

Welcome: If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you in the name of Christ. We are so glad you are here with us.

Announcements:

There is no nursery care at this time. We are asking children to remain with their parents throughout the worship service.

Please keep your Mask on at all times, while in the Church building, including during worship.

We are not singing at this time, but the hymns are noted so that you may reflect upon their message.

Please write down any joys or concerns and give them to Pastor Wendy before the worship service.

Following the Benediction: please remain seated. We will be dismissing by rows, beginning in the back and working forward.

Prayer request:

Ken Whitacre – as he recovers from surgery
Peggy – Stacey's friend

**The United Presbyterian Church
Of New Kensington
1st Sunday in Lent
February 21, 2021**

Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: People of the covenant: God does not remember us according to our sins and transgressions.

People: *God remembers us according to God's own steadfast love!*

Leader: The God of our salvation teaches us right paths and leads us in truth.

People: *All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness; we put our trust in God.*

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn "O God, What You Ordain is Right" #284

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of mercy, we begin this Lenten season in confession. We do not live according to your ways, but according to our own. We condone violence, participate in systems of injustice, and use power to our own advantage at the expense of others. Forgive us, we pray, when we are tempted to follow paths other than those you set before us.

Teach us your commandments; help us to turn from evil in its many guises, and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near. In covenantal love, remember us, we pray, and be for us, once more and always, an ark of safety and new life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Chat

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Gracious God, in rushing waters and in dry wilderness, in every season and circumstance, we need your sustaining word. By the power of your Holy Spirit proclaim the good news among us today so that we may repent and believe and see anew how the time is fulfilled and the kingdom has come near; In the name of Jesus, we ask this. Amen.

Epistle 1 Peter 3:18-22

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

Anthem

Old Testament Genesis 9:8-17

Sermon "Covenants"

Pastoral Prayer/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.

Offering of Gifts

Tithes and Offerings will be received at the door as you are leaving. Please place your gifts in the collection plates provided.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Hymn "O Jesus, I have Promised" #389

Charge & Benediction

Postlude

Children's Chat