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Week of March 5- Prayers of the People

- Frances Hasty
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- Mae Holoman
- Emily Bond
- Monica Manley
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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1	Edna Broadhurst
12	Burma Smith
13	Penny Brangan
13	Mary Fitzwater
21	Mallory James Smith
22	Jennifer Patgorski
24	Nancy Frazier
26	Mike McCormick
28	Nancy Grant

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 5, 2023 – 10:30 AM

Second Sunday in Lent

Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements-Thank you for joining us for this morning's worship service. We are glad to have you here! If this is your first time visiting with us, please fill out a visitor's form, found in the back of most pews. We would be pleased to add you to our email list, too. Welcome!

Prelude

"Ave Verum"

Karl Jenkins

Duet: Raymond Rodrigues and Michael Broadhurst

Ave verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine. Vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine. Cujus latus perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine. Esto nobis prægustatum mortis in examine. Jesu dulcis! Jesu pie, fili Mariae. Amen.

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary. Having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind, from whose pierced side water and blood flowed: Be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet] in the trial of death! O sweet Jesus! O holy Jesus, son of Mary. Amen.

Choral Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn 409

"God Is Here"

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession-followed by a time for silent confession and prayer

Our help does truly come from God. This help is not just for the times when trouble befalls us, or when our lives are hard, but when we are the ones who are to blame, when we face the consequences of our own actions. Knowing that, we turn to God for help, trusting in unending grace.

Teacher, you call us to go, following the plan that you have set out for us. You promise us blessings and purpose, but we do not trust your words. We cling to what we already know, we trust in what we can see and touch, we make excuses for our failure to trust in you. Call to us again, that we may be born again through your Spirit. Help us to believe and give us the abundant life that comes from following your will.

Assurance of God's Grace

God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Thanks be to God. We will bear witness to God's saving grace with our lives.

Response "Gloria Patri" Hymn 581

**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.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem "Mercy" Craig Courtney

I dare not lift my guilty eyes. I hide my lips in trembling shame. And in the darkness of my soul, I shrink from Your rekindling flame. Kyrie eleison, have mercy. In mercy cover me with grace and blot out my iniquity. Renew my heart and wash me clean, grant with Your pardon purity. Kyrie eleison, have mercy. In equal measure of Your love, you promise mercy, tender compassion to the one who seeks Your face. A broken heart, a fainting soul, a contrite spirit, together cry for your forgiveness and Your grace. Against You only have I sinned. My deeds are evil in Your sight. Of Your forgiveness let me sing, and in my singing take delight. Kyrie eleison, have mercy.

Doxology **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.**

Prayers of the People **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.**

Hymn 829 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

First Lesson Romans 4: 1-5 and 13-17 (page 2 and 3)

Second Lesson John 3: 1-17 (page 980)

Sermon "Nicodemus" Rev. Steve Frazier

The Sacrament of the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you. **And also, with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...Therefore, with apostles and prophets, and that great cloud of witnesses who live for you beyond all time and space, we lift our hearts in joyful praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

...Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

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.

Distribution of the Elements and Communion of the People

Hymn 538 "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"

Benediction "Jesus, Be with Us" Gambrell

Jesus, be with us. Help us each day.
To follow the Gospel and live as we pray.
Send us your Spirit and show us your way.
Jesus, be with us today

Where there is hunger and thirst in the land,
Scatter the systems of greed.
Jesus, be with us, make use of our hands.
Lift up your people in need.

Please join us in the Courtyard Lobby for a treat after worship!