First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood

11:00 A.M.
Sunday, February 28, 2021
Second Sunday in Lent
ORDER OF WORSHIP

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome and Announcements

Organ Prelude
“*If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee*” Paul Manz

Choral Introit
“*Kyrie Orbis Factor*” Plainsong, Mode XI

*Lord, have mercy.* Christ, *have mercy.* *Lord, have mercy upon us.*

We Address Ourselves to God

Call to Worship

Leader: Lent is a time to take stock,
People: to take stock of the life we are living,
Leader: the goals we have set,
People: the world we will leave behind.
Leader: Called out of the waters of baptism,
People: into the wilderness of uncertainty
Leader: that confounds and disorients us,
People: we seek in this time of worship,
Leader: the One who forever leads us in right paths,
All: and watches over us in love!

Hymn
“*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days,*” Hymn No. 166

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*The people joining*)

O God, help us to use this season of Lent to examine our attachments, and to sense where you invite us to live more simply and deeply. Shine the light of your love into the private corners of our lives, where we have acquired so much clutter that it has begun to restrict our freedom. Grant us the strength to free ourselves from appetites and needs that drive us into taking, having and wanting more than we need or have time for. Teach us that in letting go, we become free rather than deprived, and generous rather than covetous, and spacious rather than restricted. Today we place our feet with yours on the road to Easter, and by your grace, walk the Way that you have walked before us. Amen!

Silent Confessions

Assurance of God's Grace
Response to Confession

“Come to Me, O Weary Traveler”

Hymn No. 183

The Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

We Hear God's Word

First Reading
Psalm 22:1-8
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22
“Lord, Why Have You Forsaken Me”

Hymn No. 210

Gospel Reading
Mark 8:31-38
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

We Respond to God’s Word

Sermon
“Out of Sight is Not Out of Mind”
Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz

Hymn
“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”

Hymn No. 718

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Offertory Sentences

Offertory Anthem
“Jesu, Grant Me This, I Pray”
text: H. Baker
Music: CH Kitson

Jesu, grant me this, I pray, ever in Thy heart to stay. Let me evermore abide hidden in Thy wounded side.
If the evil one prepare, or the world, a tempting snare. I am safe when I abide in Thy heart and wounded side.
If the flesh, more dangerous still, tempt my soul to deeds of ill. Naught I fear when I abide in Thy heart and wounded side.
Death will come one day to me. Jesu, cast me not from Thee. Dying let me still abide in Thy heart and wounded side.

Prayer of Dedication

We Depart to Serve the Lord

Hymn
“If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee”
Hymn No. 816
Benediction

Organ Postlude  “Fugue in G minor”  Jan Zach

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF DEDICATION adapted from Dancing In The Desert: Prayers And Reflections For Lent, by Sally Foster-Fulton; Prayer of Confession adapted from Ann Siddall, Stillpoint Spirituality Centre

Worship Leaders:  The Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz, Interim Senior Pastor
                          The Rev. Dr. Tom Glenn, Parish Associate
Music Ministry:  Chancel Octet; Bill Stein, Director of Music Ministries; Travis Evans, Music Associate
Live Stream Host:  Ron Evens

Thank you for worshiping with us today.

If you would like to be on our email list to receive information on the life of the congregation, please email Paula at paulab@kirkwoodpres.org.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION
OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF KIRKWOOD
TODAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2021 AT 12:15PM

Pursuant to the Form of Government G-1.0502, the Session has called the Annual Meeting of the Congregation at 12:15pm TODAY for any business that is appropriate.  A Zoom invite was emailed on Friday.

By Order of the Session
Lisa K. Ward
Clerk of Session

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* The Con Spirito Lenten Recital Series is live streamed every Friday at noon. Join us for a half hour of meditative, reflective music. Friday, March 5th, features the Perseid String Quartet. These recitals will not be archived due to copyright restrictions.

* On Sunday mornings in March, join us at 9:30 for a series on images of Jesus as we journey through Lent, looking at the events of Jesus' life and ministry.

* Lenten Bible Study: There is a book called Gospel Parallels that compares and contrasts various passages in the gospels. It shows us how, for example, the four versions of feeding the thousands are both alike and different from one writer to another. If we look at the baptism of Jesus in each of the gospels, we become aware of the different perspectives and nuances that are contained within each version. With that in mind we will look at a variety of passages in the gospels as a means for understanding the particular viewpoints of the gospel writers and the insights into the life of Jesus. We will meet on Wednesdays at 10am by Zoom for four weeks beginning on March 3. Evening classes will be offered on Monday or Thursday nights depending on preferences of those interested. This will be at 7:00pm, also on Zoom. If you are interested, please contact Karen at kblanchard@kirkwoodpres.org to receive the study information and Zoom invite.
SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION ON ZOOM
Christian Concerns Class, 9:30 a.m.

Email Ann Miller to be added to the Zoom list at ann.willie@hotmail.com.

FEBRUARY: The Isle of Iona and the Iona Community
February 28: Clint will conclude the series speaking about the music, liturgy, and worship of Iona.

