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Week of March 26- Prayers of the People

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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





Please join us on
Thursday, April 6
in the fellowship hall at 6:30 p.m.
for a light supper followed by a
Maundy Thursday service
led by Pastor Steve.



Our Ladies' Circle (a Presbyterian Women Group) meets on the first Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. Location to be determined. ALL are welcome.

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church
Sunday, March 26, 2023 – 10:30 AM
Fifth 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 "Prelude" Held

Choral Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn 366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Invitation to Confession

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

Christ is nearer to us than we can imagine. Jesus' power is not just for a distant past and a far-off future. Jesus is here for us here and now. Because there is forgiveness with God, let us call upon the Lord.

God of resurrection, we know the power of death. We have seen its works; we have felt its sting. We have been to the valley of despair and felt like there was no chance for life. We do not believe in your power to resurrect. We do not believe in your power to redeem our pain, and fashion something beautiful in this world. Forgive us. We cry from the depths— however faint our call may be, we pray you hear our voice.

Assurance of God's Grace

Thus says the Lord, you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live.
We believe the good news! Thanks be to God!

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 Solo

“Give Me Jesus”
Kara McCormick, soloist

arr. Hayes

Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus.
You may have all this world; give me Jesus.
Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus.
You may have all this world; give me Jesus.
You may have all this world, with its troubles and cares,
for this I am sure, give me Jesus.

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 728

“Somebody’s Knocking at Your Door”

First Lesson

Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. I wait for the Lord; my soul waits, and in his word, I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Second Lesson

John 11: 32-44

When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. “Where have you laid him?” he asked.

“Come and see, Lord,” they replied.

Jesus wept.

Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”

But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. “Take away the stone,” he said.

“But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.”

Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”

So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”

Sermon

“Unbind Him”

Dr Steve Frazier

Hymn 80

“You Shall Go Out with Joy”

Benediction

Postlude

“Jesus, Be with Us”
(Please join the choir in singing)

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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 refreshments after worship!