



2nd Sunday *in* Lent

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Service for the Lord's Day

March 4, 2012

11:00 a.m.

Second Sunday in Lent

*Whether you are visiting just for today or seeking a church home, we are glad you are here!
We invite all worshippers to record your presence with us by signing the blue folders found in the pews.*

Lent is a season of preparation for the celebration of Easter. During these 40 days, you are invited to observe a holy Lent, by self-examination and penitence, by prayer and fasting, by works of love, and by reading and meditating on the Word of God. The liturgical color for Lent is purple, a royal color that signifies penitence and preparation.

A Moment for Silent Prayer

God of all times and places, in Jesus Christ, lifted up on the cross, you opened for us the path to eternal life. Grant that we, being born again of water and the Spirit, may joyfully serve you in newness of life and faithfully walk in your holy ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gathering Around the Word

PRELUDE "Christ lag in Todesbanden" *Geystliche gesank Buchleyn*
harm. J. S. Bach

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

CHORAL INTROIT "The Glory of These Forty Days" *Klug's Geistliche Lieder*
Introit is our invitation to quiet ourselves in preparation for the worship of God

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the presence of God whose amazing love surrounds us,

People: we give thanks for the love and grace of God.

Leader: In the presence of Christ whose teaching, healing, serving,
and dying revealed the amazing grace of God,

People: we give thanks for the love and grace of God.

Leader: In the presence of the Spirit who stirs within us and
among us to make God's love and grace real to us,

People: we give thanks for the love and grace of God.

All: Together let us worship God.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

+HYMN

“Standing on the Promises”
Verses 1, 3, & 5

Insert

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of amazing grace, you offer us love and mercy beyond our imaginations. We cannot love the way you do. Our grace is momentary, when yours is constant. We seek fairness, when you offer boundless love. Our ways are not your ways, O God. We confess our limitations, our imperfect love, our constrained mercy. Forgive us, and help us to reflect, even dimly, the love and mercy and grace you so generously shower upon us. Amen.

(A moment of silent prayer for personal confessions.)

+KYRIE ELEISON

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

+DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

+GLORIA PATRI

**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.**

Proclaiming the Word

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Punky Penberthy

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE PSALM READING

Psalm 22:22-27

Leader: I will declare your name to the community;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you!

**People: Praise the LORD, you that are God-fearing; stand in awe of the LORD,
O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.**

Leader: For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the
LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

**People: My praise is of God in the great assembly; I will perform
my vows in the presence of those who worship the LORD.**

Leader: The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the
LORD shall give praise: "May your heart live forever!"

**All: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to God,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before the LORD.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

CHORAL MEDITATION “Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said” Spiritual

GOSPEL READING Mark 8:31-38
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON “Following the Son of Man” Rev. Clint Schofield

Responding to the Word

+HYMN “He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought” Insert

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

OFFERTORY “In Love Christ Came Among Us” Joseph M. Martin

+DOXOLOGY ***Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

+PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Sealing of the Word

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is truly right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*(It is our custom to hold the elements until all have been served, and then to eat and drink
together. The trays contain both juice and wine. The outer ring is juice.)*

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Jesus Paid It All"

John T. Grape

"Are You Washed in the Blood?"

Elisha A. Hoffman

COMMUNION PRAYER

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

+HYMN

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

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+CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

***Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our Creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every breath I take, let this be my solemn vow.
To take each moment, and live each moment, in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me***

+POSTLUDE

"Gelobt sei Gott"

Melchior Vulpus

+Please stand, if you are able

*Grant, O Lord,
that what has been said with our lips we may believe in our hearts,
and that what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday, March 11, 2012

FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17
PSALM: Psalm 19
EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
GOSPEL: John 2:13-22

News of the Church

PRAYER CONCERNS

NEW CONCERNS

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Linda Bracken and family; Bill Rea; Mary Bergman; The Mullens family; Jo Rinewalt; Stefanie Rountree; Dorothy Zimmerman; Lucy & Tom Gary; Rebecca Hardee; Erica Burks; Randy Sanders

OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Margaret Carpenter; Winnie Bell Moore; Jennie Gilliam

LOVED ONES IN UNIFORM

A1C Addison Pierce; Sgt. Cody Baggett; Blas Devora; Spc. Austin Gardner; PFC Kollin Mullins; Will Murdoch; Brian Bell; Maj. Tase Bailey; Cameron Rankin; Capt. Janet Ramsey; LCpl Paul Fowler; Josh Dahlam

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A MEMBER? New members are received in one of three ways: *Profession of Faith*; *Reaffirmation of Faith*; or *Letter of Transfer*. If you are interested in making First Presbyterian Church your church home, please see the pastor at the end of the service.

WORSHIP HELPS Large Print Bulletins, "These Days" devotionals and **Worship Kits for Young Christians** are available on the table in the narthex.

MONTHLY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION At 11:45 on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, birthdays and anniversaries (for that month) will be celebrated with a luncheon at Johnny's Place. Lunch is "Dutch treat" and all are welcome to attend.

SIGN IN Please be sure to sign the booklets on each pew. We want to know what members were here as well as visitors. If you wish the Pastor to visit, please mark that box.

ARE YOU LIVING PART-TIME IN BOSQUE COUNTY? If so, you can become an affiliate member of this church while retaining full membership in your home church. Please see the pastor if this is of interest to you.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to Chanda Robertson, March 8; Debra Embry, March 8; Margaret Carpenter, March 8.

NEXT SUNDAY March 11th, Second Sunday Baked Potato Lunch after church. Free will donations accepted. RSVP through the office.

FOOD BANK INFORMATION

This Thursday is FPC work day at the Clifton Food Bank. Punky Penberthy, Lori Symank and Joy Williamson have signed up to work. Because FPC's work day at the Food Bank usually falls before the second Sunday the contribution box will be in the Narthex on the **first Sunday**.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Linda Bracken to the glory of God and in thanks for all the love and support that has been shown their family at their time of loss.

MANY THANKS for all the phone calls, cards and hugs to help me through this past week. You are my family, too, and I love all of you very much. Mary R. Bergman

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins next weekend. Remember to set your clocks forward Saturday evening.

KOINONIA will meet this Tuesday evening at 6:00. Please bring your favorite salad! We will continue our study of Max Lucado's book, *The Applause of Heaven*. All are welcome!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE will meet 12:00 pm Monday.

THERE WILL BE A CONCERT given by the Singing Men of North Central Texas on Thursday, March 8, at 7 p.m. The concert will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church. This group is composed of music ministers and other talented musicians. A free-will offering will be taken. If you love men's choral music, you will not want to miss this concert.

SIX OF US LADIES are signed up to go to MO-RANCH PRESBYTERIAN CONFERENCE CENTER for the Women's Conference May 29-31. Hooray! CALL LANELLE TODAY 675-8878 if you can join us! DEADLINE for discounts is Monday, March 5! (Our generous church is assisting with the cost.)

JEAN will be out of the office until Wednesday.

At Your Service at First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Clint Schofield, Pastor
Steve Watson, Pianist
Karen Thomasy, Choir Director
Jean Lewis, Secretary
Marschell Allen, Custodian
Margaret Guzman, Nursery Supervisor

Leading Worship Today

GREETERS
LITURGIST
ELDER OF THE DAY
FLOWERS
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Charlie Blue & Wally Penberthy
Martin Grelle
Jenny Walker
Linda Bracken
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This Week in the Life of First Presbyterian Church

MONDAY	12:00 pm	Congregational Care Committee
TUESDAY	1:00 pm	Prayer Group
	6:00 pm	Koinonia
WEDNESDAY	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY	9:00-12:00	Food Bank
NEXT SUNDAY	9:30 am	<i>B.I.G.</i> for Children
	11:00 am	Study of Genesis for Youth & Adults Worship

