

During the season
of Lent our theme
for worship is
Prayer.



The Third Sunday of Lent
Service for the Lord's Day
March 7, 2021

Gathering Around the Word

Striking of the Hour

Welcome

Prelude

Psalm-prelude

Herbert Howells

But the meek shall inherit the land, and in delight abundant Prosperity. Psalm 37, vs. 11

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call To Worship

I appeal to you, beloved, to accept the mercies of God.

For from God and through God and to God are all things given. To God be the glory forever!

We present ourselves, as a living sacrifice to God, in light of God's mercy.

We are not conformed to the world as it is, but to the world that is good, and acceptable, and perfect within the will of God.

We submit ourselves,

To what is holy and acceptable to God.

Romans 11:36-12:2

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Hymn 697

Take My Life

HENDON

First and Fifth Verses

*Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart; it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.*

Call to Confession

Coming to
worship, we
submit ourselves
to God; not that
our spirits may be
crushed, but so
that we may be
more fully alive to
the grace, mercy,
and glory of
almighty God.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession *(Unison)*

Lord, all good is accomplished according to your will. But, in our sin, we transgress your law. Hear our prayers of apology now, for all the ways we have resisted your generous mercies, and neglected what is good in our lives.

We cannot fix ourselves, but we know we need repair. So we submit our wills to your will, and we seek unity with Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silence for personal confession

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Response Hymn

Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

ADELAIDE

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Wounded and weary, help me I pray!

Pow-er—all pow-er—Surely is Thine!

Touch me and heal me, Sav-ior di- vine!

Declaration of the Good News

Passing the Peace of Christ

Share a sign of Christ's reconciliation and peace safely with one another

Please sit

Time with Young Disciples

Leslee Kirkconnell

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the First Covenant

Proverbs 3:1-8

My child, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare they will give you.

Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good repute in the sight of God and of people.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.

In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.

It will be a healing for your flesh and a refreshment for your body.

Anthem

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

George Beverly Shae

Wayne Pope, baritone

Please Stand

Gospel Reading

Matthew 26:39, 42-44

And going a little farther, Jesus threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." Again he came and found the disciples sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words.

All Sit

Sermon

Prayers During Lent: Submission

Matthew Covington

The biblical Proverbs are expressions of wisdom. It is wise to trust and follow God's divine purpose, expressed in the commandments.

Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane. To pray for God's will to be done was hard, but we believe Jesus' subjection to God has saved the world.

Responding

All Stand

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Hymn 220

Go to Dark Gethsemane

REDHEAD 76

First Verse Only

*Go to dark Gethsemane, you who feel the tempter's power;
Your Redeemer's conflict see; watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away; learn of Jesus Christ to pray.*

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 Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and
buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into
heaven, and sitteth at 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.**

Sealing the Word in the Sacrament

All Sit

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us open our hearts to God!

We open our hearts to God's glory!

Let us give thanks to the Lord of light.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

.... So with all those in every time and place who have called upon you expectantly, we rejoice in
your gracious presence, singing:

Sanctus

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Joseph Roff

(congregation and choir)

*Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry.*

Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.

Communion Anthem

Panis Angelicus

C. Frank/Van Christy

Beth Pope, soprano

Wayne Pope, baritone

Please sit

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

The sacrament
of communion,
celebrated during
Lent, reminds us
that Christ has
given himself to
the saving purpose
of God. Jesus'
body and blood at
the cross were
signs of his
sacrificial love for
all people.

Sending

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Hymn *Have Thine Own Way, Lord!* **ADELAIDE**

First and Last Verses

*Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.*

*Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!*

Benediction

Postlude *Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus, With Us Evermore to Be*
JESU, JOY OF MAN'S DESIRING

*WELCOME TO ALL! We are glad to be returning to worship together.
To all who are gathered, and all who continue to worship by live-stream,
we are glad you are with us! We welcome your questions about our church –
info@bgpres.org.*

Our church Elders: Karol Ahmed, Mark Bigler, Pam Bratcher, Mary Evans, Mike Kanan, John Kernohan, Jean Harris, Wayne Hendrix, Tim Leigh, Nathan Love, Nancy Moore, Mike Morse, Pamela Napier, Bud Schlinker, and David Sears. Our church Deacons: Angie Alexieff, Rider Allen, Rob Byrd, Sally Calkins, Judy Clark, Ray Elms, Kim Ferguson, Kathleen Gildersleeve, Cathey Green, Linda Leigh, Debbie Morse, David Muffett, Annette Parkerson, Teri Polen, Ken Royse, Susan Thomison and Judy Whitson.

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Calendar

Sunday, March 7

9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
9:00 a.m.	Coffee & Conversation
9:00 a.m.	Godly Play
10:30 a.m.	Live Stream Worship
3:00 p.m.	Youth Group

Monday, March 8

5:00 p.m.	Round Table Pulpit (Zoom)
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Tuesday, March 9

2:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting
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Wednesday, March 10

6:00 p.m.	DRITI
7:00 p.m.	Lenten Devotion (Online)

Saturday, March 13

Saturday Meals date

Announcements

MEDIA PERSONNEL: David Clarke

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COLLEGIATE ENSEMBLE: Autumn Stolle, DiDi Turley, Sam Tuggle, Eric Bigler

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY, March 14: Numbers 21:4–9; Psalm 107:1–3, 17–22; Ephesians 2:1–10; John 3:14–21.

