

Order of Worship

March 9, 2025

First Sunday in Lent



Prelude

Meditation on "Wondrous Love," Paxton

Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: Jesus began his ministry to the world, led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

All: As we begin our Lenten journey, let us be led by the Spirit, even into the uncomfortable places.

One: In those forty days, and in that place, Jesus was faced with hunger, doubt, and temptation.

All: As we seek to follow Jesus, we would be led, even into the uncomfortable choices.

One: Jesus left the wilderness, faithful and obedient to God, rejoicing in the One in whom he trusted.

All: As we continue on our path to faithfulness, we will be led by our Christ, rejoicing in the Lord our God.

Hymn No. 450

Be Thou My Vision

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

We meet you here, God of faithfulness, our lives full of foolish ways. We treat the strangers who walk among us with fear and doubt. We afflict our anger on those who care about us the most. We impose hard words on those who need to hear hope and grace in their lives.

So now we bring our hearts to you, Generous God, setting them down before you in hopes that you will mend them. As you hear our faltering words, we pray you would answer us with your forgiving love. And as you forgive us, may we go forth to be generous with our lives towards others, as Christ has been so generous to us.

Moment for Silent Confession

Kyrie No. 423, verse 1

Create in me a clean heart O God, Create in me a clean heart O God, Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Gloria No. 423, verse 3

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, Restore to me the joy of your salvation, Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Romans 10:8-13

Anthem

God Is My Shepherd, Pryor (11:00 a.m.)

Word to Grow By

(11:00 a.m.)

Second Reading

Luke 4:1-13

Sermon

Learning the Hard Way, Rev. Dr. Kathy Wolf Reed

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

The Apostles' Creed, Hymnal p. 35

Offertory

Song of Devotion, Denton (11:00 a.m.)

Doxology No. 606

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.

Communion

The Penitent Heart, Higgins

Hymn No. 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Benediction

Postlude

Sarabande in F, Troutman

Liturgist: Karen Delano

Bulletin Art: Lisle Gwynn Garrity -

In this image, I wanted to convey an abstract figure tugged by the tension of light and dark. The figure simultaneously emerges from the darkness of death and also appears to be sailing into light. God's presence is no longer physically embodied, but released, unbound. God unbound means even the faces of strangers hold the image of the divine.

Welcome to worship at First Presbyterian Church, Auburn

New to the Presbyterian Church USA? We would love to share with you more about our Reformed tradition of theology and worship.

New to Auburn, or simply new to this congregation? We'd love to share with you more about the rich history of this church and its valuable contributions to the Auburn community.

Searching for a church home? We would love to join you in that search and help discern whether First Presbyterian may be where God is calling you to be nurtured, inspired, and empowered.

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Revs. Nick and Kathy Reed, Co-Pastors