



Lent at Christ Presbyterian Church

Do Justice Love Mercy
Walk Humbly
with your God

Sunday, March 8, 2020
The Second Sunday in Lent
9:00 am Classical Worship

The Organ Prelude

*Please respect the listening atmosphere in the Sanctuary
by refraining from conversation during the Prelude.*

- I. Meditation on “O Lord, With Wondrous Mystery” Hendrik Andriessen
- II. Two Hymn Settings Robert Hobly
 - 1. *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (Hymn No. 223)
 - 2. *Glory Be to Jesus*
- III. Preludes on Old Southern Hymns Gardner Read
 - 1. *Do Not I Love Thee, O My Lord?* 2. *Thou Man of Grief, Remember Me*
 - 3. *David, the King, Was Grieved and Moved* 4. *Hail, Ye Sighing Sons of Sorrow*
- IV. Adagio in e minor Frank Bridge

We Gather in Love

The Introit *This is the Day the Lord Hath Made*

Thomas Ford

Please stand for **The Call to Worship**

Come, all who need help!

**Our help comes from God,
the One who made heaven and earth.**

Come, all who desire blessing!

**Our blessing comes from God,
the God of Abraham, the God of the ages.**

Come, all who long for salvation!

**Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ,
the One sent by God to save the world.**

The Hymn of Praise

God, Reveal Your Presence (Arnsberg)

Glory to God, No. 412

The Prayer of the Day

Kyrie eleison—Lord, Have Mercy

Glory to God, No. 551

*We mark the season of Lent by replacing the Gloria Patri with
“Kyrie eleison—Lord, have Mercy” As we enter a time of confession,
it is appropriate to ask for God’s mercy.*

The Prayer of Confession

**God of salvation, you shower our lives and our world with love,
yet we too often turn away from your blessing.**

**It is just so easy to complain! There are little annoyances each day,
but they pile up into a mountainous burden that becomes a curse on our lives.
Free us from our unwise choices, O God. When we are distracted and
confused, redirect our attention to the abundant opportunities
to experience your love.**

**During this time of worship, through this journey of faith, focus our hearts
on you, that we may choose the blessing of salvation offered to us each day
through Jesus Christ, in whom we pray. Amen.**

Our Silent Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

God did not send Jesus into the world to condemn it, but that
the world might be saved through him.

**Through the saving love of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and blessed!
Thanks be to God!**

Please stand for

The Response of Praise *A Grateful Heart*

Glory to God, No. 652

**Welcome-
We are glad YOU
are here!**



*A Hearing Loop
Is installed and available.
Switch your hearing aid
to “T-Cell”.*

*Please ask an Usher if you
need assistance.*

*Before worship, please
silence cell phones and
other electronic devices.*

*Congregational spoken
responses appear
in **bold type**.
Hymns and sung
responses will be found in
the “**Glory to God**”
Hymnal
under the seat
in front of you.*

Please join us —
*after Worship today
for coffee
and fellowship
in the Gathering Hall,
outside of Sanctuary.
Whether you are a long-
time member, or a
visitor, we’d like to get
to know you!*

Lent is ... a journey with Jesus toward Jerusalem. In this journey, we seek to be guided, as Jesus was, by the words of prophets like Micah, who called all people back from empty rituals and self-centered worship to live as God wanted them to live: doing justice, loving mercy, walking humbly with God. (Micah 6:8) With Micah as our guide, we will journey with Jesus toward his Triumphant Entry, his rejection, arrest and death, and his resurrection, which becomes our Resurrection.



The candles on our communion table help mark our 40-day Lenten journey. Six candles, purple for repentance, surround the Christ candle, white for purity. All candles are lit on Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. One purple candle is extinguished each Sunday--diminishing the light to represent Christ's giving up of self. On Good Friday, the Christ candle is extinguished, leaving complete darkness.

Remain standing to share **The Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

The Doxology

You may be seated.

Glory to God, No. 606

Children ages 3-10 are excused at this time for Children's Chapel in the Sunday School rooms downstairs.

We Grow by Grace

News of the Church

A Reading from the Old Testament Psalm 121

Pew Bible, page 498

We will read the Psalm responsively.

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

The Lord will not let your foot be moved

and the One who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold, the One who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord, the Lord, watches over you;

the Lord is your shade at your side,

so that the sun shall not strike you by day,

nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil and shall keep you safe.

The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,

from this time forth for evermore.

A Reading from the Gospel of John, Chapter 3: 1-17

Pew Bible, page 798

The Message

How to Perform John 3:16

Dr. Robinson

The Invitation for Giving

The Offertory Anthem *Ubi caritas - God Dwells Here Among Us* Daniel Nelson

A combining of the Latin chant "*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est*"

(Where charity and love are, there God is also)

and the tune of today's Hymn of Praise, with the following text:

God dwells here among us, wondrous gifts bestowing;

Charity and love o'erflowing.

Let us praise, all our days, God, our Lord and Savior;

Praise God's name forever!

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.

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We Go Forth to Serve

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Please stand for **The Sending Hymn** *Come! Live in the Light!* Glory to God, No. 749

To live in the Light, as the Refrain of the hymn reminds us: we are called to "act with justice, love tenderly, to serve one another, and to walk humbly with God."

The Benediction

The Choral Benediction *Day By Day*

Michael Cavendish

The Organ Postlude *When Jesus Wept*

David Schelat

Leading in Worship Today

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Tom Robinson

Liturgist: Dr. Karen E. King

Reader: Barb Wolter

Guest Organist: Mary Kay Burton

Music Director: Kathleen Otterson

Vocalists: The Chancel Choir

Greeters and Ushers: Kokou Amessepe, Alice Spencer, Ruth Strong, Arlene Linn (lead), Adam Wood, Heather and Don Strong

Sound Technician: Bryan Yates Slides: Ron Konkol

Next Steps—

- If you were Nicodemus meeting Jesus at night, what would you ask? What might Jesus answer?
- Spend some time with John 3:16; pretend you've never seen it before. You might want to look it up a variety of translations online. What word or phrase are you drawn to? Consider praying that word/phrase meditatively.
- For children and adults: Choose a word from John 3:16. Write it large on a piece of paper. Then doodle around the word!

Next Sunday, March 15—The Third Sunday of Lent

- 8:30am **The Organ Pre-Service** **Sanctuary**
Guest organist Mary Kay Burton offers classics for the organ to provide a time of contemplation before worship.
- 9:00am **Classical Worship** **Sanctuary**
Rev. Dr. Tom Robinson "To Love Kindness" John 4: 5-42
Celebration Ringers play in worship
- 10:00am **Faith Café** **Chapel**
Sunday School (children K-5) **Downstairs classrooms**