

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 14, 2021

10:30 am Worship

Preaching **Pastor Corey Lange**
Usher & Greet Connor & Laura Thoreson
Organist George French
Music Director Sandy Perkins
Coffee Fellowship n/a
Reader Lynne Mullins

Wednesday, March 17

6:30 pm Lenten Service @ TLC
7:30 pm Session Meeting

Thursday, March 18

1 pm Book Study
 'Love Is The Way – Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times'
 Fireside Room

Next Sunday, March 21, 2021

10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Annual Meeting

Preaching **Pastor Greg Isaacson**
Usher & Greet Jason & Kerri Brantner
Organist George French
Music Director Sandy Perkins
Coffee Fellowship n/a
Reader Marsha Odom

First Presbyterian Church

4th Sunday in Lent

March 14, 2021

*Those who are able may stand

PREWORSHIP FELLOWSHIP
PRELUDE MUSIC
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
MINUTE FOR MISSIONS Lynn Mullins
SONG OF CONTEMPLATION



***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

In this place, the community of faith is reminded of the promise:

God's love endures forever!

In spite of our impatient grumbling, despite our attraction to the shadows:

Christ's light shines in us!

When we think our hands are empty, when we have no music in our souls:

The Spirit fills us with glad songs, and creates us for good works!

***GATHERING HYMN #314 "Longing for Light"
(vs. 1, 2 & 5)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Responsive)

The Light of the world has come, ceaseless Creator, **but we admit we love the shadows all around us.** For there, we can boast of our achievements, **rather than point to your grace;** there, we can grumble of our unhappiness with you, **instead of singing your praises;** there, we can give into our natural anger, **and not be touched by your call to be agents of peace and hope.** Forgive us, Eternal Love: **lead us from the shadows of sin into the light of your joy;** raise us up, as your children, **so we may kneel in service to others;** shower us with the grace, the hope, the peace **you have brought to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (Responsive)

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. As God in Christ has forgiven us, let us forgive one another. The Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you. (Please share signs of peace with each other at a distance!)

***RESPONSE HYMN #59** *“The Steadfast Love of the Lord”*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Responsive)

Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us by your Word through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be transformed, restored, and renewed: through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING..... Numbers 21:4-9

SECOND READING..... Ephesians 2:1-10

Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING..... John 3:14-21

Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Praise to You, O Christ

SERMON - *Pastor Corey Lange*

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *“Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Lord in your mercy **C: Hear our prayer**

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

BLESSING AND CHARGE (Responsive)

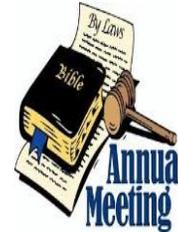
May the steadfast love of God, the abundant grace of Jesus Christ, and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN #547** *“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”*

***DISMISSAL (Responsive)**

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

***POSTLUDE**



The Annual Meeting is scheduled for next Sunday, March 21st, following the Worship Service. Books are ready for your review on the sign-in table outside the sanctuary.



Easter Lilies

If you’re interested in purchasing an Easter lily in honor / memory of a loved one, order forms are available on the sign-in table outside the sanctuary. The deadline to order is Wednesday, March 17th.

Please continue to be in prayer for:

- Bailey Folkers
- Dale & Laura Charais’ grandson
- Jeri & Cleon Melsa
- Hank Koza
- Karen Mullins (Lynne’s sister-in-law)
- Nancy Amiot (the Finkenbinder’s niece)
- Brent Blake and the Blake families
- JoAnn Westburg

Prayer



LONGING FOR THE LIGHT

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

refrain:

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

refrain

Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

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THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
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Was blind, but now I see.
Now I see, now I see.
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

refrain:

My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me,
And like a flood, his mercy reigns;
Unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

refrain (2x)

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GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING

“Go, my children, with my blessing, never along.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”

“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story;
Here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”

“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you;
here my tender comfort stilled you.
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