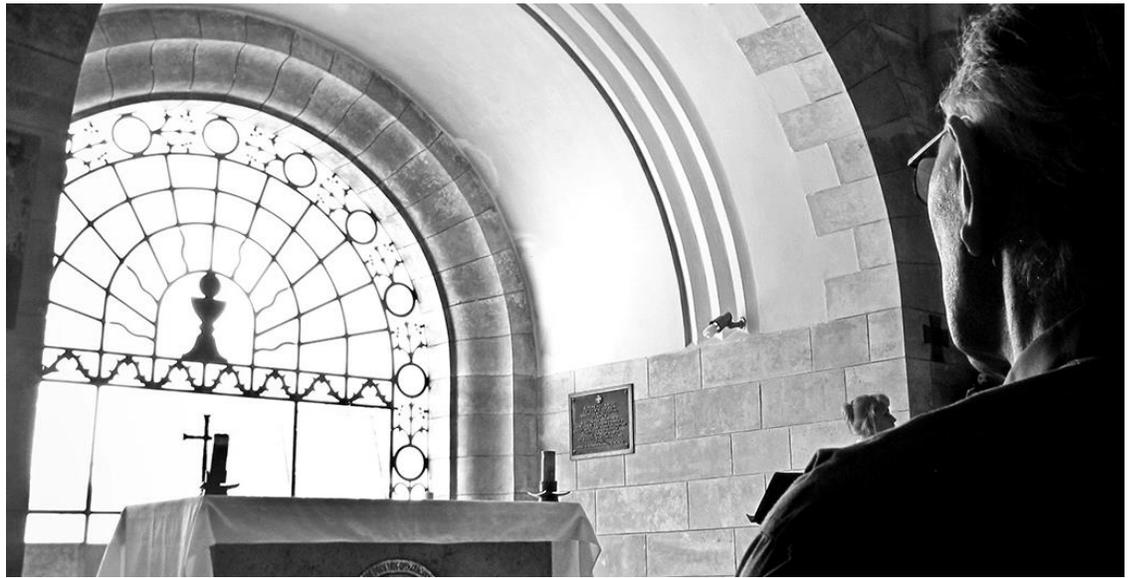


Worship during Lent holds judgment and mercy together. We experience judgment for our failings but also the mercy of God's healing. In C.S. Lewis' words, it is a season "of such happiness and wonder, it makes you serious."



View from the Dominus Flevit (the Lord Wept) Chapel Near Jerusalem. "And when he drew near, and saw the city he wept over it, saying, 'Would that even today you knew the things that make for peace.'"

Luke 9:41-42

Service for the Lord's Day

March 17, 2019
The Second Sunday of Lent

Gathering Around the Word

Striking of the Hour

Welcome

Prelude Traditional Irish Music by Skip Cleavinger and Rebecca Baumbach

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call To Worship

The Lord does not hesitate. From peaceful Galilee to divided Jerusalem and then to all who have need, he comes!

Come Lord Jesus!

To heal, and to mend; to comfort and challenge us, he comes!

To carry the cross, to lead the way, to shoulder the sins of the world, come Lord Jesus!

Today, to this church, to us;

Come Lord Jesus!

Opening Hymn 415

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy
Cantor Sings Verses
Congregation Sings Refrain

RESTORATION

Call to Confession

Confession of sin and time for penitence is crucial to the full celebration of Lent. In this season, we recall the Lord's death because of our sin, and we anticipate his resurrection and its saving power.

Psalm 32 is known as a penitential psalm. It focuses on our sinfulness and God's mercy. See how the life of faith moves from guilt to grace!

Prayer of Lenten Confession (Responsive)

Based on Psalm 32

Lord, we want to be forgiven; we want to see our sin covered and pardoned. Then we will be blessed! But when we hide our failures, and do not confess our sin, it is as if a great weight is on us, wasting our strength.

Let us acknowledge our sin to you, so that our guilt will be gone.

Deceit and evil have come upon us like rising water. There has been no way for us to preserve ourselves.

Lord, be a safe place for us, protect us, deliver us from evil.

May we find rest in the gracious ways of God. Help us seek, this Lenten season, to turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world.

Yes, we turn from sinful ways. Yes, we renounce evil and its power.

We will turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love.

Yes, we turn to Jesus Christ. In Him we believe we will discover God's righteousness

Setting aside all other masters, we will be faithful disciples of Christ.

Yes, we will obey His Word and show His love; in this season of Lent and until our lives end. Amen.

Kyrie Hymn

KYRIE

Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Declaration of Good News

Passing of the Peace

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as his reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares his labor of healing the enmities which separates humankind from God and from each others.

The Book of Confessions 9.31

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from First Covenant

Exodus 18:13-23

We Can See God's Goodness in Our Lives

Moses took his seat to serve as judge for the people, and they stood around him from morning till evening. When his father-in-law saw all that Moses was doing for the people, he said, "What is this you are doing for the people? Why do you alone sit as judge, while all these people stand around you from morning till evening?"

Moses answered him, "Because the people come to me to seek God's will. Whenever they have a dispute, it is brought to me, and I decide between the parties and inform them of God's decrees and instructions."

