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# First Presbyterian Church

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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 27, 2022

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\*Those who are able may stand

PREWORSHIP FELLOWSHIP  
PRELUDE MUSIC  
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
MINUTE FOR MISSIONS  
INVITATION TO REST



\*GATHERING HYMN #401....."Here in This Place"

\*OPENING SENTENCES (Responsive)

In the power of Christ's name, we stand.

Lies be gone,

you cannot stay, Christ reigns here.

Shame be gone,

you cannot stay, Jesus reigns here.

Hate be gone,

you cannot stay, Immanuel reigns here.

Where Christ reigns,

there is on earth peace.

Where Jesus reigns,

there is on earth love.

Where Immanuel reigns,

there is on earth hope.

Christ reigns here among us!

Amen!

## KYRIE

*(Please join us in the “Kyrie”, an ancient song that mirrors the words people used to cry out to Jesus for healing in the scriptures. In Greek they mean, “Lord, have mercy”. The church has sung these words for thousands of years as prayer and to prepare our hearts for confession.)*

*Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)*

*Christe Eleison (Christ have mercy)*

*Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)*

**Kyrie Eleison**

**Christe Eleison**

**Kyrie Eleison**

## CONFESSION OF NEED (Unison)

**God of grace,**

**I have to ask; do you see where we are struggling? Do you notice our loneliness, how fed-up we feel, how tired we are some days? Do you understand what we wish we could be but can't seem to get there? Do you feel the burdens we carry in every step?**

**And yet, you tell us to love anyway. You call us to serve regardless. You command us to give joyously and trust radically despite it all.**

**We confess that many times, with what seems like good reasons, we just don't want to.**

**Therefore, God of grace, in this Lenten season**

**we ask and confess this need:**

**Give us the desire that we lack.**

**Lead us to the energy we can't find.**

**Show us the truth that propels us away from comfort.**

**For, without you, we are stuck.**

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**SILENCE FOR CONFESSION AND RESTING IN GOD’S GRACE**

**DECLARATION OF GRACE (Responsive)**

Happy are those who receive the grace of God.  
Be glad and rejoice in the one who saves.  
For in Christ, we are a new creation.

**Thanks be to God!**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**     *Wonderful, Merciful Savior*     Bells of Praise

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And Also, with you!**  
Let us share a sign of God’s peace with one another.



**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)**

**Holy Spirit, help us hear your voice beyond our inability to hear and understand your word beyond any speaker’s ability to explain. Through your word, speak to our hearts even if our heads are not ready to listen.**  
**Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE**

**FIRST READING** .....Psalm 32 (pg 559)  
*Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!*

**GOSPEL READING**..... Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 (pg 80)  
*Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Praise to You, O Christ*

**SERMON** Rev. Greg Isaacson

**SILENCE FOR REFLECTION**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY #418**.....*“Softly and Tenderly”*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Lord in your Mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER (forgive us our “sins”)**

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE (Responsive)**

Beloved children of God receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Lord forever.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #547....."Go, My Children"**

**\*DISMISSAL (Responsive)**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*POSTLUDE**



**Please continue to be in prayer for:**

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| JoAnn Westburg             | Brent Blake          |
| Scott Broisma              | Dale & Laura Charais |
| Punky Johnson              |                      |
| Duane & Betty Finkenbinder |                      |

## *A Warm Welcome to our Guests and Visitors!*

Our church has a wonderful array of ministries that seek to spread the gospel into the world. If you are interested in finding out more about the church community or are interested in becoming a member, please contact us at:

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### **Calendar for this week:**

#### Sunday, March 27, 2022

10:30 am      Worship

11:30 am      Coffee Fellowship

Preaching..... Rev. Greg Isaacson

Ushers & Greeters..... Dan & Vicki Svedarsky

Organist..... George French

Music Director..... Sandy Perkins

Reader..... Lynne Mullins

#### Wednesday, March 30

4:30 pm      Bell Rehearsal

5:30 pm      Lent Meditation & Meal (WUM)

#### Thursday, March 31

1 pm      Book Study

#### Next Sunday, April 3

10:30 am      Worship w/Communion

11:30 am      Coffee Fellowship

Preaching.....

Communion Prep..... Gordie Terpstra

Ushers & Greeters..... Jeri Melsa & Lynne Mullins

Organist..... George French

Music Director..... Sandy Perkins

Reader..... Lynne Mullins