

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 3, 2024

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT

“Cross of Jesus”

Charles Callahan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Frances Bius, Liturgist

Leader: Come into the presence of the Most High God with songs of praise and shouts of thanksgiving.

People: **For our Savior is our redeemer, who frees us from our bondage to sin and death;**

Leader: Our Savior is our healer, who heals our diseases, our brokenness, and makes us whole.

People: **Our Savior is our shepherd, who guides us, protects us, and provides for all our needs.**

Leader: We are God’s people, and the sheep of God’s pasture.

People: **To God our Savior, we offer our worship and praise!**

*HYMN #54 *(see bulletin)*

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Chisolm/Runyan

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of green pastures, we confess that we can get so busy and distracted that we lose sight of your love and care for us. We forget to live in gratitude and fail to live lives of goodness and mercy. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us down gentle paths that restore our souls. Help us to depend on you alone and to rest in your peace. In Christ’s name we pray. (time for silent confession) Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Leader: Sisters and brothers in Christ, believe the good news of the gospel.

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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: I invite you to share the peace of Christ with each other.

*HYMN #368 *(see bulletin)*

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Baker/Dykes

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY “We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died” Setting: Bernard Wayne Sanders

***DOXOLOGY** OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

KID’S CHURCH *(5th grade or younger)*

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Psalm 23

ANTHEM “We Remember You” Harrah/Larson

SECOND READING: Mark 6:30-44

SERMON “Five Plus Two Equals Miracles” Dr. Walker

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with You.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise. . . .

Communion of the People

Communion Prayer

***HYMN #123** *(see bulletin)* “Break Thou the Bread of Life” Lathbury/Groves/Sherwin

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE** “O Sons and Daughters” Lani Smith

(*) *We stand as we are able*

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are placed to the Glory of God
and in memory of **Zina Duggan Smith** on her 69th birthday.*

The Duggan Family

We welcome back Sarah Jackson from Gainesville, Georgia, and offer our sympathy for the death of her husband Robert Joines on December 13, 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELDERS OF THE MONTH: Laura Hall & Charmaine Johnson

Sunday, March 3 at 8:30 a.m. MEN'S BREAKFAST at First Presbyterian Church

Monday, March 4 at 10 a.m. PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN EXECUTIVE BOARD

Wednesday, March 6 at 4 p.m. PRAYER SHAWL

Wednesday, March 6 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH SUPPER

Saturday, March 9 at 11 a.m. CORNERSTONES TO SWAMP GRAVY

Sunday, March 10 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS – SET CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR

Sunday, March 10 at 4 p.m. SESSION

Card Playing Schedule: These Thursdays at 1 p.m. — March 7, 21 and 28

We need adult volunteers to assist with Children's programs on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. If you are interested, please contact Melody Jenkins at 229-891-1016 or email melodyjane1951@gmail.com.

HELPING HANDS BOX: MOMMY MALL

This quarter, we are collecting baby goods for the Hope House Mommy Mall. Not only does Hope House do pregnancy testing/limited ultrasounds (read by a local **obstetrician**) and counselling, but they offer online parenting classes from prenatal through the child's first birthday where parents can earn points to redeem for new baby items at the Mommy Mall by attending classes, prenatal visits, and attending church. Parents can continue online lessons without earning points from ages 1-3. Some in-person classes are starting back. **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.

WATCH SUPPER THIS WEDNESDAY at 5:30 p.m.

MENU Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Everyone: Fried Catfish, Shrimp & Mullet, Hush Puppies, Grits, Slaw, Salad Bar

Desserts: Chocolate Pie, Watergate Salad

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS! Email: firstpresmoultrie@gmail.com Call: 229-985-3158