

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

FOURTH SUNDAY IN
LENT

March 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday in Lent

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 30, 2025

10:30 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

Crusaders Hymn

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

PASSING THE PEACE *"...I was a stranger and you welcomed me."*

Matthew 25:35b

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(The people may greet each other in the spirit of Christ.)

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Luke 15:11-32)

Liturgist

Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God!

For once we were lost and far away;

now we have been found and welcomed home!

Know that God's love is lavished on you forever!

We rejoice at the promise of forgiveness and hope!

Come, let us celebrate and praise our God

whose grace to us in Jesus Christ is sure!

OPENING PRAYER

THE LENTEN WREATH – THE FOURTH CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

Fred and Cheryl Taylor

It's Sunday morning. Last week is over, with all its demands. The coming week, with yet another round of challenges, is not quite here. Quiet your heart and be in the moment.

No matter where you are in your thoughts – relieved about what you have accomplished, anxious about what's left undone, concerned about family, friends, or politics – no matter where you are in your journey this day – set it all aside and consider where you are right now. Whatever is true for you right now, in this moment, whether it be joy or sadness, gratitude, anger or anxiety, let it come forward. Listen for God. God meets us where we are and calls us forward, moment by moment, guiding us to the heart of Christ. *(Silence.)*

As we extinguish this light, we acknowledge the pain caused by the lack of basic needs – lack of food, shelter, education, healthcare, and love.

(A candle is extinguished.)

Let us pray:

All: Loving God, we thank you that you are with us and that we may call upon you no matter where we are or what is happening. Keep us mindful of your presence in Christ – that you are working in the world in the moment-by-moment unfolding of people's lives everywhere. Amen.

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin. Let us pray.

Eternal God, our judge and our redeemer, if we have lived for ourselves and apart from you, have mercy on us. If we have relied on our own strength and ignored our dependence on you, forgive us. If we have begrudged your generous love to the undeserving, and been consumed with righteous indignation, heal us. Restore us, gracious God, to the blessed communion of your kingdom, and help us to rejoice always in the saving embrace of your steadfast love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

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

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone, a new life has begun. Friends, believe the good news. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

**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 in to temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE HEBREW BIBLE READING: Psalm 32

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"The Prayer of St. Francis"

Allen Pote

THE EPISTLE READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Surely our salvation is at hand.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"In Christ"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 774

"There Is Now a New Creation"

STUTT GART

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"O Sacred Head"

Raney

*DOXOLOGY/Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (606)

**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. Amen.**

*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

THE SENDING

*HYMN 771

"What Is the World Like " (v 1,2,3,5)

NEW WORLD

v 1 – all

v 2 – men

v 3 – women

v 5 – all

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

In your coming and in your going:

The peace of God.

In your life and in your seeking:

The love of God.

At your end and new beginning:

The arms of God

to welcome you and bring you home.

In the name of the Father,

and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

"Lift High the Cross"

Crucifer/arr. Raney

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Rev. Margie Osborn, Guest Pastor
 Sharron Smith, Liturgist
 Frank and Maurine Slaughter, Ushers
 Ky and Martha Webb, Darby Moreno, Greeters
 Fred and Cheryl Taylor, Lenten Readers
 Polly Mauer, Pianist

<i>OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY</i>																													
<p>Today 9:00 “Meeting Jesus at the Table” discussion 10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p> <p>Monday, March 31 2:00 Grief Group</p> <p>Tuesday, April 1 2:00 Worship & Music MT Mtg 3:00 Disciple I Bible Study (Red Book) 6:00 Faith In Action Dinner (St. Philips)</p>	<p>Wednesday, April 2 10:00 Knitting Group 12:30 Centering Prayer Group 4:30 Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Thursday, April 3 2:00 Disciple II Bible Study (Green Book)</p> <p>Friday, April 4 9:00 Men’s Breakfast at Platte River Inn</p> <p>Sunday, April 6 9:00 “Meeting Jesus at the Table” discussion 10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p>																												
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<p>MILITARY: All of our US Military deployed and their families.</p> <p>INTERNATIONAL PEACEMAKERS : Rev. Jerome Bizimana & the people of Rwanda Rev. Butros Zaour & family & Majd Lahham, Damascus, Syria</p> <p>MISSION CO-WORKERS: Mark Adams & Miriam Maldonado Escobar, & their children: Cindy Yessenia, Anna Flor & Nathan—Frontera de Cristo; Douglas AZ Efi Latsoudi & Lesvos Solidarity, Greece</p>	<p>MEMBERS AND FRIENDS</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td>Jason Janowiak</td> <td>Linda Koch</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Bentley</td> <td>Evelyn Sengelaub</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Greg McGavran</td> <td>Laura and Bryan Sheffield</td> </tr> <tr> <td>George Marsh</td> <td>Martha Campbell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Roger Sattler</td> <td>Jim Boehm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bob Nelson</td> <td>Jay Marsh</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tim Bergstrom</td> <td>Gwen Baarstad</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Barb Alldredge</td> <td>Dale Williams</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Susan Eldred</td> <td>Ro Gregory</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Erik Nielsen</td> <td>John O’Neal</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kristin Lehoullier</td> <td>John Wehmeyer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nathan Carrick</td> <td>Katie Verrill</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Emmalee Sheffield</td> <td>Family of Margaret Beery</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Britta Baarstad</td> <td>Family of Steve Chapman</td> </tr> </table>	Jason Janowiak	Linda Koch	John Bentley	Evelyn Sengelaub	Greg McGavran	Laura and Bryan Sheffield	George Marsh	Martha Campbell	Roger Sattler	Jim Boehm	Bob Nelson	Jay Marsh	Tim Bergstrom	Gwen Baarstad	Barb Alldredge	Dale Williams	Susan Eldred	Ro Gregory	Erik Nielsen	John O’Neal	Kristin Lehoullier	John Wehmeyer	Nathan Carrick	Katie Verrill	Emmalee Sheffield	Family of Margaret Beery	Britta Baarstad	Family of Steve Chapman
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VISIONS, VALUES AND VICTORIES

Benzie Faith in Action



Tuesday, April 1st, 6PM
St. Philips Episcopal Church, Beulah

Join us to celebrate recent victories, strategize for the future, and most importantly, to break bread together.

A meal will be provided and all are welcome.



Contact: Luke Allen, Lead Organizer
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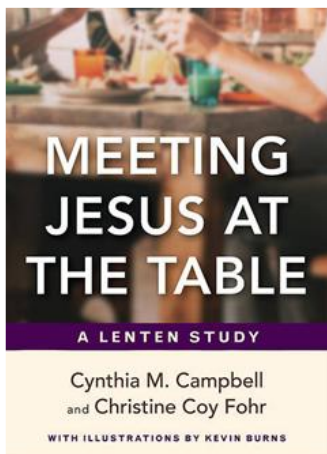
Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

*We are excited to announce a FIRST Ever
Event
The Benzie Central Band Recital
With
Solo and Ensembles performing
Under
The direction of Brian Parent, Director of
Bands*

*This special event will be held on Tuesday
April 22nd at 7:00 P.M.
At
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church*

*This exclusive invitation
Is
sent to members of the congregation - YOU!!*

*We anticipate that soloists and ensemble players' families will
be here as well as members of the Congregation.
Come early to get your preferred seating!
Welcome local talent and members of the community.*



Join us during Lent as we discuss

MEETING JESUS AT THE TABLE

by Cynthia M. Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr

Sundays at 9am