MARCH: Through the Centuries: Art Featuring the Life of Jesus
We have entered into the season of Lent. Betsy Solomon, director of the Shepherd Center and trained art historian, will lead a series on the paintings of Jesus over the centuries. The life of Jesus has been an enduring inspiration for artists of the European tradition. Artists have created extraordinary masterpieces, each reflecting their moment in time and leaving behind a legacy of narrative scenes. Lecture topics for this 4-part series will include:
3/7 – Images of Jesus in Early Christian & Medieval Art
3/14 – Jesus as Subject in Renaissance Painting
3/21 – The Work of El Greco
3/28 – Images of the Crucifixion, Resurrection and Second Coming

Plan to join us.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, 2/28 - Second Sunday in Lent
9:30am Christian Concerns Adult Ed - Zoom
11:00am Worship Service - Live Streamed
12:15pm Annual Congregational Meeting - Zoom
7:00pm Sr. High Fellowship

Monday, 3/1
8:00am Preschool
11:30am Staff Meeting - 030

Tuesday, 3/2 - No Events

Wednesday, 3/3
8:00am Preschool
12:00pm Mid-Week Worship Service - Live Streamed
7:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
7:00pm Lent Bible Study - Zoom

Thursday, 3/4
10:00am Prayer Time - Sanctuary (reservation required)
7:00pm Section Leader Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Friday, 3/5
8:00am Preschool
12:00pm Tree of Life Chapel Lenten Recital Series - Live Streamed

Saturday, 3/6
10:00am Prayer Time - Sanctuary (reservation required)
11:00am Men’s Bible Study - Zoom

Sunday, 3/7 - Third Sunday in Lent
9:30am Christian Concerns Adult Ed - Zoom
11:00am Worship Service - Live Streamed
7:00pm Sr. High Fellowship

If you would like to support the ministry and mission of First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood, you can simply mail a gift or try online giving on our website at www.kirkwoodpres.org and click on “Give” on the upper right hand side of the screen. Thank you!
Texas has been particularly hard hit by the effects of an arctic blast that left millions under boil-water advisories after back-to-back storms dropped temperatures to record lows, leading to power outages and frozen pipes. Based on initial conversations with Mission, New Covenant, Palo Duro and Grace presbyteries, there are power outages, and some churches have experienced burst pipes and flooding. The storm also is impacting people on a personal level. “Many people don’t want to leave their home, even though they don’t have power and heat, because they’re afraid that if they do, they’ll come home to a flooded house,” Rev. James Kirk, Associate for National Disaster Response for PDA, said. “So they’re trying to stick close to home to make sure that doesn’t happen.” The public can help by donating to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, which can put the money toward crucial needs on the local level such as warm clothes, blankets, food and water. To support this response, designate gifts for "Winter Storms" on the memo line of your check.

Lord, Who throughout These 166 Forty Days

1 Lord, who through-out these for-ty days for us did fast and
2 As you with Sa-tan did con-tend and did the vic-tory
3 And through these days of pen-i- tence, and through this Pas-sion-
4 A-bide with us, till when this life of suf-fer-ing shall be

pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.
win, O give us strength to per-se-vere, in you to conquer sin.
tide, yes, ev-er-more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a-bide.
past, an Eas-ter of un-end-ing joy we may at-tain at last.
Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

D G A D A D A

1 “Come to me, O weary traveler; come to me with your distress;
2 “Do not fear, my yoke is easy; do not fear, my burden’s light;
3 “Take my yoke and leave your troubles; take my yoke and come with me.
4 “Rest in me, O weary traveler; rest in me and do not fear.

Bm G Em Bm A G D A D G D

come to me, you heavily burdened; come to me and find your rest.”
do not fear the path before you; do not run from me in fright.”
Take my yoke, I am beside you; take and learn humility.”
Rest in me, my heart is gentle; rest and cast away your care.”

This paraphrase and expansion of Matthew 11:28–30 by a Canadian minister is structured so that the first three syllables of each stanza provide the hymn’s skeleton and summary. The immediacy of the text is enhanced by the folksong-like setting later composed for it.
1 Lord, why have you forsaken me, and

2 Yet you are holy, and the songs of

3 But I am mocked and put to scorn. All

4 Yet you, O Lord, have been my God and

why are you so far away from my complaint and praise of Israel are your throne; when our ancestors those who see me laugh and say, “You trust in God, so on ly hope since I was born. With trouble near me,

my distress poured out before you night and day? called on you, you saved them, rescued all your own. let us see the help of God to whom you pray.” none can help. My Savior, leave me not forlorn.
Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said 718

1 Take up your cross, the Savior said, if you would my disciple be; take up your cross with a willing heart, and humbly follow after me.

2 Take up your cross; let not its weight fill your heart up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.

3 Take up your cross; heed not the shame, and accept death upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

4 Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and in a bountiful life and leads to victory o'er the grave.

Written by a nineteen-year-old in Connecticut, this challenging text has been widely printed on both sides of the Atlantic. It is strengthened by its resolute repetition of the same four words at the beginning of each stanza and by the appropriately stark shape note tune.

TEXT: Charles William Everest, 1833, alt.
MUSIC: Mrs. Freeman Lewis, 1814; harm. John Leon Hooker, 1984
Music Harm. © 1984 John Leon Hooker

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If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee 816

1. If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hopeful heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what-e’er believe, with heart content to take what-e’er thy Keep-er’s

2. Only be still, and wait God’s leisure in cheerful own part faith-fully. Trust the rich prom-ises of tide thee, to bear thee through the evil days. Who trusts in plea-sure and all-dis-cern-ing love hath sent. No doubt our grace; so shall they be ful-filled in thee. God nev-er

3. Sing, pray, and swerve not from God’s ways, but do thine God’s un-chang-ing love builds on the rock that nought can move. in-most wants are clear to One who holds us al-ways dear. yet for-sook at need the soul se- cured by trust in-deed.

This hymn is a testimony of experience. The original seven-stanza German text (based on Psalm 55:22) and its tune were created by the author/composer at the age of twenty in thanksgiving for finding employment many weeks after being left almost penniless following a robbery.

TEXT: Georg Neumark, 1641; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1855, 1863, alt. WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT
MUSIC: Georg Neumark, 1641 9.8.9.8.8