Moses' father-in-law replied, "What you are doing is not good. You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone. Listen now to me and I will give you some advice, and may God be with you. You must be the people's representative before God and bring their disputes to him. Teach them his decrees and instructions, and show them the way they are to live and how they are to behave. But select capable people from all the people—who fear God, trustworthy ones who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. Have them serve as judges for the people at all times, but have them bring every difficult case to you; the simple cases they can decide themselves. That will make your load lighter, because they will share it with you. If you do this and God so commands, you will be able to stand the strain, and all these people will go home satisfied."

Anthem

Prayer of St. Patrick (Incorporating Be Thou My Vision)

Mark Burrows/arr. Victor C. Johnson

Skip Cleavinger, tin whistle

Rebecca Baumbach, violin

The Lord's deliverance of the people has a practical side.

All Stand

Gospel Reading

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus Laments Over Jerusalem

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

All Sit

Sermon

Weeping Over Jerusalem

Matthew Covington

Responding to the Word

Presentation of an Honorary Lifetime Membership in Presbyterian Woman

Peggy Carthrae honored

All Stand

Response Hymn 194

When Jesus Wept
(sing 2 times)

WHEN JESUS WEPT

All Stand

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; He descended into hell. The third day He arose 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.

All Sit

Prayers of the People and the Lord's 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

Offering

Offertory

Voluntary on Hymn Tune ABRIDGE
Be Thou my guardian and my guide and hear me when I call;
Let not my footsteps slide, and hold me lest I fall.

Eric Thiman

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World

Closing Hymn 819

Be Still, My Soul

FINLANDIA

Benediction

Postlude

O Day of Peace

C. Hubert Parry/JERUSALEM

What is the divine necessity that propels Jesus to come to Jerusalem, where he will be killed?

We affirm the faith we have, even as we hope to have more faith.

Buck in a Basket for March helps with publicity costs for the Christmas Market.

WELCOME VISITORS!

We invite you to pick up visitor's information on your way out, either in the narthex or on the table on the Right in the downstairs entrance hall. Ushers will be standing by to help you find them. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by ministers, officers, and congregation.

If you have a fussy baby or are coughing, etc., the worship service may be viewed from the parlor via television (across the hall from the Sanctuary). Loving childcare is available in our children's center for children 3 and under on Sundays, and children's activity packets are available in the narthex.

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We have recently set up the church website to accept online donations. Just go to the website below and fill out the simple form. Donations can also be made from your smart phone. You can also scan the QR code, right..

<https://bgpresdonate.cloverdonations.com/online-donations/>



Our church Elders: Karol Ahmed, Mark Bigler, Pam Bratcher, David Coverdale, Mary Evans, Rob Hale, Matt Hunt, Mike Kanan, John Kernohan, Stuart Kernohan, Tim Leigh, Nancy Moore, Pamela Napier, David Sears, and David Thomison. **Our church Deacons:** Rider Allen, Sally Calkins, Judy Clark, Rocky Cooper, Shannon Dyche, Ray Elms, Cathey Green, Jean Harris, Linda Leigh, Tom MacMillin, Debbie Morse, David Muffett, Teri Polen, Charlotte Prow, Ken Royse, Susan Thomison, and Debbie Trickey.

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Announcements

USHERS: The Franklin, Howard, and Hulan families

LAY READER: Tim Leigh

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NURSERY ATTENDANTS: Alisia Mosley and Kimberly Watkins

LIBRARIAN: Arnie Petrus, arfranpe@msn.com

CHILDREN'S MUSIC: Ellie Osborne

LECTIONARY FOR NEXT SUNDAY, March 24: Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-81; Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9.

DEACON OF THE WEEK this week will be Judy Clark. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

TODAY:

SAINTS AND CENTURIES! A St. Patrick's Day concert with Skip Cleavinger and Rebecca Baumbach, Sunday, March 17 at 4:00pm. Renowned duo Skip Cleavinger and Rebecca Baumbach will offer the best in traditional Irish music on the fiddle, Irish pipes and tin whistle. The concert is offered as part of the celebration of our 200th anniversary. It is free and open to the public. Come, enjoy and bring some friends!

BUCK IN A BASKET for March will benefit our Christmas Market by offsetting cost of publicity. Mark the date -December 7 is our next Market! We are grateful for your ongoing generosity.

WHAT ARE OUR CHILDREN LEARNING? Luke 7:41-43 and the two debtors is the story our preschool group will hear. Godly Play (K-3rd) is hearing about the Baptism of Jesus from Matthew 3:13-17. Two key parables from Luke 13:18-21 (Little to big) is the focus for our older elementary group. Please read the stories at home with your children and talk about what God wants them (and you) to learn.

COMING UP:

WEDNESDAY LENTEN DINNER March 13. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm, with our devotional time beginning at 6:05pm. RSVPs required for dinner by Tuesday noon each week. This week's menu: Crab Bisque, Turkey or Corned Beef Reubens with Swiss cheese on marbled rye. \$8 adults, \$5 child/youth, \$20 family maximum. The Cecelia Memorial Presbyterian Church will join us.

