

MARCH 8, 2020
2ND SUNDAY IN LENT
9:00AM McMILLEN CHAPEL
11:00AM SANCTUARY



Wilderness Song / Lauren Wright Pittman



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

†*Those who are able please stand*

Congregation responds in Bold

GATHERING

PRELUDE What Wondrous Love Is This

setting by Dale Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP

All are welcome here—

The young and old, those who have visions, and those who dream dreams.

All are welcome here—

The sinner and the saint, those who seek forgiveness, and those who long for peace.

All are welcome here—

The hurt and the doubting, those who know the wilderness, and those who feel lost.

All are welcome here; for you are loved by God, and this is God's house.

Let us worship God. Amen.

†**HYMN NO. 301** Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

†**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, 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, we give you our hearts. They are brimming with doubt and are saturated with fear, but we give them to you anyway, for you promise to love us as we are. You promise to walk with us to the ends of the earth, so in this moment,

we promise to tell the truth. God, you ask us to be brave and bold, but we cower in fear. You ask us to love our neighbors as ourselves, but we hold tight to privilege and the status quo. And you ask us to risk it all to follow you, but we are content with the injustices at hand. Forgive us for our sin and lift our eyes to you. 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** *Pass the Peace, Not the Germs! During this cold and flu season, take care of yourself and others. If you're getting over a cold or worried about getting one, consider any of these alternative gestures: folding hands in a prayer gesture and slightly bowing to others; raising your hand gently in a sign of blessing; or even exchanging elbow bumps. Prevention is always the best cure.*

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!

John 3:1-17, p. 93-94

9:00am Sally Swihart

ANTHEM 11:00am God Be Merciful Unto Us and Bless Us

Philip Stopford

Text taken from Psalm 67

God be merciful unto us, and bless us,
And show us the light of his countenance,
And be merciful unto us;
That thy way may be known upon earth,
Thy saving health among all nations.

Refrain. Let the people praise thee, O God,
Yea, let all the people praise thee.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad,
For thou shalt judge the folk righteously,
And govern the nations upon earth. *Refrain.*

Than shall the earth bring forth her increase:
And God, even our own God,
Shall give us his blessing.
God shall bless us,
And all the ends of the world shall fear him. Amen.

SERMON

For God So Loved the World

Rev. Dr. Anne B. Epling

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†**HYMN NO. 215** What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

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

PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY 9:00am Fairest Lord Jesus

setting by David N. Johnson

11:00am Wondrous Love

American folk hymn, arr. Steve Pilkington

Jen Poiry and Srikanth Sriramula, soloists

Vaughn Roste, accompanist

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul! O my soul!
What wondrous love is this! O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul!
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!
2. What wondrous love is this, O my soul! O my soul!
What wondrous love is this! O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of life
To lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul!
To lay aside his crown for my soul!
3. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing!
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing!
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing!
while millions join the theme, I will sing!
4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on!
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on.

†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

Generous God, our guide on the journey: as we continue in worship by offering our gifts in response to your goodness, we can't imagine where we would be without you guiding our path – sometimes before us; sometimes besides us; sometimes behind us, nudging us in the direction of the work you have for us. As you have watched over and cared for your creation, so we acknowledge in our giving that you are calling us to do the same. We surrender our treasure, knowing our hearts will follow. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

SENDING

†**HYMN NO. 634** To God Be the Glory

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†**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** A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

setting by Paul Manz

**We're glad you joined us today, and we look forward to seeing you next
Sunday, March 15 at 9:00am English, McMillen Chapel,
11:00am English, Sanctuary, 11:00am Korean, McMillen Chapel.**

Special Music Notes: This American folk anthem is sung in the Dorion mode, which gives it a haunting quality. It was first published in 1811, but likely used a secular melody which was over a century older than that: "The Ballad of Captain Kidd" was first published in 1701. It is given a bold treatment here by Steve Pilkington, who is an associate professor of Sacred Music at Westminster Choir College as well as Director of Music at Christ Church United Methodist in Manhattan. Constantly flowing 8th notes and intentional hanging dissonances accompany the first verse. The second verse is chordal, if no less dissonant, but this just prepares us for the third verse, where the soloists sing in cannon, accompanied by huge clashing chords over a pedal point in the piano. The fourth verse features a descant over the now-familiar melody, which daringly if briefly sings in a different key.

Anthem Notes: Philip Stopford (b. 1977) was raised singing in the Anglican tradition, singing at Westminster Abbey in London, studying music at Oxford, and an Organ Scholar at Canterbury Cathedral, the mother church of the Anglican Communion. In 2003, Philip was appointed Director of Music at Belfast Cathedral, Northern Ireland, becoming the youngest Cathedral Organist in the country at that time, aged 25. He has over 75 musical compositions and arrangements published which collectively have sold over half a million copies; there are five CDs dedicated to his music. He currently serves as Director of Music at Christ Church, Bronxville, near New York City. This anthem, written for organ and choir in 2012, represents an excellent example of a contemporary church anthem.

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Greeters: 9:00am Tom & Sally Swihart; 11:00am Tim Byer, Laurie Satter

Welcome Table: 11:00am Jean Linville

Ushers: 9:00am Tom Swihart; 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

Participant: 11:00am Thom Hofrichter

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Chapel Flowers are given by Heidi Schultz in honor of her youngest son's birthday and to honor him as a Navy veteran.

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of William Linville by Jean Linville.

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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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

MONDAY, MARCH 9

- 10:00am Smock Writing Your Memoirs, 302
 12:15pm Smock Memoirs luncheon, MH
 1:00pm Smock 3B Walkers, MH
 1:30pm Smock 3B Fitness, MH
 3:00pm Study Connection, MH
 5:30pm Zip Code Dinners, OS

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

- 10:00am Smock Writing Your Memoirs, 302
 12:15pm Smock—Memoirs luncheon, MH
 3:00pm Faith, Fibers & Fellowship, 302

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

- 9:00am Hunger Relief Food Delivery, MH
 10:00am Blessings in a Backpack Food Delivery
 Table Talk I, SR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11 *cont.*

- 1:00pm Smock 3B Walkers, MH
 Women's Bible Study, 302
 1:30pm Smock 3B Fitness, MH
 2:30pm Table Talk II, 300
 5:30pm Lenten Series dinner, MH
 6:00pm Lent Series: Give a Fish, Learn to Fish..., MH

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

- 2:00pm Smock Game Day, PR
 6:00pm Smock Switzerland/France Trip meeting, PR
 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, MR

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

- 10:00am Men's Bible Study, 302

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

- 10:00am Rescue Mission Meal prep, MK

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

- 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
 12:00pm Youth Group 6th-12th, 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
 4:15pm Rescue Mission Meal served, OS

CH Chapel	GL Gallery
CL Chapel Lounge	MF McKay Foyer
CN Chapel Narthex	MH McKay Hall
CY Courtyard	MK Main Kitchen
FH Fellowship Hall	MW McKay Hall West
FO Front Office	MR Music Room

NP North Parking Lot	SDR Small Dining Rm.
NX Narthex	SR Session Rm.
OS Offsite	TH Theater
PR Parlor	YL Youth Lounge
SB Sanctuary Balcony	
SC Sanctuary	

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