

**Fifth Sunday in Lent
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

WELCOME

Whatever your religious background and however you have come to be here, we are honored that you have chosen to worship today at First Presbyterian Church. We hope you feel welcome here and inspired. May you be strengthened by the power of God to meet the challenges of your daily life.

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 *O Welt* Ich Muss Dich Lassen

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come to be reminded of the Truth:

Many: God's love endures forever.

One: We come when we are empty

Many: that the Spirit might fill us with gladness.

One: We come because we seek to follow him,

Many: and those who wish to follow him must first be fed by him.

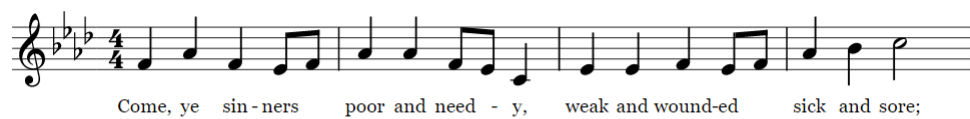
One: Let us worship God.

*HYMN 196 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Compassionate God,
In Christ you were friend of sinners, welcoming them with love.
Look upon us with mercy, we pray.
Our sins are more than we can bear.
Our pasts enslave us, and we cannot escape the broken systems that bind us even now.
Forgive the wrongs we cannot undo, and free us from the mistakes of the past,
that we might look to the future with hope, and follow you in joy.
Hear now our silent prayers of confession...

*KYRIE 415 *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* v.1 RESTORATION



Come, ye sin - ners poor and need - y, weak and wound-ed sick and sore;



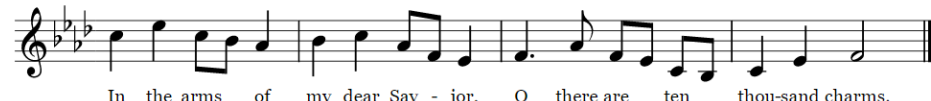
Je - sus read - y stands to save you, full of pit - y love, and power.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA 415 *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*, refrain RESTORATION



I will a-rise and go to Je - sus; He will em-brace me in his arms.



In the arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thou-sand charms.

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FOCUS ON CHILDREN

Patti Winter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 31:27-34

One: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

My Spirit Longs for Thee

John Dowland

Su Reid-St. John, Soloist

*SECOND READING

John 12:20-33

One: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

To See, Serve, and Follow

Rev. Cat Goodrich

DEDICATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN 137

He Came Down

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Belhar Confession

We believe that the unity of the people of God is manifested and made real when together we come to know the height, breadth, and depth of the love of Christ;
when together we know and bear one another's burdens;
when we suffer with one another for righteousness' sake; and
when we pray together and together serve God in this world.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise....

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.

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.

OFFERTORY

Cross of Sorrow

Susanna Keeney

*THE DOXOLOGY 606

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.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CHORAL RESPONSE

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 227

Jesus, Remember Me

REMEMBER ME

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Dialogo Per Organo

Adriano Banchieri

*Please stand as you are able.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

OPPORTUNITY INSERT Please use the Opportunity Insert to relay information to the church office, including reservations for church events. Print your name and any other information you may need to relay to the office, fold the insert and put it in the offering plate.

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

The **LITURGIST** for today is Scott Grumley

The **ACOLYTE** for today is Patricia Gauntt

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.

THE REV. CATHERINE GOODRICH, Pastor and Acting Head of Staff

THE REV. CATHERINE OLIVER, Interim Associate Pastor

THE REV. JIM STANFORD, Parish Associate

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MS. JULIE POTTS, Youth Director

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THE REV. DR. ROBERT S. CRUTCHFIELD, Pastor Emeritus

Have you remembered the church in your will?