

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

THIRD SUNDAY IN
LENT



March 23, 2025

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10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"The Old Rugged Cross"

Raney

"Be still and know that I am God."

Psalm 46:10

(Please use this time to prepare for worship in silence)

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 (Psalm 63)

Liturgist

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;

My flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land

Where there is no water.

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,

beholding your power and glory.

Because your steadfast love is better than life,

my lips will praise you.

So I will bless you as long as I live;

I will lift up my hands and call on your name. +

THE LENTEN WREATH – THE THIRD CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED Judy Bosma and Jim Olson

There is so much during the day that clamors for our attention. Friends, family, work, classes, appointments, and household tasks. The noise! We are bombarded with sound, from the clock that awakens us, to our phones and screens, as well as the conversations going on around us. Where is the time and place to listen for the still, small voice of God? At times, it seems that God would have to speak in a whirlwind to be heard above the clamor! Listen now. This is a place of quiet rest – a place where God dwells. Quietly be aware of God's presence. In Lent, we journey to the parts of ourselves known only to God, beneath the clamor. Let the story of Jesus reach us there. Let it teach us wisdom in our hearts. (*Silence.*)

As we extinguish this light, we acknowledge the pain of violence in the world. (*A candle*

is extinguished.)

Let us pray:

All: Draw us together in your love, O God. May our restless hearts not resist you, but continue to search until they find their rest in you. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*HYMN 824

"There Is a Place of Quiet Rest"

MC AFEE

***Call to confession** (Isaiah 55:6-7)

The prophet Isaiah instructs us to seek and to call upon the Lord. The prophet pleads with the wicked to forsake their way, with the unrighteous to forsake their thoughts. The prophet invites them to return to the Lord that he may have mercy on them and assures them that our God will abundantly pardon. Let us seek God, let us call upon the Lord, knowing that we will be received with mercy and abundant forgiveness. +

***Prayer of Confession** (Luke 13)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have been quick to judge others and slow to make changes in our own lives. We confess that we have focused on others' shortcomings instead reforming our own.
Turn us, O Lord, from these ways that lead to perishing.
Lead us, O Lord, in your ways that lead to abundant life.
In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Silent Confession

*KYRIE (Sung)

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

***Assurance of Pardon** (Isaiah 55:8-9)

God speaks through the prophet Isaiah: my thoughts are not your thoughts nor are your ways my ways. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways. Let us find peace in God's ways of mercy and grace knowing that we are forgiven. 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

Liturgist

GOSPEL OF ISAIAH: Isaiah 55:1-13

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL OF PAUL: 1Corinthians 10:13

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"Jesu, Priceless Treasure"

JS Bach

GOSPEL OF LUKE: Luke 13: 1-9

Surely our salvation is at hand.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"What is the Gospel, According to You?"

*HYMN 494

"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

QUEBEC

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(The Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose
again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and
the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the
communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"What Wondrous Love is This"

Wondrous Love

*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

"Count Your Many Blessings"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go forth with joy!

As we have been taught with gladness, so shall we teach.

Mountains and hills will meet you.

**Not alone will we climb them. Not alone will we leave others
in their climb.**

POSTLUDE

"How Excellent is Thy Name"

Tunney/arr. Hayes

+ *Liturgy written by Tommy Carrico for free distribution through Presbyterian Outlook*

*Those who are able, please stand.

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Rev. Bruce Brooks, Guest Pastor

Mac Whisner, Liturgist

Jim and Elaine Trent, Ushers

Jeri Bushong, Sandra VanHeyningen, Greeters

Jim Olson and Judy Bosma, Lenten Readers

Ruby and Skylar Anderson, Acolytes

Polly Mauer, Pianist

Count Your Blessings

When up - on life's bil - lows you are tem - pest tossed, When you are dis -
 Are you ev - er bur - dened with a load of care? Does the cross seem
 When you look at oth - ers with their lands of gold, Think that Christ has
 So a - mid the con - flict, wheth - er great or small, Do not be dis -

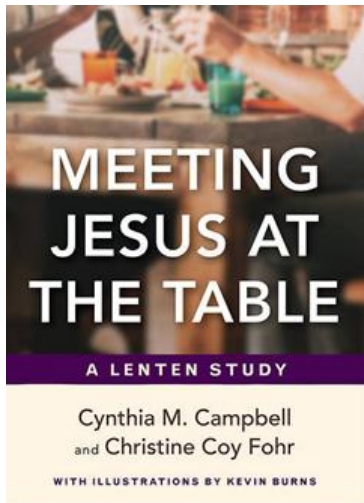
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 cour - aged, think - ing all is lost, Count your man - y bless - ings; name them
 heav - y you are called to bear? Count your man - y bless - ings; ev - 'ry
 prom - ised you His wealth un - told. Count your man - y bless - ings; mon - ey
 cour - aged; God is o - ver all. Count your man - y bless - ings; an - gels

11
 one by one, And it will sur - prise you what the Lord hath done.
 doubt will fly, And you will be sing - ing as the days go by.
 can - not buy Your re - ward in heav - en nor your home on high.
 will at - tend, Help and com - fort give you to your jour - ney's end.

17
 Count your bless - ings, name them one by one; Count your bless - ings, see what
 Count your man - y bless - ings name them all by one; Count your man - y bless - ings

23
 God hath done. Count your bless - ings, name them one by
 see what God has done; Count your many - y bless - ings, name them one by

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 one; Count your man - y bless - ings, see what God hath done.



Join us during Lent as we discuss

MEETING JESUS AT THE TABLE

by Cynthia M. Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr

Sundays at 9AM

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

