

February 25, 2024

# First Presbyterian Church

As you settle into your seat please take a moment to reflect and feel God's presence.  
Take a moment to consider these words of contemplation:

*Quiet Meditation:*

*Actually, we who engage in nonviolent direct action are not the creators of tension. We merely bring to the surface the hidden tension that is already alive. We bring it out in the open where it can be seen and dealt with. —Martin Luther King Jr.*



*“The work of redemption belongs to God, the path of redemption is held by Christ, and the gift of redemption is ours to co-create with the author and perfecter of our faith.”  
- Rev. E. Munger*

*Take a seat...make a friend!* You are our honored guest! Whether you are seeking a church home, invited by a friend, or just passing through, we pray that worship today is a blessing that inspires you and strengthens your faith. You will find Pastor Lorrie's contact information on the back of the bulletin, should you want more information about FPC and our ministries.

FYI: The women's restroom is diagonally across from Fellowship Hall's main entrance. To find the men's room turn left when exiting fellowship hall and turn right at the bulletin board. The restroom is on the right.

As a kindness, please silence all technology at the start of today's worship.

*Child care is available in the Nursery located down the inner stairs and to the right near the end of the hall.*

**Please remain seated and read (sing) together when the print is bold.**

**\* When indicated by symbol, please stand in body or in spirit and read (sing) together when indicated by this symbol.**

Thank your to Laurie Seminara for providing today's fellowship treat.

Deacon of the Week: Adele Marcotuli

# Celebrate His Love

Welcome



Centering Notes (Pre-recorded music by Doug)

Prayer of Blessing

**\* Song of Praise-*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*-Celebration Hymnal #139**

Sign of Peace

**Prayer of Humility**

(please read audibly together)

**Holy and Loving God, Create in us we pray, clean hearts; put a new and right spirit within us. Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities and cleanse us from our sins.**

(Please take a few moments for your own personal confession.)

Assurance of God's Love

*Friends, the truth is that God understands our frailty and our tendency to choose what we want over the best of what God desires for us. Yet, the grace of God continues to reach out and to meet us exactly where we are, so that we might understand how deeply we are accepted and loved by God – with each moment that we repent...*

*(Please join in reading together)*

Through the waters of baptism

we have died with Christ and are raised with Him.

With gratitude and with faith,

we will walk the way of Christ. And this is the Good News of the Gospel-  
that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!!

*from PCUSA Glory to God Hymnal*

**\* Responding to God in Praise-*Sign Us with Ashes (verse 2 only)*-Bulletin Insert**

(Recorded accompaniment)

## Going Deeper

Scripture Reading-Chad Ubry

These readings are from New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

The Hebrew Bible: Genesis: 17: 1-7; 15-16

Letters: Romans 4: 13-25

**Scriptural Response-*Change My Heart, O God - Celebration Hymnal # 654*** (Recorded accompaniment)

*(please remain seated)*

## Prayer of Light

Mark 8: 31-38

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

### Meditation on the Word

#### \* Song of Hope-Sanctuary (*Sing 3 times*)-Celebration Hymnal # 655

Dedication of Gifts and *Pastoral Prayer*

#### *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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever and ever! Amen.**

### Carry His Light to the World

#### \* Song of Peace-Lift High the Cross-(*verses 1,2 & 5*) Celebration Hymnal # 450

Charge and Benediction

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THE LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

*The Sanctuary for Lent 2024*

ARE AVAILABLE ON THE TABLE AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO GALBREATH HALL.

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## This Week's Church Calendar

**Sunday, February 25:** 9 AM-Christian Ed. Classes, 10 AM-Worship followed by fellowship, 11:15 AM-Mission Meeting, 11:30 AM-Christian Ed Meeting

**Monday, February 26:** 9-3 REC Center Open

**Tuesday, February 27-1:** 9-4 Office Open, 9-3 Recreation, Center Open

**Wednesday, February 28:** 9-4 Office Open, 1 PM-Community Bible Study, 3 PM-Backpacking, 7 PM-Boy Scouts

**Thursday, February 29:** 9-4-Office Open, 9-3-Recreation Center Open, 11 AM-Aerobics in REC Center

**Saturday, March 2:** 11:30 AM-1 PM-Glory Grille

**Sunday, March 3:** 9 AM-Christian Ed. Classes, 10 AM-Worship followed by fellowship

**Please Offer a Prayer for:** (Prayer requests will remain on this list for two weeks unless otherwise requested.)

- ... Family of Laurie S., Calvin & Les,, Darlene Cubellis, Denise E.,
- ...Remember our Homebound members: Mike Ramsey, Jim Rugh, Tom Rohan, Lois Greene Sellers, Joan Richards, Eileen Harding, Dorothy Black, Carolyn Moody, Harriet Stalker
- ...All victims & families of the mass shootings to date in 2023 in the US
- ...Our glorious planet earth and the need to address climate change
- ...The People of Israel and the faultless residents of the Gaza Strip; the People in Ukraine and the faultless residents of Russia; ALL VICTIMS of wars
- ...This month's Mission of the Month: LATCOM

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## We Know What You Did and Thank you

*Behind the scenes there are always folks lending a hand to make things happen..*

-to Patti Patterson for your continuing efforts in the clothing room and the kindness shown to the room's visitors

-to Recreation Center for providing the artwork displayed in the hall outside the Berean Resource Center

-to Shirley Crowe for preparing the bags used for the "backpacks" of food for students.



*I sincerely thank all of you for your prayers, concern, patience and understanding during the past weeks. It is WONDERFUL to be back with everyone again.*

*Spiritually and Musically Grateful, Doug*



## Sign up Today

You can provide snacks for Fellowship following worship. SIGN UP on the Pink Sheet on the easel near the entrance to Fellowship Hall.

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## Sign up Today

Please check out the Sunday Flower Calendar (Bright green sign up on the easel) Honor, Celebrate or Remember a Loved one with flowers

Cost for the two standard arrangements remains \$40.

