

## Affirmation of Faith

**ALL:** *We believe that questions are a building block of faith.*

**PASTOR:** "How many times should I forgive?" "Jesus, where are you going?" "What must I do to inherit eternal life?"

**ALL:** *We believe that humble curiosity can open our eyes.*

**PASTOR:** "Where does it hurt?" "What do you need?" "How can I help?"

**ALL:** *We believe that God is a teacher.*

**PASTOR:** "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening." "Here I am." "Send me."

**ALL:** *We believe that faith invites our whole being to engage, with all our heart, with all our mind, with all our strength. We believe. Help our unbelief. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.*

## OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### Offering Music

**\*The Doxology # 606**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### Prayer of Dedication

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer** Rev. Melick

**Pastor:** Lord, in your mercy: **All: hear our 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.*

**\*Sending Hymn #475 Come Thou Fount**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

Rev. Melick

**\*Congregational Response** Threefold Amen Hymn #601

**\*Postlude**

## This Week at FPC

March 20 – 5-7:00pm, LOGOS Aloha Luau, end of LOGOS

March 21 – 6:30pm, Elizabeth Circle

March 23 – 9:00am, Men's Breakfast

March 23 – 11:00am, Children's Easter Egg Hunt at Benge's

## Mark Your Calendars

March 24 – 9:30am, Coffee Discussion group

March 28 – No Elizabeth Circle

March 28 – 7:00pm, Maundy Thursday, at FPC

March 29 – 7:00pm, Good Friday, at UCC

March 31 – 8:00am, Sunrise Service at the Benge's

April 1 – 1-4:30pm, Gathering Place Reserved

April 4 – 6:30pm, Elizabeth Circle

April 7 – 10:30am, Brunch Church

**Brunch Church Mission Project** We will be making personal hygiene bags for the homeless shelter. We are looking for donations of Travel Size products.

**Domestic Violence Shelter** They are asking for donations of Plus Size Clothing, Hair care products (blow dryers, straighteners, etc.), personal care supplies, phone chargers, laundry soap, and cleaning supplies.



The flowers this morning are given by Lois Morrow in loving memory of Keith Morrow's birthday.

## ***Prayers of First Presbyterian Church Family and Friends***

*"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you"*

*~Jeremiah 29:12*

### **In our continuing prayers:**

Countries at War

Sarah Gregg - continuing cancer treatment, Cy Acheson's granddaughter

Cy Acheson – prayers for the family with the passing of Flossie

Logan Eifort – tumor is shrinking, Keith & Chris Jones grandson

Zoe Barnes – home but still needs a lot of care, Kelly Smith's cousin

Annabelle Smith – recovering at home after surgery

### **Remember and Uphold:**

Betty Stewart-Greenbriar

Betty Bourne –Vancrest (Vickie Volkerding's mother)

### **Our at Home Shut-ins**

Doris Barker

Marge Jordan

Julia Withrow

Elaine Hawley

For our Nation and those who serve

### **Church Members & Friends In The Service**

Mac Altom/U.S. Army

Addam Moore/ U.S. Marines

Tanner Crabtree/ Army

Caleb Cosmi / Air Force

Nicholas Rife / U.S. Navy

Grant Davis / Army Reserve

Alex Trogdon/ Navy

Allen Trogdon/ Navy

Ryan Hall / Army

Miguel Martinez/Army Reserve- Active now

Zack Pool/ Air Force

Jeremy Barnes/ Navy

Brett Barnes / Navy

Cameron Rife / U.S. Navy

Laura Soper/ Air Force Reserve

Cliff Garey / Navy

Ryan Kiracofe / Air Force

Grace Wagner/Basic Training

Drew Roach / Navy

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## **Declaration of Forgiveness and the Passing of the Peace**

**Liturgist:** May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All:** *And also with you.*

**\*Our Response of Praise – #581** *Gloria Patri*

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.***

### **Choir Anthem**

**Children's Message** *Jesus and Zaccheus*

Rev. Melick

**Prayer for Illumination**

Marie Hayes

### **Old Testament Scripture Reading**

Psalm 119:9-16 PB 547 LP 542

### **Gospel Scripture Reading**

Matthew 18:15-22 PB 569 LP 18

### **Response**

**Liturgist:** This is the Word of the Lord

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

**Sermon** *Wandering Heart: "Teach Me"*

Rev. Melick

**\*Reflection Song #829** *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

**First Presbyterian Church**

**March 17, 2024**

**Wandering Heart: Figuring Out Faith With Peter**

**Welcome & Announcements**

Rev. Melick

**Prelude** *Return To You* (lyrics: Sarah Speed, composition: Can Olgun)

Music video recorded by FAPC Chapel Church Music.

**Introit**

Choir

**Call to Worship**

Marie Hayes

**Liturgist:** Why are you here?

**All:** *I am seeking God with my whole heart, with my entire mind, with a fire burning in my bones.*

**Liturgist:** I see it! You're in the right place!

This is God's house. The door is open to you.

**All:** *Why are you here?*

**Liturgist:** I am seeking God with my whole heart, with my entire mind, with a fire burning in my bones.

**All:** *We see that in you! You're in the right place.*

*This is God's house. The door is open to you.*

**Liturgist:** Let us worship God.

**All:** *Let us learn from the Spirit. Amen!*

**\*Opening Hymn** #515 *I Come With Joy*

**Prayer of Confession & Passing of the Peace**

Marie Hayes

**Prayer of Confession**

*Holy God, We long to be lifelong learners. We long to approach you with curiosity and an open mind. Instead, we often live as if we know best. We forget that the disciples called you "Rabbi, Teacher." Forgive us for the times when we fail to be curious. Forgive us for the times when we assume we know best. Forgive us for the moments when we imagine that our learning is done and that we have all the answers. Like Peter—who was brave enough to ask, "How many times should we forgive?"—make us brave. Spark a desire in us to learn, and may our curiosity carry our faith into deeper waters. With hope and humility we pray, Amen.*

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**Wandering Heart: "Teach me"**

**Teach Me**

Teach me about the ways of the wind,  
about the ways of the world,  
about the ways of the heart.

Teach me about the soft crook of my lover's arm,  
and the way two souls can hold each other close.

Teach me about forgiveness, about the language of I'm sorry  
and the softness of sincerity.

Teach me about abundance, about seventy-times-seven  
and all the days of my life.

Teach me about joy, about its contagious weaving  
and its soul-healing.

Teach me about mercy, about open hands and deep breaths.

Teach me about the dawn of time and the stars in the sky.

Teach me what matters most.

Teach me what is mine to do.

Teach this aching curious heart  
until I run out of questions  
or I run out of days.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
and I will have a life well-lived.

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## *First Presbyterian Church*



## *March 17, 2024*

*Our Mission:*  
*Listening to Gods call, following in the way of Jesus*  
*and serving neighbors through the Spirit.*

~Approved by Session November 2016



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