

*Affirmation of Faith

Pastor: Jesus asked the disciples, “But what about you? Who do you say that I am?” Church, what do you say?

All: *Jesus is a hand reaching out in the storm, the voice of truth spoken over us, and love without walls. Jesus is justice for the weary, healing for the hurt, and welcome for the stranger. Jesus is teacher, Messiah, and friend—with me on the mountain and beside me in the valley. Jesus is a star in the night, and the love that knows my name. Jesus asked, “Who do you say that I am?” Like Peter, we say, “Jesus, you are the Messiah, son of the Living God.”*

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 #625 How Great Thou Art

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Melick

*Congregational Response Threefold Amen Hymn #601

*Postlude

This Week at FPC

March 6 – LOGOS – Cancelled

March 7 – 6:30pm, Elizabeth Circle

March 8 – 10:00am, Sewing Group

March 9 – 6-9:00, St. Patty’s Day Dinner for youth fundraiser

Mark Your Calendars

March 10 – 9:30am, Coffee Discussion group

March 12 – 9:00am, Moms Group

March 13 – 10:00am, Miriam Circle

March 13 – 5-7:00pm, LOGOS St. Patrick’s Day

March 13 – 7:00pm, Choir practice

March 13 – 7:00pm, Confirmation Class meeting

March 14 – 6:30pm, Elizabeth Circle

March 17 – New member class following worship, please RSVP

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

Free Concert The Eaton Area Community Band will present a free concert this afternoon at 4:00 in the Performing Arts Center.

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.

FPC Youth Mission St. Patrick’s Day Dinner - Come join us March 9, 6-9 PM, for a delicious meal of Irish Stew or Shepherd’s Pie, along with side salad, bread & dessert! Cost of dinner is \$15.00 per person. You will be served by our mission youth as they start their fundraising for the 2024 FPC Youth Mission. Sign up at church & choose entrée or e-mail the office.

Easter Candy – Donations needed by March 17. See Insert

Women’s Spiritual Retreat – See Insert

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 & Flossy Acheson – pray for strength and healing

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

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

Carol Becker – home recovering from hip surgery

Stella Davidson – recovering from a fall, at Vancrest

Remember and Uphold:

Betty Stewart-Greenbriar

Betty Bourne –Vancrest (Vickie Volkerding's mother)

Penny Ulrich – Vancrest

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 Trogon/ Navy

Allen Trogon/ 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

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 *Jesus, Name Above All Names*

Choir

Children's Message *Jesus and the Children*

Rev. Melick

Prayer for Illumination

Susan Schaurer

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Psalm 19 PB 488 LP 481

Gospel Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:13-20 PB 867 LP 17

Response

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

Sermon *Wandering Heart: "Praise the Mount"*

Rev. Melick

***Reflection Song #667** *When the Morning Gilds The Skies*

Please contact our prayer chain coordinator, Ann Murray, 937-336-0116,
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office@eatonfpc.org, or drop a note in the offering plate with updates.

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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 *What Wondrous Love Is This*

Choir

Call to Worship

Susan Schaurer

Liturgist: If you ask the sky who God is,

All: the sky will tell you of God's reach.

Liturgist: If you ask the day who God is,

All: the sun will tell you of God's warmth.

Liturgist: If you ask the night who God is,

All: the moon will tell you of God's comfort.

Liturgist: "The heavens are telling the glory of God" Are you listening?

All: We are listening! We will sing of God's glory.

Liturgist: Let us worship Holy God.

***Opening Hymn** #35 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Prayer of Confession & Passing of the Peace Susan Schaurer

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, Some days, we are quick to declare your goodness. Like Peter, we see you in our midst and we are confident in our faith. Other days, we are distracted and uncertain, desperate for answers. Forgive us for losing sight of you. Some days we are quick to trust your blessings—trusting that we are called, that we can make a difference. Other days, our praise falls silent and doubt creeps in. Forgive us for losing sight of ourselves. We know that fear and doubt are part of the journey of faith. But for the days when we are far from you and far from ourselves, we ask for your tender grace. Pull us closer toward you. Remind us of the mountaintop moments of our faith. Amen.

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Wandering Heart: "Praise the Mount"

Praise the Mount

I have stayed quiet before.

I have held my tongue

while passing mountains.

**I have slipped my hands deep into pockets,
despite the music that invites me to dance.**

**I have glimpsed a new moon and a new love
and have acted as if it was something other than a complete,
God-given miracle.**

But not today.

Not today.

Today I will dance.

**Today I will tap my toes all the way to heaven's gates.
Today I will point out every shade of gold and periwinkle that
we pass.**

**Today I will talk about my faith like we talk about the
weather—**

early and unprompted, comfortable and unashamed.

**Today I will tell you that God did such a good job with
freckles, willow trees,
and your entire being.**

And I will not be embarrassed by my own conviction.

I will not swallow my praise.

**I have stayed quiet before,
but not today.**

Today I will sing.

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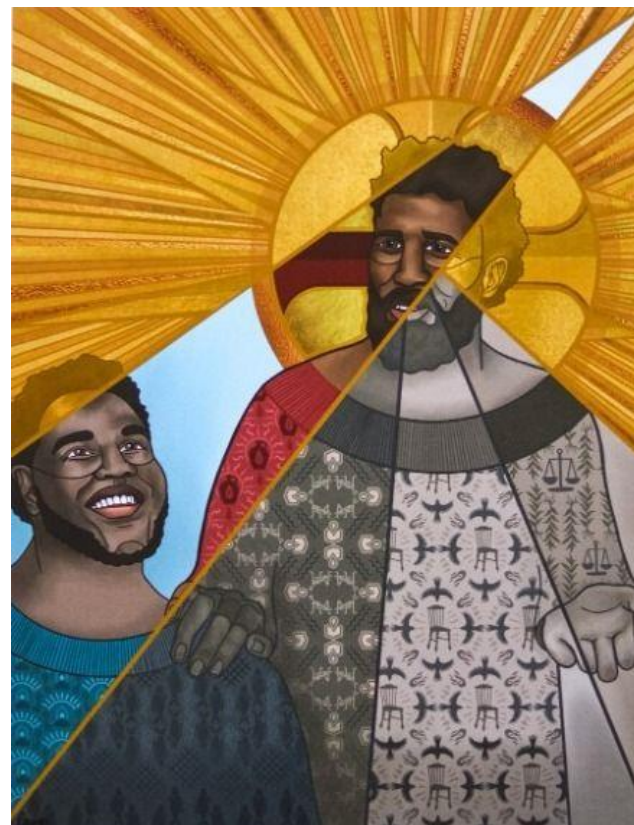
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Our Mission:
*Listening to Gods call, following in the way of Jesus
and serving neighbors t hrough the Spirit.*

~Approved by Session November 2016



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