WORSHIP IS NOW OPEN to in-person attendance. Please consider calling the church office 270-843-4707 if you intend to come, as this will help our ushers plan for social distancing. Masks should be worn. There will be no congregational singing. We remain committed to our congregation's safety.

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

THE ROSE AT THE COMMUNION TABLE honors the birth of Leighton Kenady Miles, who was born on February 22, 2021. Leighton is the grandson of Wayne and Beth Pope.

TODAY

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE is seeking nominations for officers in the roles of Deacons and Elders. This effort was postponed last year due to the pandemic. Please find the nomination form in the bulletin, or on our website, to offer a name for nomination to the church office. (Be sure to ask your candidate's permission to nominate!)

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING will be collected on Easter. This offering, one of four special offerings of the PC(U.S.A.) benefits three entities - Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Self-Development of People. We will gratefully accept all donations through Easter - simply mark your check 'OGHS.'

MATTHEW 25 LENTEN STUDY CONTINUES. We are digging deeper into the Vital Congregations initiative and the 7 Marks of Vital Congregations. Today we examined INTENTIONAL AUTHENTIC EVANGELISM. Evangelism is important and does NOT need to be scary! Watch the video if you missed the class - on our website and Facebook. Next week we will explore Outward Incarnational Focus.

GODLY PLAY students in Kindergarten-5th grade listened and responded to the story of the Baptism of Jesus in Matthew 3:13-17.

BUCK IN A BASKET FOR MARCH will benefit our Food Pantry. We see a steady and strong demand for food aid, and every dollar is carefully used to help meet that need. Many thanks for all your generosity!

OUR YOUTH ARE ASSEMBLING their HOPE Baggies. Although we are onto a new focus for Buck in a Basket in March, donations will be gratefully accepted. Many, many thanks to those who helped us!

COMING UP

SATURDAY MEALS - WE ARE ON for MARCH 13! Need 4 people inside (7:40am) to help with prep and clean up and 10 drivers(8:30am). Please contact Judy Clark - judy068clark@outlook.com or call 270-779-1600.

MID-WEEK LENTEN DEVOTIONS What the Prayers of Jesus Tell Us About the Heart of God. JOIN US every Wednesday at 7:00pm by for an online stream of our devotions.

OUR EASTER EGG HUNT IS ON! Saturday March 27, 10:30-11:30am at Bob and Sandy Franklin's home. Individually wrapped candy is needed by Sunday March 21 so we can prepare. We will also need items for our cake walk - brownies, cupcakes, cookies (please wrap individually!) by Friday the 26th.

JOIN A SMALL GROUP! Our Walking Group is going strong. They are changing their time until 2:00pm on Tuesdays, meeting at Basil Griffin Park. Gather at the Amphitheater Parking Lot. Wear your mask and walking shoes. We'll enjoy devotion and fellowship and walk for at least 30 minutes. New folks welcome anytime! Contact Karen Watson with questions - 270-991-5673.

DAVID'S ROOM IN THE INN concludes this week! MANY, MANY thanks to all who have helped us have a safe season!

GET YOUR COFFEE/TEA/CHOCOLATE FIX! Equal Exchange orders will be taken for MARCH 14. We must order by the case lot, so gather some friends (safely!) and let us know what you want! We can order anything from their website - by the case - equalexchange.coop. Doug Humphry can answer questions!

EASTER LILIES will be available for purchase to honor or remember loved ones on Easter Sunday. Forms are available on the website (or in the church 10th Street lobby) to reserve a lily or to make a donation in honor of those special people.

OTHER NEWS

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL RESOURCE Lent is a good time for going deeper spiritually. [Here](#) is a devotional resource you can download (it is a pdf) and read/reflect every day. If you would like a printed copy, please call the office and we will be happy to print one for you.

PRESCHOOL LEARNING CENTER REGISTRATION for 2021-22 school year is open. Visit our website - <https://bgpres.org/preschool> for enrollment information. Packets will be available in the office. Tell your friends with young children about the best preschool in the area!

THE NEW PURPLE PARAMENTS for Lent have been constructed by Ann Covington. We express our thanks for her concern and care. As you view them, note the design and know that memorial gifts for Ann Dickey and Bettye Brown were used to defray costs.

PEW CUSHIONS After some attempts to find a new home for our old pew cushions (without success) we are offering them to the congregation. The red pew cushions are available to take home, by those who have a use for them. If you are so inclined, donations for the cushions will be appreciated.

GLOVES WITH LOVE will be shifting focus as the weather warms. While we can ALWAYS use NEW underwear and socks for any size child/youth at ANY time, for spring/summer we will hang baggies of bottled water and snack items unaffected by heat. Donations always welcome, we especially need gallon size ziploc baggies.



We express our sympathy to Jim Tyrie for the death of his sister Susan Tyrie Logsdon, who died February 19, 2021.