

**MARCH 1, 2020**  
**1ST SUNDAY IN LENT WITH COMMUNION**  
**9:00AM McMILLEN CHAPEL**  
**11:00AM SANCTUARY**



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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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WEST WAYNE STREET

**Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!** We are so glad that you are here. We hope that joining us for worship today will nurture your heart and transform your mind. If you are new to First Pres, we hope you will join us again and consider attending any of our mission, fellowship, and education opportunities. If you would like to learn more about us, please fill out the information on the Get Connected card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. You are also more than welcome to contact any of our pastors over the phone or by email. God's peace to you today.

— Rev. Dr. Anne Epling, Rev. Dr. Youngsoo An, Rev. Ann Pitman

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† *Those who are able please stand*

**Congregation responds in Bold**

## GATHERING

**PRELUDE** Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness

Johannes Brahms

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

God hovered over the void and breathed life into dust.

**God created in the wilderness.**

The Israelites wandered in the desert for forty years.

**The Israelites found God in the wilderness.**

Jesus said “no” to the tempter time and time again.

**Jesus claimed his identity in the wilderness.**

We grow in the wilderness. We learn in the wilderness.

**For God is with us— before, through, and after the wilderness.**

Let us worship God!

**Amen.**

† **HYMN No. 41** O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

LYONS

### † **CALL TO CONFESSION**

In the season of Lent we are invited to consider how we live as followers of Christ – to look at our decisions and our actions straight on, and to hold them up to the example of Christ, and to make amends. In this time of silence, and in our prayer together, let us look at our lives. We pray, first in silence.

*\*SILENT PRAYER*

## †PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Creation, the Psalms remind us that even before a word is on our tongue, you know it completely. You know the prayers we bring before you today— confessions of greed and doubt, fear and anxiety, conflict and regret. Free us from these sins. Give us the strength to say “no” to that which separates us from you, and “yes” to the things that let love grow. Guide us out of our self-created wilderness spaces and into your light. Gratefully we pray, Amen.

## †WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, hear the Good News: God so loved the world that God sent Jesus to us, not to condemn the world but in order that we might be saved – healed and forgiven – through him.

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.**

## †SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us greet one another with signs of Christ’s peace.

## †CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN NO. 441 Hear the Good News of Salvation

**Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God’s love.  
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.  
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!  
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.**

**All the sins I have committed, to my Savior now I bring.  
I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing:  
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!  
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.**

## HEARING THE WORD

### TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES 11:00am

*Children are encouraged to come forward at this time. Parents may accompany their child if they wish. Afterwards, children may join their families in the pews for the rest of the service or meet teachers in the Narthex for Sunday School in Room 210. Children age 5 or younger may go to childcare in Room 101. Ask an usher for assistance.*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### NEW TESTAMENT READING

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

Matthew 4:1-11, p. 3  
9:00am Larry Stoneburner

**SPECIAL MUSIC** 11:00am Holy Manna Spiritual Folksong, arr. by Kenneth Lowenberg  
*Cassandra Petrie and Srikanth Sriramula*  
*Vaughn Roste, accompanist*

Christians, we are met to worship and adore the Lord our God;  
Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the Word?  
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;  
Christians, pray and holy manna will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other too,  
Let us love and pray for sinners, 'til our God makes all things new.  
Then he'll call us home to heaven, at his table we'll sit down;  
Christ will gird himself, and serve us with sweet manna all around.

**SERMON** *Learning in the Wilderness* Rev. Dr. Anne B. Epling

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†**HYMN NO. 833** O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go ST. MARGARET

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** *Please sign and pass the red friendship pad to those in your pew.*

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** My Faith Looks Up to Thee setting by Karl Osterland

†**DOXOLOGY HYMN NO. 606** OLD HUNDREDTH  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### †PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Upon this table of blessing, O God, we place the gifts of our lives: bread, the stuff of life, wine, the joy of hearts, money, the fruit of our labors. In your goodness receive these offerings to strengthen all who receive them. Amen.

## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### GREAT THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up to you, Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**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 COMMUNION** *Please remain seated while the elements are distributed.*

#### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Worshippers should partake of the bread as it is served.*

*A gluten-free option is available in a cup in the middle of each serving plate.*

#### **SHARING OF THE CUP**

*Please hold the cup until all have been served so that we may all drink together.*

**COMMUNION ANTHEM** *11:00am* Bread of Heaven, On Thee We Feed

Music by Edward German (1862-1936)

*Jennifer Poiry and Srikanth Sriramula, soloists*

Bread of Heaven, on thee we feed.  
For Thy flesh is food indeed;  
Ever may our souls be fed  
with this true and living bread;  
Day by day with strength supplied  
Through the life of Him who died.

Vine of Heaven, Thy blood supplies  
The blest Cup of Sacrifice;  
Lord, Thy wounds our healing give,  
To Thy cross we look and live;  
Jesus, may we ever be  
Grafted, rooted, built in Thee.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## SENDING

†HYMN NO. 775 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

WALK WITH ME

†BENEDICTION

†CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE *11:00am* The Lord Bless You and Keep You  
Peter Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you,  
the Lord lift His countenance upon you;  
and give you peace,  
the Lord make His face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious unto you. Amen.

†POSTLUDE Toccata in e minor

Johann Pachelbel

**We're glad you joined us today, and we look forward to seeing you next  
Sunday, March 8 at 9:00am English, McMillen Chapel,  
11:00am English, Sanctuary, 11:00am Korean, McMillen Chapel.**

***Special Music Notes:*** This familiar tune (it appears in our hymnal as #396) first appeared in Columbian Harmony in 1825, one of the first “American” hymnals to be printed (it’s also where Amazing Grace first appeared in print). This arrangement uses an ostinato for the baritone line – a repeated pattern of pitches and rhythm, in this case - where the male soloist repeats the title below the female soloist providing the melody. They sing in unison for the third line of each verse, for emphasis, and repeat the title at the end as a coda.

