

**3rd Sunday in Lent
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

WELCOME

Whatever your religious background and however you have come to be here, we are honored that you have chosen to worship today at First Presbyterian Church. We hope you feel welcome here and inspired. May you be strengthened by the power of God to meet the challenges of your daily life.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We begin worship with the musical prelude and lighting of the candles, reminding us of Christ's presence with us. Please use this time to make the transition from getting here to being here.

PRELUDE *O gott, du frimmer gott* Johannes Brahms

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: To a world that disregards the lowly,
Many: he came empty handed, to serve the poor.
One: in a world that meets conflict with violence,
Many: he walked the way of love and peace.
One: in a world that thirsts for power and wealth,
Many: he challenged us to hunger for justice and righteousness.
One: in a world that needs him still,
Many: Christ calls us to follow him. Let us worship God together.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN 404 *What Is This Place* KOMT NU MET ZANG

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of both joy and anger,
your work is justice; you delight in mercy.
Forgive us for ignoring the cries of workers
who suffer harassment and job insecurity,
who do not make a living wage and so must live in poverty.
Free us from greed that comforts our bodies but eats away at
our souls.
Free us for a life of joyful resistance to evil, injustice and
oppression in whatever forms they present themselves;
through Jesus Christ our only Lord. We open our hearts to you
in silent prayer...**

*KYRIE 415 *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* v.1

Come, ye sin-ners poor and need - y, weak and wound-ed sick and sore;

Je - sus read - y stands to save you, full of pit - y love, and power.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA 415 *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*, refrain RESTORATION

I will a-rise and go to Je - sus; He will em-brace me in his arms.

In the arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thou-sand charms.

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FOCUS ON CHILDREN Patti Winter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 19:1-10

One: The word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *Drop, Drop Slow Tears* Orlando Gibbons

*GOSPEL READING John 2:13-22

One: The word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Reach Out* Rev. Cat Goodrich

DEDICATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN 5 *God, the Sculptor of the Mountains* JENNINGS-HOUSTON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the Belhar Confession

**We believe that the unity of the people of God must be
manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one
another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one
another; and that we are willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and
blessing to one another.**

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*Part of your offering today is the gift of your presence.
Please acknowledge your presence by signing the welcome book at the end of your row.*

OFFERTORY *Petit Offertoire* S. Frank

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn 606

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: **We lift them to the Lord.**
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise....**
One: We join our voices with the faithful of every time and place
who forever give glory to your name:
All: **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....**
One: Great is the mystery of faith:
All: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

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.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & POURING OF THE CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 526 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* LINSTEAD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Fughetta in F* Georg Philipp Telemann

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

* Please stand as you are able

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LET THE BELLS PLAY! Our 37-bell Rushton Memorial Carillon was the first such instrument in Birmingham and the third in the United States, when installed in 1924.

WE WELCOME GUESTS and celebrate that you are worshiping with us today. Your presence enriches our community. We hope the service held meaning and beauty for you. If you are returning to a distant home, we wish you the Lord's grace and a safe journey. However, if you live in the area and are seeking a faith community, we hope you will return soon so that we may get to know you better. To learn more about opportunities for spiritual growth and service, visit us on the web at www.fpcbham.org. May God's peace and blessing be with you.

IF YOU ARE SEEKING A CHURCH HOME, our Session meets on the *first Sunday of the month* in the Library following the 11:00 worship service to welcome new members. If you are looking for a faith community, we hope you will make First your home.

FOR CHILDREN: Children's bags and bulletins are available in the Narthex (ushers can locate them for you). Please empty and return the bags after worship. While all children are welcome in worship, the following alternatives also are available: *Nursery* is provided for infants (at least six weeks old) and toddlers. After the *Moments with the Children*, children ages 3-7 will go to the balcony, where they experience a little of what worship is like while doing learning activities related to the scripture with coloring, puzzles, books, children's bulletins and more. When the sacraments of the Lord's Supper or Baptism are celebrated, children will return to the sanctuary. We invite those in second grade and above to remain in the sanctuary and participate in the entire worship service.

OPPORTUNITY INSERT Please use the Opportunity Insert to relay information to the church office, including reservations for church events. Print your name and any other information you may need to relay to the office, fold the insert and put it in the offering plate.

SERMONS are available from our website at www.fpcbham.org.

THE FLOWERS in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Stephen Pounders and Alan Lopez.

LITURGIST for the day is Casey Lee.

** If you would like to make a gift electronically, scan here to be directed to our online giving site:



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MISSION CENTERS OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIRST LIGHT, INC. is a mission center of FPC, giving shelter and support services for homeless women and children. If you would like to help, speak to our pastors or call Ruth Crosby, Executive Director (323-4277). First Light's website: www.firstlightshelter.org

RUTH AND NAOMI SENIOR OUTREACH (RNSO) has as its mission to become spiritual companions to isolated older adults and to call, equip, and support others to do so as well. Contact chaplain@ruthandnaomi.org.

THE RUSHTON CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER provides quality childcare in a loving, nurturing environment – accredited by NAEYC and licensed by the Department of Human Resources. Call the CDC office at 322-8310. The Center's website is www.eprcdc.com

FAITH IN ACTION ALABAMA, a faith-based community-organizing effort FPC shares with faith communities throughout the city, works to improve quality of life for all our citizens. Faith in Action is a PICO network affiliate and can be reached at daniel@faal.org.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOUNDATION provides support to First Presbyterian Church for the maintenance and upkeep of this historic sacred space built in 1889. 10% of the Foundation's annuity payment aids mission selected by session. Contact Jeff Elliott for more information.

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