

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

FIRST SUNDAY IN
LENT



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10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Adagio"

Camille Saint-

Saens

"Be still and know that I am God."

Psalm 46:10

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

Liturgist

The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

The journey begins in the wilderness.

We follow the way of Jesus, who faced trials, temptations, and testing.

Like Jesus, we are not alone. The Holy Spirit is with us. God's Word is on our lips.

Our call is to trust in God alone, to do God's will in all things.

With God's help, we will follow Jesus through the wilderness to new life!

OPENING PRAYER

THE LENTEN WREATH – THE FIRST CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

We have gathered this morning for worship and we've greeted and spoken to one another. But now a time of reflection and stillness is upon us. It is the first Sunday in Lent – the season for journeys of the heart. Be still. Listen. We are entering a holy time. The Lenten candles have been lit, but over the next six weeks the light will slowly fade into darkness. For we are retelling the story of Jesus' betrayal, suffering and death. We do this not to be morbid, but because in the story of Jesus' death and resurrection, God is revealed – in the amazing transformation of death into life, in endings transformed into beginnings, and in dead-ends that become a source for new possibilities.

This is the sacred center of our faith – the truth made manifest in Jesus Christ. In his pain and suffering, Jesus speaks to pain and loss we have endured and offers us the promise of

transformation. It's an old story, but it still has the power to reveal, to heal, and to redeem. Jesus is at the heart of our faith, in the depth of our souls. He is waiting for us, inviting us to leave ordinary time and follow along with him on the journey that took him to the Cross. Listen in silence, for Jesus is calling you. (Silence.)

As we extinguish this light, we acknowledge the pain of injustice in the world. (A candle is extinguished.)

Let us pray:

All: Loving God, as we journey through this holy season of Lent, give us strength and courage to follow Jesus. Open our hearts and minds to put our trust in Christ our Savior. Amen.

*HYMN 645

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

MIT FREUDEN ZART

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Trusting that our God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, we dare confess our sins and the sins of the world. Let us pray.

O Lord our God, we have veered from your path and forsaken your will by failing to love others as you love us; by wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods; by plundering the earth and abusing the planet; by fearing those who are strangers and ignoring those in need; by losing heart and abandoning hope. For all the ways we turn from you, God of grace, forgive us. In this season of Lent, help us to learn from our Savior to walk in your holy ways that our lives may honor and glorify you. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

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

By grace we have been saved through faith. And this is not our own doing, it is the gift of God. 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 TESTAMENT: Psalm 91 (Sung)

*HYMN 43 "You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord"

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"The Glory of These Forty Days"

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 4:1-13

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"An Opportune Time"

*HYMN 166

"Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days"

ST. FLAVIAN

THE RESPONSE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Unison)

Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

“Adoro te Devote”

Mark Rippe

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

*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

THE SENDING

*HYMN 307

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

CWM RHONDDA

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

What we choose changes us. Who we love transforms us.

How we create remakes us. Where we live reshapes us.

So in all our choosing, O God, **make us wise;**

In all our loving, O Christ, **make us bold;**

In all our creating, O Spirit, **give us courage;**

in all our living, **may we become whole.**

And the blessing of God almighty:

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

be upon you, and those you love,

and those for whom you pray,

this day and forever more.

AMEN.

*POSTLUDE

“Crusaders Hymn”

Gordon Young

*All who are able, please stand.

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Rev. Margie Osborn, Guest Pastor

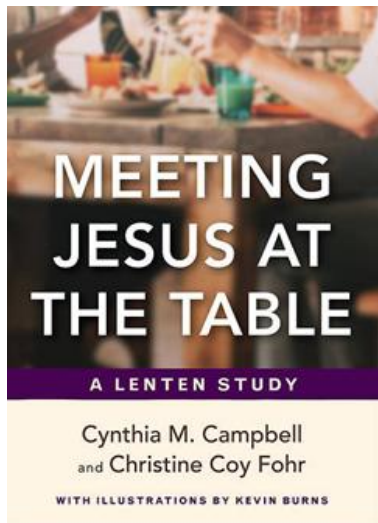
Kay Gossens, Liturgist

Fred and Cheryl Taylor, Ushers

Ron and Jeri Bushong, Wanda Smigiel, Greeters

Dave and Chris Jahr, Lenten Readers

Michael Beery, Music Director



Join us during Lent as we discuss

MEETING JESUS AT THE TABLE

by Cynthia M. Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr

9 AM on Sundays during Lent



CHECK OUT A BOOK FROM THE BOOK NOOK

BOOKS FOR LENT IN THE BOOK NOOK:

THE WILL OF GOD AS A WAY OF LIFE, Eugene Peterson, How to make every day decisions with peace and confidence.

LET'S START OVER, David McKechnie, Practical guide to spiritual renewal

SACRED RHYTHMS, Ruth Barton, Arranging our lives for spiritual transformation

HOLY SOLITUDE, Haverkamp, Lenten reflections

40 DAYS OF GRACE, Paul Tripp, Life changing power of grace

SIX HOURS ONE FRIDAY, Max Lucado, Three solid anchor points we can cling to

LIVING INTO LENT, Donald McKim, A Lenten journey

EASTER STORIES, multiple authors, Classic tales for the holy season

TREASURY OF EASTER CELEBRATIONS, Ideals





St. Patrick's Day Potluck Sunday March 16th

Immediately following Service in Edwards Hall.

Large Corned Beef Rubeen Casserole
Fixings for Corned Beef Sandwiches will be
supplied.

Sign-up sheet will be in the Gathering space for the
additional goodies, we will require to compliment
the Potluck.

Be sure to sign up early! Get your Irish On!!!
Thank you, Fellowship

Our wonderful pianist,

Polly Mauer,

will be appearing at

St. Ambrose

Friday, March 21

5pm-8pm

She would love to see some familiar faces there!