

Fifth Sunday in Lent
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
 with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

WELCOME HOME

We're delighted that you're here! With the open arms of Christ, we welcome those of every age, ability, income, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity fully into the life of the church, just as we have been welcomed.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We begin worship with the musical prelude and lighting of the candles, reminding us of Christ's presence with us. Please use this time to make the transition from getting here to being here.

PRELUDE *Dwell with Us, O Lord* J. Pachelbel

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

In Christ, the God of heaven has made a home on earth.
Christ dwells among us and is one with us.
 Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.
He journeys with the rejected, and welcomes the weary.
 Let us worship God.

*HYMN 215 *What Wondrous Love Is This?* WONDROUS LOVE

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you sent Jesus to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.

Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior, as, in silence, we open our hearts to you...

*KYRIE 578 *O Lord, Have Mercy* ORÉ PORIAJÚ VEREKÓ



O Lord, have mer - cy; O Christ, have mer-cy; O



Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA 447 *We Are Forgiven* WE ARE FORGIVEN



We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to



God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.



We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FOCUS ON CHILDREN Patti Winter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Isaiah 43:16-21

SINGING THE PSALM, 215 *When God Restores our Common Life* Psalm 126

SECOND READING Philippians 3:4b-14

ANTHEM *Somebody's Prayin'* arr. Mark Hayes

THIRD READING John 12:1-8

SERMON *Caring for Those We Have With Us* Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

DEDICATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN 27 *Sacred the Body* TENDERNESS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

FOCUS ON MISSION One Great Hour of Sharing

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Part of your offering today is the gift of your presence. Please acknowledge your presence by signing the welcome book at the end of your row. If you would like to make a gift electronically, scan here to be directed to our online giving site:



OFFERTORY *I Love You, Lord* arr. A. L. Page

*DOXOLOGY
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God, all creatures here below;
 Praise God for all that love has done;
 Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING and PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
 Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise....
 We give you thanks and praise, O God, in this dry and weary land...How can we keep silent? Even dry bones in the valley of death rise to sing your praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest....
 We give you thanks and praise for Jesus, our way in the wilderness... Through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, O God, now and always.
Amen.

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.

CHORAL RESPONSE

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & POURING OF THE CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

To receive, please come forward to the station nearest you, take a piece of bread, dip it in the juice, and eat. For those with dietary concerns, the far station on each side contains Udi's gluten-free, dairy free bread.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, at this table you have transformed us into the body of Christ. Fill us with compassion toward those of your larger body who are wounded and hurting—the poor, the sick, the dying. May we serve them with the same tenderness as the woman with the ointment served Jesus, that all may know how truly and deeply they are loved. In your holy name we ask it. Amen.

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 762 *When the Poor One* EL CAMINO

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Andante Religioso* F. Mendelssohn

*Please stand as you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME GUESTS and celebrate that you are worshiping with us today. Your presence enriches our community. We hope the service held meaning and beauty for you. If you are returning to a distant home, we wish you the Lord's grace and a safe journey. However, if you live in the area and are seeking a faith community, we hope you will return soon so that we may get to know you better. To learn more about opportunities for spiritual growth and service, visit us on the web at www.fpcbham.org. May God's peace and blessing be with you.

IF YOU ARE SEEKING A CHURCH HOME, our Session meets *on the first Sunday of the month*, in the Chapel following the 11:00 worship service to welcome new members. If you are looking for a faith community, we hope you will make First your home.

FOR CHILDREN: Children's bags and bulletins are available in the Narthex (ushers can locate them for you). Please empty and return the bags after worship. While all children are welcome in worship, the following alternatives also are available: *Nursery* is provided for infants (at least six weeks old) and toddlers. After the *Focus on Children*, children ages 3-7 will go to the balcony, where they experience a little of what worship is like while doing learning activities related to the scripture with coloring, puzzles, books, children's bulletins and more. When the sacraments of the Lord's Supper or Baptism are celebrated, children will return to the sanctuary. We invite those in second grade and above to remain in the sanctuary and participate in the entire worship service.

PRAYER REQUESTS Please use the Prayer Request and Information Change cards, found in the pew rack, to relay information to the church office. Print your name and any other information you may need to relay to the office and place it in the offering plate.

LET THE BELLS PLAY! Our 37-bell Rushton Memorial Carillon was the first such instrument in Birmingham and the third in the United States, when installed in 1924.

SERMONS are available from our website at www.fpcbham.org.

The LITURGIST for today is Will Marble.

The ACOLYTE for today is Patricia Gauntt.

Have you remembered the church in your will?

MISSION CENTERS OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIRST LIGHT, INC. is a mission center of FPC, giving shelter and support services for homeless women and children. If you would like to help, speak to our pastors or call Ruth Crosby, Executive Director (323-4277). First Light's website: www.firstlightshelter.org

RUTH AND NAOMI SENIOR OUTREACH (RNSO) has as its mission to become spiritual companions to isolated older adults and to call, equip, and support others to do so as well. Contact chaplain@ruthandnaomi.org.

THE RUSHTON CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER provides quality childcare in a loving, nurturing environment – accredited by NAEYC and licensed by the Department of Human Resources. Call the CDC office at 322-8310. The Center's website is www.eprcdc.com

FAITH IN ACTION ALABAMA, a faith-based community-organizing effort FPC shares with faith communities throughout the city, works to improve quality of life for all our citizens. Faith in Action is a PICO network affiliate and can be reached at daniel@faal.org.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOUNDATION provides support to First Presbyterian Church for the maintenance and upkeep of this historic sacred space built in 1889. 10% of the Foundation's annuity payment aids mission selected by session. Contact Mark Aldridge for more information.

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