

# Service for the Lord's Day

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

*Kindly silence your cell phones and electronic devices*

## Gathering for Worship

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Jesus Shall Reign*

*arr. by W. Auld*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have come to worship God.

People: **But sometimes our minds are distracted, our lives are filled with disappointment and despair.**

Leader: Then, may you here find hope and be filled with the water of life.

People: **Sometimes we lose our way and journey in dry and arid places.**

Leader: Then, may you here find hope and be filled with the water of life.

People: **But, we're afraid the well will run dry and we'll lose our way again.**

Leader: The water God gives from this well is like a spring gushing up to eternal life.

People: **Then, please give us this water.**

Leader: Come, drink and be filled.

All: **God help us know in our minds and believe in our hearts that the water of your love and mercy is enough to fill us always and forever.**

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Please pass the peace of Christ with one another.

✠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Let There Be Peace*

## Preparation to Hear the Word

✠ PRAYER OF THE DAY

✠ HYMN #475

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*Nettleton*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we have heard Your call over and over again, but, we have run away and hidden from Your presence. Lord, we have seen Your beauty in so many ways, but, we have turned away and have closed our eyes to Your goodness. Lord, we have felt Your touch in so many gentle encounters, but, we have shrugged You off and shut ourselves from Your love. Yet, You have not rejected us. You have given Yourself for us, and have shown us Your immense love again and again. You have remained faithful. You have continued to care. You have showered us with compassion. We praise You and thank You for this eternal, immeasurable Love, and we turn back to You with open hearts. Forgive us for denying You, and teach us to love with true abandon. In Jesus' name. Amen

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SUNG PRAYER #551

*Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy upon us.*

*Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy upon us.*

*Land of Rest*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✠ HYMN 582

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

*Glory to God*

## Proclamation of the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING

**Romans 5: 1-8**

*Pew Bible pg. 188 (NT)*

ANTHEM

*Faith to Carry On*  
Flutist: Dru Movizzo

Don Besig and Nancy Price

At the break of day, as I waken and pray, I can feel that God is near  
Guiding all I so, ever faithful and true; I will never need to fear.  
Though I may not understand all the things that God has planned,  
In my heart I know I am not alone; God will give me strength to carry on.

Though I never know what the future may hold or the trials I may face,  
I can ease my mind with the comfort I find in the promise of God's grace.  
When there's sadness in my heart and my life seems torn apart,  
I will find a way to rejoice each day; God will give me hope to carry on.

When the storms of life surround you, you will feel God's arms around you  
Bringing comfort where there's sorrow, giving hope to face tomorrow.

At the break of day, as you waken and pray, always know that God is near  
Guiding all you do, ever faithful and true; you will never need to fear.  
Let each moment that you live be a chance to love and give  
If you always start with a joyful heart, God will give you strength;  
God will give you hope; God will give you faith to carry on.

GOSPEL READING

John 4: 5-42

Pew Bible pg. 115 (NT)

SERMON

"Witness"

Rev. Lee MacCallum

**Responding to the Word**

✦ PRAYER OF FAITH – (PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

✦ HYMN #182

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

*Kingsfold*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

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.

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

*I am Coming Lord*

*arr. by W. Auld*

✦ Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

✦ Prayer of Dedication

**Sending Forth to Serve**

✦ HYMN #726

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

*Kelvingrove*

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*God will take care of you, thru every day, o'er all the way  
God will take care of you; God will take care of you.*

POSTLUDE

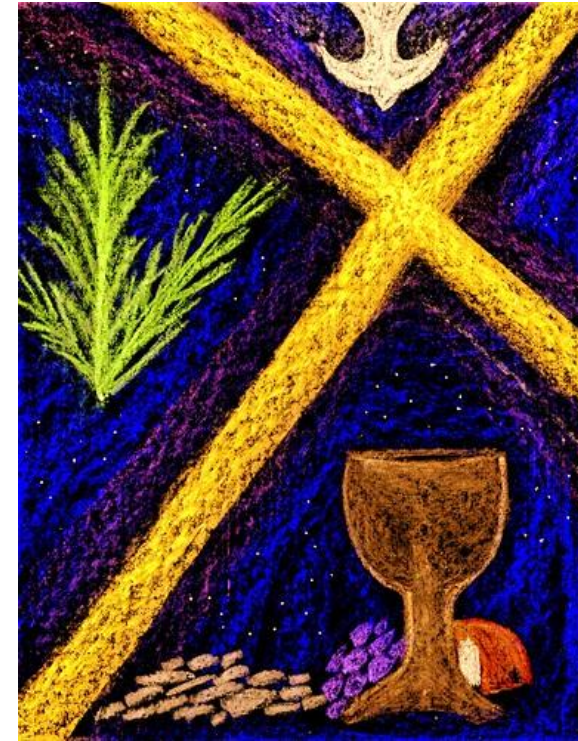
*Jerusalem the Golden*

*A. Ewing*

✦ *All who are able, please stand*

# The First Presbyterian Church of Wildwood

March 15, 2020  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent



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Sunday Service 10:30 AM

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Announcements – March 15, 2020**

**Welcome Rev. Lee MacCallum to the Pulpit**

We welcome Rev. Lee MacCallum to the pulpit today. Lee and his wife Louise are members of our choir and our Christian Education Team. Rev. Takis will be back in the office on Wednesday, March 18.

