

# FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

## March 10, 2024

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### THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT

“A Lenten Psalm”

Wilha Hutson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

#### \*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Herndon, Liturgist

**Leader:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

**People:** Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble.

**Leader:** Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town;

**People:** Some sat in darkness and in gloom, prisoners in misery and in irons,  
for they had rebelled against the words of God.

**Leader:** Some were sick through their sinful ways and because of their iniquities endured affliction;

**People:** Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out from their distress;

**Leader:** Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,

**People:** We will praise you, our Lord, for your wonderful works to humankind.

#### \*HYMN #331 *(see bulletin)*

“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

Roberts/Warren

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

##### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

*God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. (time for personal confession). Amen.*

#### \*ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

**Leader:** Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**People:** In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

**Leader:** The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Leader:** Share the peace of Christ with one another.

**\*HYMN #442** *(see bulletin)*

**“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”**

Elliott/Bradbury

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE**

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Le Cygne”

Camille Saint-Saëns

**\*DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

KID’S CHURCH *(5th grade or younger)*

**WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Ephesians 2:1-10

ANTHEM

“When You Prayed Beneath the Trees”

Lloyd Larson

SECOND READING:

Mark 5:1-20

SERMON

“Just a Hot Mess”

Dr. Walker

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

*The Apostles’ Creed*

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

**\*HYMN #735** *(see bulletin)*

**“I Need Thee Every Hour”**

Hawks/Lowry

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Variations on a Theme of Haydn”

Johannes Brahms

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**(\*)** *We stand as we are able*

*The flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in honor of our church musician Tom Whiddon.  
By Janet & Brooks Sheldon*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ELDERS OF THE MONTH:** Katie Cato and Charmaine Johnson

### **TODAY!!! Sunday, March 10 at 4 p.m. SESSION**

**Monday, March 11 at 7 p.m. PW EVENING CIRCLE** at Dottie Ward's house (207 11th Ave. SW)

**Tuesday, March 12 at 10 a.m. PW MORNING CIRCLE**

**Wednesday, March 13 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH SUPPER**

**Thursday, March 14 at 11 a.m. CORNERSTONES LUNCH ON THE ROAD**

**Monday, March 18 at 12:30 p.m. CORNERSTONES MEETING**

**Wednesday, March 20 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH SUPPER**

**Sunday, March 24 PALM SUNDAY** *with afternoon Easter Egg Hunt & Cookout*

**Wednesday, March 27 at 5:30 p.m. *no watch supper!!*** Join us Thursday instead.

**Thursday, March 28 at 5:30 p.m. SOUP, SANDWICHES & MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE**

**Friday, March 29 at Noon GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE** on the lawn

**Sunday, March 31 at 7 a.m. EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE** in the back field

**Sunday, March 31 at 11 a.m. EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE**

***Card Playing Schedule: These Thursdays at 1 p.m. — March 21 and 28***

## **DONATE TO THE MOMMY MALL BY THE END OF MARCH**

We are collecting baby goods for the Hope House Mommy Mall. **Items most needed:** Newborn up to 2T boys clothes, breastfeeding supplies (breast pumps both manual & electric, bags for breast milk, nursing pads); Dr. Brown or Philips Avent bottles and bottle brushes, play mats, mesh or plastic baby tubs, tummy time pillows, thermometers/healthcare kits, diaper bags, bouncers, baby carriers for carrying baby close to mom, baby shampoo, diaper bags and size 5-7 diapers. See the board above the Helping Hands box for other needs. Hope House also needs volunteers to work with women in online parenting classes.

## **SPECIAL OFFERING: EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024**

### **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

Celebrating 75 years, One Great Hour of Sharing will share God's love this year through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People. *If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!*

## **WATCH SUPPER WEDNESDAY at 5:30 p.m.**

***MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS!*** Email: [firstpresmoultrie@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresmoultrie@gmail.com) Call: 229-985-3158

### **Menu for Wednesday, March 13**

**Regular & Children:** Spaghetti & Lasagna with Garlic Bread sticks, Green Beans, Creamed Corn, Creamed Corn Casserole, Salad Bar

**Diet:** Baked Chicken, Steamed Vegetables, Salad Bar

**Dessert:** Peach Cobbler, Chocolate Sheet Cake, Cookies & Ice Cream