward at the *Time with the Young Disciples*. **Children 4 years old through 2nd grade are invited to *Children's Worship* with their leader after the *Time with the Young Disciples*. Children in 3rd grade and above are encouraged to worship with their families.** There is a nursery downstairs beneath the narthex for **children ages birth through 3-years-old** during the entire service.

Need help hearing the service? Receivers connected to the sound system are available in the Narthex. Just ask an usher.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Jim Baker by his family.

Cottage Place Outreach Dinner is Monday, March 18 at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are needed beginning at 5:00 PM. Contact Paul Cannaday (252-8191, pcannaday@comcast.net) with any questions.

We are hosting the LENTEN LUNCH this Tuesday, March 19 at NOON. Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a devotional and a light meal of soup and bread.

Lenten Lunch Schedule (Tuesdays at 12:00 Noon)

- March 19 at First Presbyterian
- March 26 at Calvary Christian
- April 2 at Grace Presbyterian
- April 9 at Broad Street Christian

Red Cross Bloodmobile is Thursday, March 21 from 12 NOON to 6:00 PM at the Elk Lodge, 300 Fairy Street. Our congregation supplies volunteers during this time. Contact Nancy Baker for more information (638-7923 or nbaker08@comcast.net).

On Palm Sunday, April 14, you will have the opportunity to give to One Great Hour of Sharing. Your gift enables the church to share God’s love with our neighbors-in-need around the world. Envelopes for your gift will be located in the pews. Checks should be written to the church.

Be sure to remember SOUTHSIDE SURVIVOR RESPONSE CENTER (various household items and toiletries) **and GRACE NETWORK** (Canned Fruit 15oz cans). (Optional needs are toilet paper, deodorant, bath soap, toothpaste, feminine products, dish and laundry detergent) when you do your grocery shopping. Both agencies depend on us for assistance.

All church events and bulletin announcements should be scheduled through the office. Announcements should be submitted by Noon on Wednesday. Call the office (276-632-3431) or email (office@firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org).

Deadline for submission of articles for Steeple Views, our church newsletter, is 4:00 PM Tuesdays to Editor Sharon Kirby. (steepleviews@fpcmartinsvilleva.org).

PRAYER CONCERNS

Ken Ashley, Doc Altizer, Connie and Walter Anderson, Carl and Georgette Bishop, Marilyn Bremner (S. Ford), Jason Brown (Nancy Brown’s grandson), Jim Brunt (N. Davis’ brother), Dot Bryson, Kimberly Bryson, Evelyn Clark, Tommy Cobb (M. Dunn), Janet Cox, Sandra Bryson Cox, Angela Denney (niece of Cynthia Dobrinski), Daniel Handy, Helen Hawkes, Jean Hill, Jeannie Hinchie (D. Bryson), Joye Hughes, Betty Carol Lamm, Eddie Levi, Laura Stevens Milton, Regenia Noel (M. Stevens), Ed Pace, Amy Bryson Peck, Anne Peterson, Lauren Prince (N. Moore), Barbara Regen, Walt Seamon, George Townsend, Roger Williams (V. Esarey), persecuted Christians and all troops in defense of freedom throughout the world.

Church Calendar

- Sunday, March 17**
8:30 AM Contemporary Service
9:30 AM Fellowship and Refreshments in FH
9:45 AM Confirmation Class Meets in Youth Room
9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 AM Traditional Worship
- Monday –Thursday**
Monday, March 18
3:00 PM GPS
5:30 PM Cottage Place Dinner
- Tuesday, March 19**
12 NOON Lenten Lunch at First Presbyterian
4:00 PM Steeple Views Deadline
4:30 – 7:00 PM DaCapo Music School
- Wednesday, March 20**
5:45 PM Sanctuary Ringers Practice
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice
- Thursday, March 21**
12 NOON-6:00 PM Red Cross Bloodmobile
7:00 PM Praise Band Practice
- Friday, March 22**
12-4:00 PM Agape Ministry Retreat
- Sunday, March 24**
8:30 AM Contemporary Service
9:30 AM Fellowship and Refreshments in FH
9:45 AM Confirmation Class Meets in Youth Room
9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Mar 17	Ushers *Neil Tatum, Paul Cannaday, Victoria Esarey, Bill Kirby Unlock Neil Tatum Lockup: Milt Davis
Mar 24	Ushers *Ralph Shank, Jr., Bob Davis, Harold Lamm, Henry Moore Unlock Johnny Pinkard Lockup: Victoria Esarey
Mar 31	Ushers *M. Montgomery, Milt & Nancy Davis, Joan Montgomery Unlock Neil Tatum Lockup: Denny Casey

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The Session
Moderator, Rev. Mark Hinchcliff Clerk, Nancy Baker
Administration, Ron Rebman (2020) Communication, Denny Casey (2020)
Worship, Teri Ferguson (2019) Christian Education, Monica Stevens (2021)
Congregational Care, Susan Pilson (2019) Fellowship, Kym Tatum (2020)
Stewardship, Lynn Pritchett (2021) Facilities, Ed Pace (2021)
Mission/Outreach, Paul Cannaday (2019)

Treasurer, Henry Moore

Trustees

Milt Davis, (2020), Duke Ferrell (2020), David Garland (2021)
Ed Linker (2021), Reed Moore (2019), Ralph Shank, Jr. (2019)

Other Committee Moderators

Trustees: Ralph Shank, Jr. Early Worship: Virginia King

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Martinsville, Virginia

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Based upon Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18 and Psalm 27

Pastor: Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

Liturgist: Milt Davis

Our Mission

“Share God’s love, embrace our neighbors, nurture each other.”