MONDAY MORNING CLASS ANNIVERSARY EDITION one last chance! Join Dr. Robert Haynes in an exploration of our church's early history. Tomorrow, March 18, 10:00am in the Conference Room. His recently published book on our early history will be the general focus and copies will be available for purchase (\$20). Bring a friend!

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR LENT: Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday April 13, 10:30am, 1740 Greenview Lane. **Holy Week** (April 15-19) Weekdays at Noon, worship and lunch. We host on Tuesday April 16. On Thursday April 18: **Maundy Thursday** 6:00pm (dinner IS worship). **Good Friday Worship** Noon, April 19. **Easter Morning:** 7:30am Sunrise Service, 8:30-10:00am Breakfast (\$6), 10:30am Worship, Reception for Confirmation Class following worship.

RESERVATIONS FOR OUR 200th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER (Sunday April 14, 5:30pm at La Gala) are **required** by April 1. You may make your reservation through our website (<https://bgpres.org/celebrating-our-200th>) or by calling or emailing the office. All monies due must be paid before April 14, no money will be taken at the dinner. \$25 adults, \$15 under 18, \$70 family maximum.

GALLERY HOP AND RECEPTION FOR CHURCH HISTORICAL PHOTO EXHIBIT—March 15, from 5-8PM In celebration of the bicentennial of the Presbyterian Church, 62 photos from church archives and families are being exhibited in the fellowship hall, aka GALLERY TPC. The exhibit runs from January 25 to April 17, with a gallery reception on March 15. For more information, email Diane Simmons (dsimmonsbg1@mac.com).

POTATO PARTY March 17th is our annual Potato Party and bake sale fundraiser. Come along for some food and fellowship while helping us raise money for our youth trips! Sign up here: <https://perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=SVAU3442>

Calendar

Sunday, March 17

8:30 a.m. Fellowship
9:00 a.m. Children's Music
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Potato Party
4:00 p.m. Saints & Centuries concert

Monday, March 18

10:00 a.m. Monday Morn. Educ.
5:00 p.m. Round Table Pulpit

Tuesday, March 19

11:00 a.m. Special Care
11:00 a.m. Finance Ministry
1:00 p.m. CUICHM
2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. Chairs of Session
7:00 p.m. Session

Wednesday, March 20

5:30 p.m. Lenten Dinner
6:05 p.m. Lenten Worship
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

NEXT SUNDAY our Confirmation Class will meet with the Elders for a special breakfast in Fellowship Hall beginning at 9:30am. Please note that coffee fellowship will be in the 10th Avenue Lobby. At 9:30am we will be closing off Fellowship Hall to give the elders and confirmands a quiet space for their meeting.

3 CENTS A MEAL collection will be Sunday March 31. Our children and youth will come around with the big cans for your coins, bills and checks. An individual contribution for the quarter is \$8.10, but we are grateful for ALL gifts. One third benefits our Food Pantry (which is needing constant restocking due to heavy demand!) and the remainder goes to the Presbyterian Hunger Program. Thank you for your generosity!

OUR ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT is Saturday, April 13, at 10:30am. We need individually wrapped candies. Please drop off in the office for Leslee or David by April 7.

BLOOM WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED Presbyterian Women of Western Kentucky Presbytery Spring Gathering: **Save the Date** - Thursday, April 11, 2019; **Place:** The Presbyterian Church of Henderson, 100 South Main Street, Henderson, Kentucky; **Time:** 9:30 Registration; 10:00 Opening Activities; **Lunch:** \$5.00.

OTHER NEWS:

THERE IS SUCH A THING AS A FREE MEAL. Help needed with set up and clean up each week for our Lenten Meals. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094aa9ab2ca7f49-lenten> is the place to go to sign up - and if you help, YOU EAT FREE! Questions? See Leslee Kirkconnell.

CECELIA MEMORIAL CHURCH is preparing for their 4th Annual Spring Giveaway, to be held on Saturday, March 30th. They are collecting items now for the giveaway. You may call Lovelyn Williams for information on how to donate (or what items) at 619-368-2103. Any large or bulk items will need to be taken to Cecelia directly.

SPRING CLEANING TIME! If you have brought a dish to the kitchen for any purpose and have not reclaimed it, NOW IS THE TIME. We will put an assortment of items on a table in Fellowship Hall. Please check out what's there and take what is yours. Anything left after March 28 will be donated to the Cecelia Give Away.

LET'S CELEBRATE KINDNESS! Write your kind act on a piece of paper and drop it in one of the red baskets (State Street entrance, 10th Street entrance and on the landing by the elevator). For example 21 people assisted with the "extra" RITI night this week. These can be anonymous submissions, acts completed at your workplace, donations to causes, or just simply a smile given to someone in need. Let's see how quickly we reach 200!

A REQUEST FROM HOTEL, INC. HOTEL, INC. has noted an increasing need for soap (family size hand and laundry) and hygiene products. There are many requests but few supplies available. If any in the congregation can help with that need, please bring items to the church and leave with the office staff. Thank you!