

## 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, February 28, 2021

10:30 am      Worship

Preaching ..... Pastor Corey Lange  
Usher & Greet ..... Craig & Connor Morgan  
Organist ..... George French  
Music Director ..... Sandy Perkins  
Coffee Fellowship ..... n/a  
Reader ..... Jason Brantner

#### Wednesday, March 3

6:30 pm      Lenten Service @ TLC  
7:15 pm      Bell Practice

#### Thursday, March 4

1 pm              Book Study  
                    Fireside Room

#### Next Sunday, March 7, 2021

10:30 am      Worship w/Communion

Preaching ..... Pastor Greg Isaacson  
Communion Prep..... Phylis Harrington  
Usher & Greet ..... Mario & Jill Schisano  
Organist ..... George French  
Music Director ..... Sandy Perkins  
Coffee Fellowship ..... n/a  
Reader ..... Sandy Perkins

# *First Presbyterian Church*

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2021

\*Those who are able may stand

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



#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

God hears us when we cry and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion. Fountain of living water,

**pour out your mercy over us.**

Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.

**Rebuild what we have ruined**

and mend what we have torn.

**Wash us in your cleansing flood.**

Make us alive in the Spirit

**to follow in the way of Jesus,**

as healers and restorers of the world you so love.

**Amen.**

Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the winsome and power of God, your sins are forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

**Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN #215 ..... "Wondrous Love"  
(vs. 1 & 3)**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

O God, you have made us your covenant people, marked us as your own, and charged us for lives of service. Forgive us when we live as if success were the worthiest aim or independence the highest virtue. Call us once more to take up our crosses and show us how to follow you. Forgive us, O God, and wash us in your mercy. Forgive us O God, and free us to try again.

**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 #695 ..... *“Change My Heart, O God”*

**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..... Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

SECOND READING..... Romans 4:13-25

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

GOSPEL READING.....Mark 8:31-38

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

**SERMON**

- *Pastor Corey Lange*

**SILENCE FOR REFLECTION**

\*HYMN OF THE DAY #735 ..... *“I Need Thee Every Hour”*  
(vs. 1, 2, & 4)

**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)**

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus: If any wish to be my disciples let them take up the cross and follow me. **Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN #740 ..... *“Lead Me, Guide Me”*

\*DISMISSAL (Responsive)

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

\*POSTLUDE



**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.*

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

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



### **WONDROUS LOVE**

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
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To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
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To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,  
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No tender voice like thine can peace afford.

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Every hour I need thee!  
O bless me now, my Savior – I come to thee!

I need thee every hour; stay thou near by;  
Temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.

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For if you lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.  
I am weak and I need your strength  
and power to help me over my weakest hour.  
Help me through the darkness your face to see.  
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