

First Presbyterian Church
Lake Park, Iowa
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10:30am

March 4, 2018

Third Sunday in Lent

Musical Prelude

Announcements

Exchange of Peace

Call to Worship -- based on Job 29-33

L/ Oh how we long for the days when all was happy and life made sense, when contentment and family was here. I long for my prime Lord. Dignity and safety and legacy are in doubt and I am afraid.

C/ God is greater than humans. God speaks in ways and is present in things even if we do not hear or perceive. Trust in God and the Light of Life will shine in you.

L/ I do not see my sin for I have treated my servants with justice and been kind to my neighbor. Why then does God not grant me prosperity and wealth? Why am I afflicted like the wicked should be? Where is God?

C/ God is greater than humans. God speaks in ways and is present in things even if we do not hear or perceive. Trust in God and the Light of Life will shine in you.

Hymn of Praise: #621 Tell Me the Old, Old Story

Intercessions

L/ Jesus, hear our intercessions today. For your church around the world, we ask new life.

Deacons/ For those who think they are wronged by God, we ask the Spirit to open their eyes to God's graces.

Elders/ For those of your people who think their way is God's way, we ask the Spirit to correct and teach.

Veterans/ For Christians of every land, we ask unity and peace.

-The next Session Meeting will be Tuesday, March 13th at 6:30 p.m.

-Deacons and Worship and Music Team will meet on Sunday, March 18th after worship to plan Maundy Thursday.

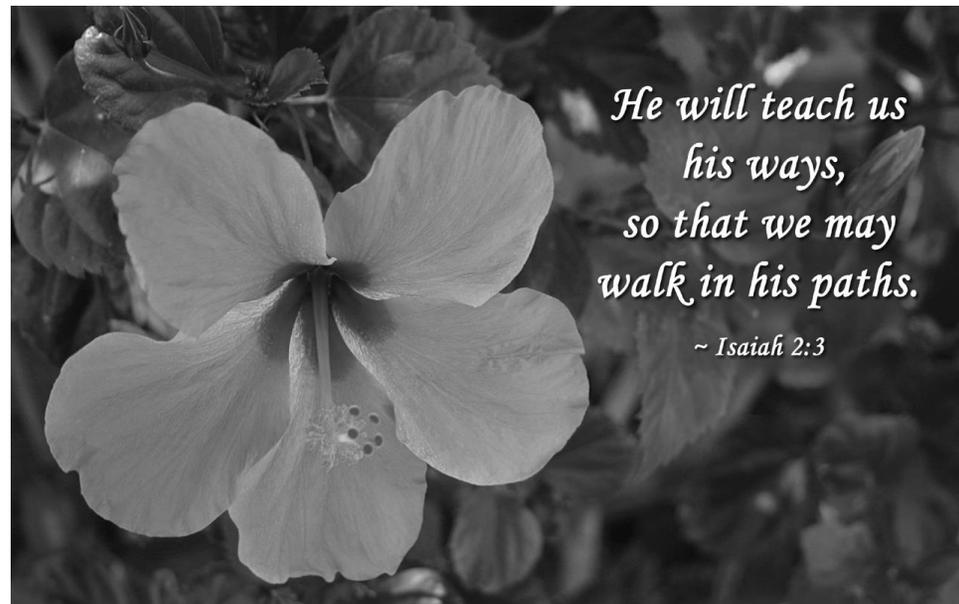
-There will be a Community Dinner and Silent Auction Benefit for the Mier family on March 18th at the Lake Park Community Center. There is a sign-up sheet - along with a recipe of the salad for people to make - on the table in the entryway. Look for more details in next week's bulletin.

-March's Special Offering will be for Camper Scholarship and will be collected on Sunday, March 25th.

-We are still having a toilet paper shower for our church. It is requested that the toilet paper be 2-PLY and preferably the brand Angel Soft. Please bring to the church. Thank you!

-Lakeshore Center (our church camp) has an immediate opening as full time year round administrative assistant and also part time seasonal work for summer camp staff (from counselors to maintenance workers to cooks). Call camp at 712-337-3313 or apply online at www.lakeshorecenteratokoboji.org

-Friday morning Bible Study continues every Friday at 10 a.m. We are studying the book of Luke, and everyone is welcome.



Affirmation of Faith (Belhar Confession—worship edition)

C/ It is through Christ’s reconciling work that we are the church, united to God and to other believers. As the church, we are the salt of the earth; we are the light of the world. We are entrusted with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ. As the church, we are witnesses by both word and deed. We proclaim the new heaven and the new earth, in which righteousness dwells. As the church, we proclaim that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered sin and death. God conquers divisions, hatred and bitterness. As the church, God’s life-giving Word and Spirit enable us to live in a new obedience, God opens new possibilities of life for society and the world.

