

## *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 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

#### **Wednesday, March 24**

6:30 pm      Lenten Service @ FPC

7:15 pm      Bells Rehearsal

#### **Thursday, March 25**

1 pm      Book Study

‘Love Is The Way – Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times’

Fireside Room

#### **Next Sunday, March 28, 2021**

10:30 am      Worship

Preaching ..... Pastor Corey Lange  
Usher & Greet ..... Dan & Vicki Svedarsky  
Organist ..... George French  
Music Director ..... Sandy Perkins  
Coffee Fellowship ..... n/a  
Reader ..... Lynne Mullins

# *First Presbyterian Church*

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

March 21, 2021

\*Those who are able may stand

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



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

We worship in the season of Lent,  
a time to examine our hearts and our lives  
**and journey with Christ through the suffering of the world.**  
Let us listen for the commandments of God  
**and align our lives with God’s vision for peace.**  
God has marked us as beloved dust  
**And called us together to worship.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN #216 ..... “Beneath the Cross”**  
(vs. 1 & 2)

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

**Through the season of Lent, O God, we have prayed for clean hearts and right spirits. Forgive us, O Lord, if we have prayed with our words but failed to pray with our actions. Forgive us of what we have done that has contributed to the suffering of another, and forgive us of what we have failed to do that could have lightened a neighbor’s burden.**  
**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 #215 ..... "What Wondrous Love Is This"**

**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..... Jeremiah 31:31-34**

**SECOND READING..... Hebrews 5:5-10**

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

**GOSPEL READING..... John 12:20-33**

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

**SERMON - Pastor Greg Isaacson**

**SILENCE FOR REFLECTION**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY ..... "As the Grains of Wheat"**

**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)**

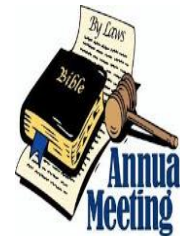
May the steadfast love of God, the abundant grace of Jesus Christ, and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN ..... "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross"**

**\*DISMISSAL (Responsive)**

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

**\*POSTLUDE**



***The Annual Meeting will be today Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, following the Worship Service. Books 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
- Karen Mullins (Lynne's sister-in-law)
- Brent Blake and the Blake families
- JoAnn Westburg



## **BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS**

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,  
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;  
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noon-tide heat,  
and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see  
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;  
And from my stricken heart with tears  
two wonders I confess:  
The wonders of redeeming love  
and my unworthiness.

## **WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS**

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,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;  
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
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## AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

### **Refrain:**

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Were gathered into one, to become our bread;  
So may all your people from all the ends of earth  
Be gathered into one in you.

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May we share the presence of your love.

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## JESUS, KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS

Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,  
free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain.

### **Refrain**

In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,  
Till my raptured soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;  
There the bright and morning star shed its beams around me.

### **Refrain**

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;  
Help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me.

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Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,  
Till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.

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