**Monthly Potluck Luncheon, Today**

Join us for our monthly potluck luncheon following worship today.

**FPC Wildwood Car Magnets**

FPC Wildwood car magnets will be on sale at today’s potluck. See Jan Coleman in Fellowship Hall.

**Ladies Luncheon, Thursday, March 19**

The Ladies will meet on Thursday, March 19, 9:30 AM at the Church for a carpool trip to the home of Marjorie Kinan Rawlings, author of "The Yearling". "Cross Creek" and many other books. The cost of admission is \$3.00 per carload to enter the park and \$3.00 each for a tour of the house. Following the tour, we will have lunch at The Yearling Restaurant. Please let Carol Norton know if you plan to join us, cjln540@gmail.com or 352-748-3459.

**Men’s Group, Wednesday, March 25**

The Men’s Group meets monthly at Perkins, Rte. 441 and Avenida Central and we have reserved the Fireplace Room. We meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will take place March 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. Our next project is to increase our membership and find interesting speakers. See you all on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Photo Directory**

The long-awaited photo directory will soon be a reality! Whether you are an active member, regular attendee, snowbird or an affiliate member, we want you to be included in the photo directory. Richard Barnes will be taking photos immediately following worship service near where the choir sits. No sign up is necessary. Photo dates: March 15, April 5, 19.

**Love INC Breakfast Fundraiser, Thursday, April 2**

Join Rosemary Ganci and others from our congregation on April 2 at 9am at Hope Lutheran Church for breakfast and a program to learn about Love INC's ministries. To RSVP, contact Rosemary by March 15 at (352)307-5952 or thelistlady514@gmail.com.

**Southern Comfort Florals Has Closed**

The florist that we have used for flowers for many years is no longer in business. We are attempting to arrange a similar process with another florist and will let you know when we have more information. If you are scheduled for flowers in the next few weeks, please contact the office for the current status.

**SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY**

*Sound: Terry Becker  
 Liturgist: Janie Kirkpatrick  
 Ushers: Louise Fahey, Michele Loser  
 Collin and Sharon Kelly  
 Choir Director: Connie Emery  
 Accompanist: Eunice Mosier*

**Our Church Family Prayer Concerns**

Sandy Ammon, Dorothy Baker, Jim and Cherie Boring, Dawn Cullen, Sally Daley  
 Reola Melton, Tom McKee, Neil O’Kane, Bill Phillips, Marge Wdowiak

**This Week’s Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Neville Cullen, March 19  
 Peggy and Bruce Williams, March 16; Lynn and Richard Barnes, March 18

**Looking Ahead**

<b>Mar. 15, Sun.</b>	Choir Rehearsal.....	<b>9:30am</b>
	Worship.....	<b>10:30am</b>
	Potluck in Fellowship Hall.....	<b>After Worship</b>
<b>Mar. 18, Wed.</b>	Choir Rehearsal.....	<b>6:00pm</b>
<b>Mar. 19, Thurs.</b>	Communication Team Meeting.....	<b>10:00am</b>
	Ladies Luncheon.....	<b>9:30am</b>
<b>Mar. 22, Sun.</b>	Choir Rehearsal.....	<b>9:30am</b>
	Worship.....	<b>10:30am</b>
<b>Mar. 25, Wed.</b>	Men’s Group.....	<b>9:00am</b>
	Session Meeting.....	<b>2:00pm</b>
	Choir Rehearsal.....	<b>6:00pm</b>
<b>Mar. 26, Thurs.</b>	Health Team Meeting.....	<b>9:00am</b>
<b>Mar. 29, Sun.</b>	Choir Rehearsal.....	<b>9:30am</b>
	Worship.....	<b>10:30am</b>
<b>Mar. 31, Tues.</b>	Christian Education Meeting.....	<b>1:00pm</b>
<b>April 1, Wed.</b>	Worship Team Meeting.....	<b>9:00am</b>
	Mission Team Meeting.....	<b>10:30am</b>
	Rock Painting.....	<b>2:00pm</b>
	Choir Rehearsal.....	<b>6:00pm</b>
<b>April 2, Thurs.</b>	Presbyterian Women Circle Meeting.....	<b>2:00pm</b>

**We Welcome Our Guests to Worship**

Welcome! Your presence with us this morning adds joy to our worship service. Please help us acknowledge your visit by including your name and contact information when the friendship pad is passed during the announcements. You are invited to join us for fellowship following the service. If you are looking for a church home, and feel God is leading you to FPC, please speak with Pastor Susan following worship or call her during the week at 352-748-2530.

**THE MISSION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IS:**

To be welcoming, caring, and compassionate, joyfully celebrating the Lord, growing spiritually through His presence, while sharing His love and grace.