

SPECIAL MUSIC (8:30)

Andalouse Emile Pessard
Louisa Stabenow, flute; Karen Larvick, piano

ANTHEM (10:45) *“Create In Me A Clean Heart”* Carl F. Mueller

GOSPEL READING John 3:11-21

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *“A Mid-Lent Break”* Pastor Barry Williams

THE THANKSGIVING

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Presbyterian Declaration of Faith 1985 10.1)

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus God’s promises are kept. All that we hope for is present in Christ. But the work of God in Christ is not over.

God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen. The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence that supports us when lesser hopes fail us.

In Christ God gives hope for a new heaven and earth, certainty of victory over death, assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death. This hope gives us courage for any present struggle.

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.

SHARING OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory *My Song is Love Unknown* Michael Burkhardt

*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.

Offertory Prayer

HYMN #298 *“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”* In Babilone

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *“Spirit of the Living God”*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me,

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me,

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me,

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

*POSTLUDE *Prelude and Fugue in E Minor* J.S. Bach

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

John 3:11-21

Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

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“A Mid-Lent Break”



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Fourth Sunday in Lent**March 11, 2018**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME OF OUR INTERIM PASTOR - BARRY WILLIAMS

PRELUDE *Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless* David Cherwien
Jimmy Kay Sanders, organist

INTROIT (10:45)

"Into My Heart" Harry Clarke
Chancel Choir, Dr. Natasia Sexton, Director

ENTERING OF WORD AND LIGHT

THE GATHERING* CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 107*)

Leader: We give you thanks, O God, for you are good; your steadfast love endures forever.

People: When we cried to you with our troubles, O Lord, you saved us from our distress.

Leader: We give you thanks, O God, for your wonderful works to all of humanity.

People: Hear now our offerings of praise and thanksgiving, as we tell of your deeds with songs of joy.

* OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN #356 *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"* Robinson*PRAYER OF CONFESSION(*in unison*)**Merciful God, we confess the folly of our sin and the hypocrisy of our complaints. We grumble about the evils in our world, even as we commit injustices and profit through deceit. We fret about the scarcity of resources while hoarding earth's goods and cheating the poor. We protest the problems of our world, but we do not actively work to address them. Merciful God, expose our sins before the light of your grace. Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways that we may know the joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.**

Our Silent Personal Prayers of Confession

* DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Alleluia and Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI

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.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

"Peace be with you...and also with you."

A TIME FOR OUR CHILDREN Pastor Zac Wolfe

* HYMN #309

"Of the Father's Love Begotten" Divinum Mysterium**THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 2:1-10

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.**TODAY AT FPC****WELCOME** to our service of worship this Fourth Sunday in Lent. Join us for refreshments in Knox Hall following worship.**OUR RADIO BROADCAST** over Station KWOS (950 AM) at 11:00 a.m. today is dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of her parents Mr. & Mrs. Robert Drewel, from their daughter & family, Dr. & Mrs. Harold Kanagawa..**FLOWERS** in the sanctuary this day are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of David Brydon, Sr. from Lou Brydon.USHERS 8:30 am Cindy Larrick
10:45 am Lynn Ratchford
5:00 pm Blaine Smallwood