We declare ourselves ready to venture out on the road of obedience and reconciliation--servants of the God who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people.

Edited and prepared by Barbara Hedges-Goettl for PCUSA

Offertory; Doxology #815

Joys and Concerns

Sacrament of the Lord’s Table (BCW 237)

Invitation

All who seek the Lord Jesus are free to partake at this table

L/ The Lord be with you

C/ And also with you

L/ Lift up your Hearts

C/ We lift them to God

L/ Give shouts of Praise

C/ We praise God: Father, Son and Spirit

L/ It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

C/ Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and Earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

L/ You are Holy indeed, O God of majesty ... Accept this our offering of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

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

L/ Gracious God, pour out your Spirit...Give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection, when with the redeemed of all the ages we will feast at your table in glory.

C/ Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, forever and ever. Amen.

Lord’s Prayer (using Debts)

Communion of God’s people

Please sing Come to the Table of Grace found in the inside cover of the blue Presbyterian Hymnals. (Grace, peace, love, hope, joy)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (from our Reformed Tradition)

L/Honour and praise be unto you O Lord our God for all your tender mercies bestowed on us. Continual thanks for your creating us in love, for redeeming us in the precious blood of Jesus, and for sanctifying us in the Holy Spirit.

C/ For your help and protection, your comfort and all your benefits, and especially for giving us the grace of time to truly repent and embrace what you have already done for us first, O Father, we praise you and thank you. Grant us your Holy Spirit that we may always grow in grace, in steadfast faith, and in perseverance by those good works you have given us to do, through Christ our Lord. (John Knox, Scottish Reformer, 1560).

Sending Hymn: # 502 In My Heart There Rings a Melody

Ministry Leaders

Deacons: Jim Kessler & Nicole McClain

Greeters: Marilyn & Jim Kessler

Worship Music: Marian Tuinstra

Pastor: Rev. Tim Harmon

All members are ministers of Jesus Christ

Attendance 2/25/18: 37

Offering 2/25/18: \$725.00

Camp Support Offering: \$67.00

There are 35 paid per capitas: \$37 for 2018

Today's Bulletin is sponsored by
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Happy Birthday to Ardith Ehret TODAY

-HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Ardith Ehret & Carter Ray TODAY, and to Rylan Ehret TOMORROW, and to Angelisa Manwarren on March 10th.

-We will be having a Baked Potato Bar TODAY serving after worship until 1:00 p.m. Join us for baked potatoes with toppings and a beverage. This is Free Will Offering.

-Joint Lenten Service at 5:00 p.m. TODAY at Lake Park United Methodist Church.

-This week – March 5th through the 9th – is Spring Cleaning of the Church. All this week, pick a day you are free, go to the church kitchen and look at list of areas that need cleaned, and clean the church. Do one or two but help get the church ready for spring. This is not just for P.W. EVERYONE is encouraged to participate.

-Bits & Pieces will meet this Wednesday, March 7th at 9:30 a.m.

-CHOIR will meet this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m

-SPRING FORWARD – Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour next Saturday night.

-Evening Circle will meet next Sunday, March 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

Women/ For those who do not believe, we ask your faithful love.

Men/ For those who influence others, we ask the Spirit to give them guidance and purity.

C/ For all who are in need of your help Lord, we ask that you send your Spirit.

L/ Let us remember our sins before Christ... (silence) Holy God, your Word Jesus spoke peace to a sinful world and asked us to repent and be made one again with you. By his suffering and death, Jesus reconnected us to your love. Teach us who bear the name of Christ to follow in His example. May our faith, hope, and love shine into this world and bring it to Life in Him.

C/ O God we are heartily sorry for having offended you, in our thoughts and words and deeds, by our actions and inactions. We publically declare that we have sinned. We hear your call from the cross Lord and ask your forgiveness and your healing. Turn our hearts again to you and wash us clean as snow.

L/ We are forgiven and freed from sin in Christ. We are loved and made new in his blood and resurrection. We are empowered to now live as redeemed with joy, hope, perseverance and grace. We are Christ's own!

Gloria Patri #812

Children's Chat

Special Music - Choir

Reading of Scripture

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Micah 4: 1-8 **pages 1444-45*

Canticle: # 486 Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

New Testament Lesson: John 2: 13-22 **pages 1648-49*

Sermon

