

Announcements

Wed. Mar 12 - Choir 6:30
Thurs. Mar 13 - KD Lunch
Fri. Mar 14th - Pizza & Games



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information.

Mission Moment

Did you know that gifts to Presbyterians Sharing provide the foundation for what we do together as the PCC? Through our gifts, we provide funding for ministries with vulnerable people and appeal to governments to take action and prioritize funding to protect our planet, stop racism and discrimination, eliminate poverty and more. We equip leaders through theological colleges, conferences and webinars. Coaches and mentors walk alongside congregations as they seek out new directions. Grants help launch new faith communities and renew established ones. We work with international partners to share the good news of Christ. We speak up for children's rights and the protection of refugees, asylum seekers, migrant workers and their families. We provide spaces for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people to walk together on a journey of healing and reconciliation. Together, we are working to build a church where all are welcome.

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First Sunday in Lent

*“to know, love and serve God wherever we are
and to inspire others to do the same
by our thoughts, words and deeds”*

SPC Mission Statement

Our Approach to God

Call to Worship: (see insert)

Hymn: **#372 Praise him, Praise Him, Jesus our Blessed Redeemer**

Opening Prayers

Assurance of God's Love

Welcome & Announcements

Children's Time & Hymn: **#373 Jesus Loves Me, This I Know**

Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Readings: Luke 4:1-13
Luke 18:9-14

The Word of God in Scripture. The Word of God among us.
The Word of God within us.

Thanks be to God.

Ministry of Music: *"Lead me to Calvary"*

Message: "Stories that Jesus Still Tells:
The Pharisee & the Tax Collector"

Hymn: **Standing on the Promises**

Our Response to God's Word

Stewardship Moment

Reflection / Doxology & The Presentation of Gifts / Prayer

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures high & low
Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.**

Experiencing God's Word

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Hymn **#528 Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Pastoral Prayer after Communion



Hymn **#556 Now Let Us From This Table Rise**

Benediction & Dismissal: **May the Lord bless you**

Postlude

As you prepare for this morning's service to begin, you are invited to reflect on the following...



"A humble knowledge of myself is a surer way to God than a search after learning."

~ Thomas A. Kempis

yourself?

In what areas of life do you 'have confidence in

Things to pray for this week...

We pray that we may know the Spirit's blessing blowing in us and through us, so that we may live out what is required of us: to seek justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God.

We pray for all the military chaplains who bring guidance and support to our troops and their families at home and abroad.

We give thanks for all those who have left bequests to the church to help continue Christ's ministry in the world after their death.



Scripture Reading: Luke 4:1-13 (NRSVUE)

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness,² where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished.³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread."⁴ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.' "

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸ Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.' "

⁹ Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,'

¹¹ and

'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

¹² Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' " ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Scripture Reading: Luke 18:9-14 (NRSVUE)

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰ "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy and Mysterious God, It is right to bring you our thanks and praise for you are the Source of all that is. You spin the galaxies that twinkle in the night sky. You give life to fragile creatures shivering in the chill of winter and offer them hope as the sun stirs new growth beneath of the surface of the earth. Your mercy sustains your whole creation day by day, and so we join with the whole creation to lift our hearts in joyful praise:

***Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest.***

Lord Jesus Christ: We come to the table to remember the love which led you to lay down your life for the world. We remember how you walked the road of this world's suffering, touching those in pain and grief, giving strength to those in weakness, welcoming those who had been pushed aside, standing up to those with callous hearts. You lived to offer mercy to us all. You died because we find it so hard to offer mercy to each other. And so, we join our voices together, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Holy Spirit, look now in kindness upon us as we remember what mercy has cost the God of love. Pour out your grace on the bread we break and the cup we share today and upon we who share it. Let us taste the passion of Jesus Christ baked into this bread and be moved to act with compassion in his name. Let us taste the renewing love of Jesus Christ that refreshes us from this cup and be moved to greet each day with fresh hope.

Now we join together in the prayer Christ taught his first followers, saying:

***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.***