

# First Presbyterian Church

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*Celebrating our history, we look toward our future.*



## **The Order of Worship**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**February 25, 2018**

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**WELCOME.** *We are delighted to have you with us this morning!  
Following worship, please join us for fellowship and refreshments.*

Large Print Hymnals and Children's Activity Bags  
are available from the Usher.

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

One: Friends in Christ, Lent is a time of repentance and reconciliation, a time to prepare ourselves to receive the gift of new life that comes through Christ.

**All: We mark this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel.**

One: We are invited, in the name of Christ,  
to observe a holy Lent,

**All: To engage in the spiritual disciplines of self-examination and penitence, to pray and fast, to perform works of love, and to read and meditate on the Word of God.**

One: God invites us to journey in this way of faithfulness,  
and to walk the Lenten road with Christ.

**All: We journey with confidence and hope,  
because Christ is with us.**

One: Thanks be to God, for God's steadfast love.

**All: Let us worship God!**

**\*Hymn #166**      *“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”*

**\*Prayer of Confession:**

—based on Isaiah 55:6-7, NRSV

One: Seek the Lord while he may be found,  
call upon God while he is near;  
let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the Lord,  
that God may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Trusting ourselves to the grace of God,  
let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Let us pray:

—based on Psalm 130:3-6, NIV

**All: “If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, who could stand?  
But with you there is forgiveness;  
therefore you are feared.**

**I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,  
and in God’s word I put my hope.**

**My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait  
for the morning,  
more than watchmen wait for the morning.”**

**All: Almighty God, our Redeemer, in our weakness we have  
failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope.  
Renew us by your Holy Spirit,  
that we may follow your commands and proclaim  
your reign of love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.**

One: Our prayers continue in silence....

Amen.

## **\*The Assurance of Pardon**

—based on Psalm 91:14-15, NRSV

One: The Lord will deliver those who love him;

**All: The Lord will protect those who know his name.**

One: When they call to him, the Lord will answer them;

**All: He will be with them in trouble,  
he will rescue them and honor them  
and show them his salvation.**

One: Receive the good news of the gospel:

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## **\*Celebration of Our Pardon**

Hymn #581

*Glory Be to the Father*

*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.*

## **\*The Peace**

One: Since God has forgiven us in Jesus Christ,

**All: Let us forgive one another.**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us share the signs of peace with one another.

*You are invited to greet those around you  
with words and signs of God's reconciling peace.*

## **Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Reading:**

Luke 24:13-75

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

“Dear Church, We Have to Talk”

The Rev. Robert Hamilton

**\*Hymn #169**

*“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”*

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

*- A New Creed from the United Church of Canada*

**We are not alone, we live in God’s world.**

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating,**

**who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,**

**to reconcile and make new,**

**who worked in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God’s presence, to love and serve others,**

**to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus,**

**crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.**

**We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Reception of Tithes & Offerings**

**Offertory**

“Old Time Religion”

*(Traditional Spirituals arranged by Mark Hayes)*

Jean Fjelstad, handbells; Pat Dymacek, piano

**\*Offertory Response**

Hymn #607 *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

**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.**

**\*Hymn #442** *"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"*

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**\*Response**

Hymn #748 *"Go With Us Lord"*

*Go with us Lord, and guide the way  
Through this and every coming day,  
That in your Spirit strong and true  
Our lives may be our gift to you.*

## Postlude

“Sway”

*(by Pablo Beltran Ruiz, arranged by Carol M. Smith)*

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**Prayer Requests/Prayer Chain:** Prayer requests can be written on the blue cards found on the table at the back of the Fellowship Hall. Pass the card to the pastor during the Passing of the Peace.