



The Church of the Open Hands

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March 1, 2020
1st Sunday in Lent,
The Sacrament of Holy Communion &
Imposition of the Ashes

Prayer of Preparation

Psalm 51:12

True repentance — what a grace! We need to access it more often, I suspect. And when we do, it is only then that can we know the deepest and best joy of all: The joy of our salvation!

We Enter into God's Presence

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

Welcome & Congregational Life

Invitation to the Holy Spirit 695

Change My Heart, O God

Extinguish a candle acknowledging the darkness and pain in the world. Each Sunday another candle will be extinguished, until the final candle goes out on Palm/Passion Day.

Prelude

Deep Within

David Haas

*Call to Worship (responsively)

Psalm 51:10

Create in me a clean heart, open and receptive, so that I may embrace the many ways you choose to visit my life.

Refrain: Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

Create in me a clean heart, bathed from harsh thoughts, shame and perfectionist tendencies, warmly welcoming others with the embrace of non-judgment.

Refrain: Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

Create in me a clean heart, cleansed of anxiety and lack of trust, restoring in me an enduring faith in your abiding presence and unconditional love.

Refrain: Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you. You are the Potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me; this is what I pray. Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

Imposition of the Ashes

You are invited to come forward and receive the mark of these ashes one of two ways: come and rub ashes on the banner or, if you prefer, have the pastor impose the ashes on your forehead.

A Time of Silent, Personal Prayer for Peace

*Song of Assurance 698

Take, O Take Me as I Am

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

We Hear God's Word

Mindfulness Prayer

Anthem

Be Thou My Vision

Irish folksong, arr. Parker

Not for Children Only

Prayer cards collected

*Passing of the Peace of Christ

Turn to your neighbor and pass the Peace of Christ

Hebrew Scripture

Joel 2:12-13

Good News Translation

A Call to Repentance

¹²“But even now,” says the LORD, “repent sincerely and return to me with fasting and weeping and mourning. ¹³Let your broken heart show your sorrow; tearing your clothes is not enough.” Come back to the LORD your God. He is kind and full of mercy; he is patient and keeps his promise; he is always ready to forgive and not punish.

Reflection

Coming Clean to God

Pastor Eddie

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostle's Creed

Glory to God p.17

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Song of Invitation 469

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

**Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.**

Joys & Hopes of the People of God

Offertory & Signing
of the Friendship Pad

Mercy

Georg Philipp Telemann

*Doxology

All That We Have

Jerry Custer

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Too often, we give into the temptation to keep everything for ourselves. But you would have us notice those who hunger for hope, as well as bread; those who are caught in the injustices of the world; those who struggle to find themselves. And in noticing, we become generous and loving, even as we have been graced by our Brother and Savior, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Gluten-free bread is available in the plastic bags

Song of Invitation 701

Sanctuary (2 times)

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

Invitation to the Lord's Table

* The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great is the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Sharing of the Gifts of Bread and Cup

Communion Music

We Follow God's Word into the World

*Hymn 836

Abide with Me

*Benediction

Postlude

Chorale Prelude: Abridge

C. S. Lang

Today's flowers are provided by: [Names provided in print edition.].

We hold in our prayers: [Names provided in print edition.].

We also remember members who are homebound, in nursing homes, and assisted living:
[Names provided in print edition.].

And those serving in the military or as first responders: Sgt. 1st Class David Beaver, Fort Bliss, TX, U.S. Army; Police Officer Chris Clew, City of Lansing, MI; Pvt. Tim Rogers, Fort Benning, GA; and Cpl. Milo Perez, Fort Lejeune, NC, and LCpl. Nicole Perez, Camp Pendleton, CA, U.S. Marine Corps.

Assisting in Worship

	March 1	March 8
Liturgist	Leslie Moyna	Richard Spurgeon
Ushers	Alvine Cooper Tom Neal Cathy Neal	Dale Countegan Phil Cramer Mimi Cramer
Greeters	Bill Soens & Andasia Latimer	Dave & Emily Schwartz
Welcome Center		Carolee Caylor
Sunday Sextons	Alvine Cooper Cressman Family	Jeff Ely Dale Countegan
Hospitality Time Hosts	Last names A - D	Last names E - K
Communion Bread Baker	Sharon Cressman	
Communion Servers:	Eddie Matteson , Dot Basmaji, Lois Caito, Nancy Cook, Deborah Draper, Pam Jusino, Karen Linnell, Karen McCullough and Bill Vincent	

Daylight Saving Time Reminder: Don't forget to spring ahead next weekend by setting your clock AHEAD one-hour next Saturday evening otherwise you'll be late for Sunday worship on March 8.

Poverty Simulation – Walking in Their Shoes: Next Sunday afternoon the staff at COTS (Coalition on Temporary Shelters/Creating Opportunities to Succeed) will come to our church to lead us in an exercise to better understand the plight of those who live in poverty. This 2-1/2-hour Poverty Simulation will reveal how many families and individuals struggle to gain self-sufficiency. Participants assume the roles of different families facing poverty. Each "family" must provide for basic necessities and shelter while interacting with volunteers playing the roles of bill collectors, school administrators, social services personnel and more. We need a minimum number of people for this event and hope not to cancel this opportunity. When you leave the sanctuary today, please let a member of the Mission Committee know you would like to join us on Sunday, March 8 at 2:00 p.m. We will take a free will offering to offset some of the expense.