***Anthem Notes:*** I’ll have you know that not only does this piece date from 1909, but the piece of paper from which we are singing it dates from 1909! Edward German was an English composer (his last name is an Anglicized version of the Welsh name “Garmon”) who wrote incidental music for plays and piano scores, but is perhaps remembered for his light operas, the best known of which is *Merrie England*, which still gets performed (albeit more frequently in the British Isles). This is one of about 22 choral pieces that he wrote, only 5 of which are sacred, so today presents a rare opportunity to hear German’s music in church. I thought it was a good selection for Communion Sunday during Lent, and it’s sometimes fun to sing good music that is nonetheless written in a distinctly dated style.

## ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS MORNING

**Greeters:** 9:00am Brenda & Larry Stoneburner; 11:00am Tim Byer, Emily Caso & Grayson

**Welcome Table:** 11:00am Volunteers needed

**Ushers:** 9:00am Brenda Stoneburner; 11:00am Dan Serban, chair; Anne Barnett, Dave Beer, Wendell Cree, Eric Evans, Bill Patterson

**Organist:** Kathryn A. Miller

**Interim Choral Director:** Dr. Vaughn Roste

**Crucifer:** 11:00am Hunter Fox

**Acolytes:** 11:00am Dakota McGiffin, Hayden Patterson

**Communion Preparers:** Vicki Davis, Nancy Gerow, Scott McMeen, Fran Page

**Communion Servers:** 9:00am Tim Byer, Bill Patterson; 11:00am Tim Byer, Nancy Gerow, Gretchen Lee, Scott McMeen, Bill Patterson, Marj Sapp, Tom Sites, Marcie Weissner

**Participants:** 11:00am Cast members from a *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*

### CHANCEL FLOWERS

**Chancel flowers** are given in loving memory of Spike Timmons by sons, Randy and Jimi.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHILDCARE

Childcare is available in Room 101 for age 5 and under. If you have a child/children interested in attending Sunday School, come join the adventure in Room 210, Grades K-5.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRES THIS WEEK?

### SUNDAY, MARCH 1

- 8:30am Coffee Hour, MH  
 8:45am Childcare, 101  
 9:00am English Worship, Communion, CH  
 10:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, SB  
 Korean Group Choir Rehearsal, 201  
 The Wired Word, PR  
 Korean Group Fellowship, FH  
 10:20am Korean Group Prayer Meeting, CL  
 10:30am Fair Trade Sales, MH  
 11:00am English Worship, Communion, SC  
 Korean Worship, Communion, CH  
 Korean Children's Worship Activities, CL  
 Sunday School K-5, 210  
 12:00pm Fair Trade Sales, MH  
 Parents' Afternoon Out, 210  
 Youth Group 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade, 209/212  
 12:15pm Hospitality Time, MH  
 Blessing in a Backpack Food Packing, MW  
 1:00pm Korean Chapel Choir Rehearsal, CH  
 Korean Group Choir Practice, 201  
 2:00pm *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* performance, TH

### MONDAY, MARCH 2

- 1:00pm Smock 3B Walkers, MH  
 1:30pm Smock 3B Fitness, MH  
 3:00pm Study Connection, MH

### TUESDAY, MARCH 3

- 3:00pm Faith, Fibers & Fellowship, 302

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

- 10:00am Table Talk I, SR  
 1:00pm Smock 3B Walkers, MH  
 Women's Bible Study, 302  
 1:30pm Smock 3B Fitness, MH  
 2:30pm Table Talk II, 300

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4 *cont.*

- 5:00pm Lenten Series dinner, MH  
 5:30pm Lent Series: Brightpoint Poverty Simulation, MH

### THURSDAY, MARCH 5

- 10:00am Korean Group Sewing Class, 207  
 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, MR

### FRIDAY, MARCH 6

- 10:00am Men's Bible Study, 302  
 7:30pm *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* performance, TH

### SATURDAY, MARCH 7

- 7:30pm *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* performance, TH

### SUNDAY, MARCH 8

*Daylight Saving Time begins*

- 8:30am Coffee Hour, MH  
 8:45am Childcare, 101  
 9:00am English Worship, CH  
 10:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, SB  
 Korean Group Choir Rehearsal, 201  
 The Wired Word, PR  
 Korean Group Fellowship, FH  
 10:20am Korean Group Prayer Meeting, CL  
 11:00am English Worship, SC  
 Korean Worship, CH  
 Korean Children's Worship Activities, CL  
 Sunday School K-5, 210  
 12:15pm Hospitality Time, MH  
 Blessing in a Backpack Food Packing, MW  
 Lunch and Learn, PR  
 1:00pm Korean Chapel Choir Rehearsal, CH  
 Korean Group Choir Practice, 201  
 5:00pm Faith & Family Night @ Mad Ants, OS  
 5:30pm Zip Code Dinners 46804/46814, OS

CH Chapel  
 CL Chapel Lounge  
 CN Chapel Narthex  
 CY Courtyard  
 FH Fellowship Hall  
 FO Front Office  
 GL Gallery

MF McKay Foyer  
 MH McKay Hall  
 MW McKay Hall West  
 MR Music Room  
 NP North Parking Lot  
 NX Narthex  
 OS Offsite

PR Parlor  
 SB Sanctuary Balcony  
 SC Sanctuary  
 SDR Small Dinning Room  
 SR Session Room  
 TH Theater  
 YL Youth Lounge

*Please stop by the Church Office with questions  
 or to learn how to get connected to church events.*