BUS DRIVERS Sherry Simon & Deb Denning

FLOWER VISITATION: Sheryl Bowles, Louisa Stabenow & Jessica Cox

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT - MARCH 18THNext Sunday, the Fifth Sunday in Lent, in worship we will be reading from the Gospel of John, 12:20-36. The sermon title and theme is **"One Door Closes - Another Opens."****SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE @ FIVE**Tonight, we will explore the connections between **"Moses, Snakes, Jesus, and the Cross"** and their significance for our faith and lives as Pastor Zac leads reflection on Numbers 21:4-9. We will end our time together with a light meal. All are welcome!**TODAY'S SCHEDULE****FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**8:30 am Worship Service
9:30 am Coffee Fellowship - Knox Hall
9:45 am Inquirers/New Member Class - Parlor
9:45 am Sunday School for All Ages
10:45 am Worship Service
11:45 am Coffee Fellowship - Knox Hall
3:30 pm Lenten Book Study - Library
5:00 pm Sunday Night Live @5 Worship Service
5:45 pm Shared Meal - Knox Hall*As we welcome Pastor Barry Williams to FPC, he would like everyone to have a copy of his covenant & contract for your information. Copies are available in the back of the sanctuary or in Knox Hall.***PLEASE PRAY** for our sister congregation of Bunceton Federated Church. It is part of our being the connectional church.**TROOP 2 ANNUAL GARAGE SALE** - First Presbyterian's Boy Scout troop is seeking donated wares for its annual garage sale fund raiser. The sale will be held on Saturday, March 24th in the church's gym. Donated items can be dropped off in the gym on Monday nights between 7:15 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. or on Friday, March 23rd between 6:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Scouts will be available to unload donated items at the aforementioned times. Please contact Assistant Scoutmaster Matt Hesser at 298-1371 with any questions. The sale starts at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday the 24th. Please stop by. You can find some great deals and help support the troop! **INQUIRERS/NEW MEMBER CLASSES** will be held in the Parlor at 9:45 am today. If you are interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church, the Presbyterian Church, and/or Church membership, see Pastor Dave or just come to Class.For more event dates & times, please see the calendar on our website at www.fpcjcmo.org**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Monday, March 12 through Sunday, March 18

MON - FRI	7:30 am - 4:30 pm	Preschool
MON - THUR	8:30 am - 3:00 pm	K-Plus
MON	10:00 am	Hands for Mission Sewing Group - Chapel
	4:30 pm	Serve Supper at Salvation Army
	6:30 pm	Stephen Ministers - Parlor
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 2 - Gym
	7:00 pm	Lenten Book Study - Hofmann's Home
TUES	9:30 am	Bible Study - McAfee Room
	10:30 am	Lenten Book Study - Primrose Retirement Center
	12:00 pm	Community Lenten Service - Central United Church of Christ
	1:00 pm	Recorder Practice - Choir Room
	1:30 pm	Staff Meeting
	6:00 pm	Volleyball - Southridge Baptist Church
	6:30 pm	Session Meets - Chapel
WED	1:30 pm	Presbyterian Women Faith Circle - Heisinger Bluffs, Apt. 327
	4:30 pm	Serve Supper at Salvation Army
	5:45 pm	SWAG (Mid Highs) Meet
	6:30 pm	Lenten Vespers Communion Service - Knox Hall
	7:00 pm	EPIC (Senior Highs) Meet
	7:15 am	Choir Practice
THURS	7:00 am	Men's Cancer Support Group - Goldschmidt
	10:30 am	Retired Adults Fellowship - Primrose Retirement Center
FRI	7:00 am	Friday Morning Prayer & Devotion - Parlor
SUN	FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT	
	8:30 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Coffee Fellowship - Knox Hall
	9:45 am	Sunday School for All Ages
	9:45 am	Lenten Book Study - 3rd Floor Youth Library
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Dan McPherson and Shannon Evans invite the congregation to share their joy as they are married in our sanctuary on Saturday, April 28th at 3:00 p.m. A cake and punch reception will follow in Knox Hall. Dan and Shannon would appreciate it if those wishing to attend would notify them by April 7th so enough food can be ordered. A sign-up sheet will be available in Knox Hall or you can contact Dan by phone at 573-635-1764, or by email at dn_mcperson@yahoo.com.**COLLEGE OF ELDERS DINNER** - March 22nd, 6:00 pm. All Elders and their spouses are invited to this dinner and fellowship. Please RSVP to the Church Office (636-2149) or (office@fpcjcmo.org).**CHAPEL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** - Dr. Cliff Cain is teaching a class in the Chapel on **"The Civil Rights Movements and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr."**. Everyone is welcome to attend.