Lenten Study: He Chose the Nails, by Max Lucado. In "He Chose the Nails," a five-session video Bible study, Max Lucado continues examining the gifts that Christ gave at his crucifixion. Every gift from God reveals God's love, but no gift reveals God's love more than the gift of the cross. These gifts came not wrapped in paper but in passion. They were not placed around a tree but around a cross. The cross is rich with God's gifts of grace, and as we unwrap them, we will hear him whisper, "I did it just for you." Join Pastor Eddie Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. from March 3 - 31. Books are available in the church office at a cost of \$10 each. Write Lenten Study Book on your check memo line please.

Annual PW Women's Retreat: "Deeper into the Heart of God" features Sharon Garlough Brown, author of "Sensible Shoes, A Story about the Spiritual Journey," as our Keynote Speaker! Presbyterian Women of Detroit invites you to a day of fun and fellowship on Saturday, March 14, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. hosted here at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington. There is a \$30 registration fee, which includes a hot, catered lunch. Contact Nancy Cook, Sally Kirsten or Sue Carlson or pick up a brochure from the PW bulletin board or the welcome table. All women are welcome!

Presenting "Overtures to Spring:" Under the direction of Norman A. Logan, Orchard Lake Philharmonic will offer two performances on Friday, March 6 – at 3:00 and 7:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington. OLP opens the concert with von Suppe's *Light Cavalry Overture*, the *Concertino for Trumpet* by Hummel with Erik Nieman performing the solo, Beethoven's *Fur Elise for Orchestra*, and ending with Howard Hanson's *Symphony #2, "Romantic."* Definitely an enjoyable concert of music. Tickets are \$5 for the afternoon and by donation for the evening concert. For more info visit: www://orchardlakephil.org.

Parliamentary Training March 7: Going to a Meeting? Want to know what a "quorum" is? Training will be held on tips to make meetings more effective and stay on track. This training will be provided by the Rev. Dr. Edward Koster, J.D., who is the Detroit Presbytery Stated Clerk, and be geared toward Session members and other committee members as well as any congregation members currently in or interested in a church leadership position. A brief overview of what will be covered is below: Theological foundation; Book of Order references; Meetings: Calls, Quorums; Making motions; Voting; Robert's Rules for small meetings for sessions and committees; and Minutes. Join us on Saturday, March 7, from 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon in Room 208/210. A light continental breakfast will precede this free meeting. If interested, please contact Dorothy Tait.

Do you have too much "stuff"? What should you do with all of it? Please join Heidi Roed after worship on March 22 as she discusses how to get more out of life through the act of decluttering and organizing. She will talk about how to tackle paring down while dealing with our emotional attachment as well as how to slow the inbound flow of items. Heidi is the daughter of our own Georgia Roed and is the Business Owner of Life Easier.

Spreading Joy! Thank you for the Joy you gave in December. \$1,289.00 was collected for our Christmas Joy offering.

Plastic Grocery Bags No Longer Needed! Thank you to our plastic grocery bag savers. We no longer have a connection to a person who crochets them into sleeping mats for the homeless. We are looking for anyone with crocheting ability who would like to start a ministry to make these much-appreciated mats. Please see a member of the Mission team for more details.

Memorial Luncheon Volunteers Needed: The Deacons are building a data base of church members and friends who can be called on to set up, clean up or provide a salad or dessert for memorial luncheons. Please let Marcia Van Hamme know if you are interested in being included in that data base.

Enjoy Game Night on March 20: We'll meet at the church for an evening of food, fun and games. Join us on Friday, March 20 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Knox Hall for Game Night. All ages welcome!

Hospitality Time schedule: You are invited to bring ONE food item on ONE Sunday each month. Your Sunday depends on the first letter of your last name. It would be greatly appreciated if you are also able to help with set-up or clean-up. Here's the upcoming schedule:

- Mar. 1: Last names beginning A - D; Deborah Draper, coordinator
- Mar. 8: Last names beginning E-K; Pat & Mark Plamondon, coordinators
- Mar. 15: Last names beginning L-R; seeking a volunteer coordinator
- Mar. 22: Last names beginning S - Z; Sue & Don Schwartz, coordinators
- March 29: 5th Sunday Potluck; Family & Children Ministry Open House

This Week at First Presbyterian

Sunday, March 1 – 1st Sunday in Lent / Imposition of Ashes

- 9:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 10:00 am Worship with Communion
- 11:15 am Hospitality Time

Monday, March 2

- 7:00 pm Soul Stretch Yoga

Tuesday, March 3

- 8:00 am Men's Breakfast, Leo's Coney Island
- 10:00 am Lent Bible Study: He Chose The Nails

Wednesday, March 4

- 9:00 am GLRO Toastmasters
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 5

- 10:00 am ESL & More! Class
- 12 noon Farmington Area Interfaith Assn (offsite)
- 3:00 pm Staff Meeting
- 4:30 pm Worship Arts Team Meeting
- 7:00 pm JOY! Study
- 7:30 pm Orchard Lake Philharmonic Rehearsal

Friday, March 6

- 3:00 pm Orchard Lake Philharmonic Concert
- 7:00 pm Little Flock Bible Study
- 7:30 pm Orchard Lake Philharmonic Concert

Saturday, March 7

8:30 am Parliamentary Procedures Session

Sunday, March 8 – 2nd Sunday in Lent

9:00 am Adult Bible Study

10:00 am Worship

10:15 am Church School

11:15 am Hospitality Time

2:00 pm Poverty Simulation

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