

ANTHEM (10:45) *“How Beautiful”* Lloyd Larson

GOSPEL READING John 12:20-36

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *“One Door Closes - Another Opens”*
Pastor Barry Williams

THE THANKSGIVING

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**In faith, we acknowledge that God has acted in the past,
in a holy history.**

In faith, we confess that God seeks to rule our lives today.

**In faith, we affirm that God continues to send prophets and
speak through willing vessels to guide the course of all history
toward its end.**

**In faith, we imagine that end to be characterized by the traits we
find in Jesus Christ: compassion, justice and love.**

In faith, we long to be part of that purpose. Amen.

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 *Come, Sweet Death* J.S. Bach

*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 #388 *“O Jesus, I Have Promised”* Angel’s Story

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

#538 *“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”* Sicilian Mariners

Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing;

Fill our hearts with joy and peace;

Let us each, Thy love possessing,

Triumph in redeeming grace.

O refresh us, O refresh us, Traveling through this wilderness.

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

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

John 12:20-36

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, “We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” Jesus said to them, “The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.”

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Fifth Sunday in Lent

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GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *O Sacred Head* Johann Kirnberger
Jimmy Kay Sanders, organist

INTROIT (10:45) *“We Have Gathered”* Stan Pethel
Chancel Choir, Dr. Natasia Sexton, Director

ENTERING OF WORD AND LIGHT

THE GATHERING

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The days are surely coming, says our God;
The day is here to affirm a new covenant.

**People: We call on God’s steadfast love and mercy.
We seek a strong and vital relationship with our God.**

Leader: God’s law will be written on our hearts.
Our Creator claims us and forgives our faithlessness.

**People: We are eager to know the God who loves us.
We are ready to learn God’s intention for us.**

* OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN #457 *“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”* Toulon

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION(*in unison*)

**Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.
Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin.
We know more of our own transgression than we have been willing
to admit, even to ourselves. We cannot escape from the sin that
clings so closely. By our actions and our neglect, we have done
what is evil in your sight. May your judgment help us to face the
truth about ourselves. Then wash away the stain of our iniquity.
Create in us clean hearts, and renew our spirits.
We are ready for a new life.**

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

* HYMN #85 *“What Wondrous Love Is This”* Wondrous Love

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 31:31-34

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC (8:30)

What Wondrous Love arr. Vicki Collinsworth
Karen Larvick, piano

TODAY AT FPC

WELCOME to our service of worship this Fifth 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.

FLOWERS in the sanctuary this day are dedicated to the glory of God.

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

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Next Sunday, March 25th, is known by two names: Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. Barry Williams will be preaching on both those themes using two texts from the Gospel of Mark, 11:1-11 and 14:1-11. His sermon is entitled **“First Comes the Dying.”**

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE @ FIVE

Pastor Mark Kiekhaefer (Grace Evangelical Free Church) will be leading worship and reflecting on **“A Clean Heart”** from Psalm 51. The youth will be providing the meal following worship. All are welcome!

TODAY’S SCHEDULE

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
10:45 am Worship Service
11:45 am Coffee Fellowship - Knox Hall
3:30 pm Lenten Book Study - Parlor
5:00 pm Sunday Night Live @5 Worship Service
5:45 pm Shared Meal - Knox Hall

PLEASE PRAY for Validated Ministries of Minister Members, including: Our House, Fulton State Hospital, Westminster College, and Hannibal Regional Hospital. 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 pm and 8:15 pm or on Friday, March 23rd between 6:30 pm and 8:00 pm. 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 am on Saturday the 24th. Please stop by. You can find some great deals and help support the troop!

WORK DAY AT CAMP COVENANT POINT - Sign up to help our Presbyterian camp get ready to summer campers! FPC will be working from 9 to noon on Saturday, April 7th. Please sign up in Knox Hall or contact Carol Scott (xombuddy1@gmail.com).

THE CHAPEL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS will be taught by Pastor Dave March 18th through April 1st with the following themes: March 18 Mission In The Presbyterian Church, March 25 The Message of Palm Sunday Parade, April 1 The Power of the Resurrection. Please join us as we share together in faithful learning and spiritual growth.

For more event dates & times, please see the calendar on our website at www.fpcjcmo.org

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Monday, March 19 through Sunday, March 25

	MON - FRI	9:00 am - 4:30 pm	Preschool
	MON - THUR	8:30 am - 3:00 pm	K-Plus
MON	7:00 am	Men’s Prayer Breakfast - Downtown Diner	
	8:30 am	Habitat Volunteer Meeting - Habitat Offices	
	4:30 pm	Serve Supper at Salvation Army	
	5:15 pm	Bible Study - Library	
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	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 Community	
	12:00 pm	Community Lenten Service - Central United Church of Christ	
	1:00 pm	Recorder Practice - Choir Room	
	1:30 pm	Staff Meeting	
	6:30 pm	Presbyterian Women Evening Circle - Chapel	
	7:30 pm	Volleyball at Southridge Baptist Church	
WED	1:00 pm	Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team - the Schneider’s Home	
	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 pm	Choir Practice	
THURS	6:00 pm	College of Elders Dinner	
FRI	7:00 am	Friday Morning Prayer & Devotions - Parlor	
	5:00 pm	Set up for Boy Scout Garage Sale	
SAT	7:00 am	Boy Scout Garage Sale - Gym	
	9:30 am	Deacons/Elders Meeting - Knox Hall	
	11:30 am	Serve Lunch at Ken Locke Apartments	
SUN		PALM SUNDAY	
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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).