



**First Presbyterian
Church in Springfield**

Virtual Service for the Lord's Day
<https://www.facebook.com/FlourtownPres/>
March 22, 2020 | 10:00 am
Fourth Sunday in Lent



..... **We Gather**

Prelude: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Dan Espie

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Lord Christ, open our eyes
to see clearly the light of the world.
Holy Spirit, illumine our minds
to perceive God's glory shining among us.
Almighty God, prepare our hearts
to see, to trust, to worship the Messiah.

*Prayer of Approach

*Hymn: Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

<https://hymnary.org/page/fetch/GG2013/91/high>

Prayer of Confession

Wonder-working God we confess:
**Forgive us when preconceived notions
cloud our vision and blind us
to your activity in our lives.**

**We watch for signs of your glory
in the successful and strong,
in pious acts and answered prayers,
in favorable outcomes and dreams fulfilled.**

**You make yourself known in unexpected
ways: in shepherd boys lifted to the throne
and outcasts returned to community;
in death-haunted valleys transformed by
your presence and ordinary pools made
extraordinary by your grace, through
water and mud, and a table prepared with
sacrificial love.**

(Silence for personal confession)

Forgive us, God of Grace:
**We long for a salve that relieves our
stubborn focus on inconsequential
questions, and for water that heals our lack
of vision to revelations of your love.**

**Open our eyes,
illumine our minds,
and prepare our hearts,
to receive your amazing grace.**

Assurance of Pardon

Listen, the time has come at last.
Look, now is the day of salvation!
**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.**

*Gloria Patri: Glory Be to the Father

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.

*Sharing in Peace

Thanks be to God: Christ makes us one.
The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

..... We Listen

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 23

<https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=451645993>

Children's Sermon

Anthem: Steal Away to Heaven

arr. Mark Hayes
Ryan Wilson, bass

Second Scripture Reading: John 4:5-42

<https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=451645993>

Sermon: "Christ, Chance & Community: Our Life with Unpredictable Things"

Rev. Kevin Ireland

..... We Respond

*Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.31

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

*Hymn: Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/GG2013/187>

Prayers of the People

This will be different today. I ask that you leave a request in the comments for a prayer you're comfortable sharing with the general public. If it's private or sensitive, please e-mail me at kireland@flourtownpres.org and I will share it with our elders and deacons to pray for this week.

The Lord's Prayer

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 into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation for Offering

Offertory

For a worship service to be decent and in order, it requires an offering. So we'll stay in order. I say what I'm about and not in spirit different than I would on a Sunday morning, that these are gifts given in humility and joy. But when we cancel service, it doesn't cancel the bills. So if you normally share an offering please consider bringing it the next time you come or checking out our online giving portal: <https://tinyurl.com/FPCSdonate>

*Presentation of Offering: Doxology

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

..... We Follow

*Hymn: In Deepest Night

1. In deepest night, in darkest days, when harps are hung,
no songs we raise, when silence must suffice as praise,
yet sounding in us quietly there is the song of God.
2. When friend was lost, when love deceived, dear Jesus wept,
God was bereaved; so with us in our grief God grieves,
and round about us mournfully there are the tears of God.
3. When through the waters winds our path, around us pain,
around us death, deep calls to deep, a saving breath,
and found beside us faithfully there is the love of God

*Benediction and Log Off



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Welcome to the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield! We are a welcoming congregation that seeks to cultivate and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ in a community of learning, healing and sharing. It is our prayer that this will be a meaningful time of challenge and encouragement. Wherever you may be on your faith journey, there is a place for you to participate here. Childcare is available for children up to three years old in the Nursery.



The virtual flowers this morning are in loving memory of Max Haas and are presented by Susan & Peter Wilson.



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Prayer Chain -

If you have an item to be sent out on the prayer chain, or you would like to be added to the prayer chain, please e-mail cindyg@flourtownpres.org or call 215-233-3223.

FINANCIAL FOCUS (through February 2020)

OPERATING FUND

	FEBRUARY 2020	YEAR TO DATE
INCOME	\$14,432.44	\$34,653.61
EXPENSES	\$20,346.18	\$38,146.50
DIFFERENCE	(\$5,913.74)	(\$3,492.89)

The Finance Committee is looking for volunteers to be counters. A counter takes the Sunday offering and tabulates it, then deposits it at the bank. The activity typically takes between 30 and 60 minutes, and is usually performed immediately after the Sunday worship. Counters work in pairs, and each pair is scheduled for 3 months each year. Please consider volunteering for this worthwhile activity. Contact Richard Miedwig or Bill Wells if you have any questions or would like to volunteer. Thank you.