



First Sunday in Lent

Worship Service of First Presbyterian Church of Casa Grande

9:00 am Sunday, February 21, 2021

Welcome – Pastor Paul

Opening Voluntary – *Hymn #320 Beneath the Cross of Jesus* (St. Christopher), Richard Hurley

Call to Worship –

LEADER: God calls us to eternal life, here and now.

ALL: The ways of God are peace and joy.

LEADER: The ways of God are not our ways.

ALL: We are tempted to follow our own lead.

LEADER: God is faithful and calls us to life.

ALL: We shall resist temptation and follow God.

Prayer of Confession –

ALL: We are a people prone to sin. We are easily led astray as we follow our own folly rather than your wisdom. We want life everlasting, but we are less sure if we want eternal life here and now. We fear that it will mean a change in our lifestyle and the making of hard choices. Forgive us, and by the power of your Spirit help us to look to Jesus, the founder and forerunner of our faith that we may follow him in living fully unto you and for others, resisting the temptation to take a less blessed path.

(Moment of silence for personal confession.) **Amen.**

Through the love and mercy of God, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Scripture – Mark 1:9-15

⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

¹² At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, ¹³ and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Special Music *Hymn #390 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* (Morecambe), Richard Hurley

Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer

Scripture – Genesis 9:8-17

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: ⁹“I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you ¹⁰and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

¹²And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: ¹³I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. ¹⁶Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.”

¹⁷So God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth.”

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon – *The Flood*, Pastor Paul

Offering – Pastor Bill

Benediction - Pastor Paul

Postlude – *Hymn #688 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* (Bradbury), Richard Hurley

Senior Pastor – Rev Paul Elgin

Audio/Visual – Carl Heinle, Janell Heinle

Associate Pastor – Bill Heinle, Commissioned Pastor

Pianist – Richard Hurley

This Week @ FPC

Monday, February 22 - Walking Group 8:00 -10:00 am in the Family Life Center, Prayer Group 10:30 am in the Library

Wednesday, February 24 – Women’s Bible Study – 10:00 am via Zoom, Praise Band Rehearsal 2:00 pm in the FLC

Thursday, February 25 – Walking Group 8:00 -10:00 am in the Family Life Center, Men’s Fellowship 8 am in room 17 and via Zoom

Sunday, February 28 – Worship @ 9:00 am in the sanctuary, 10:30 am in the Family Life Center.

For more information on any of these events, contact the church office 836-5981 or visit our website: www.firstpresbyteriancasagrande.com

