

We welcome you to worship with us this morning! Out of consideration for the people around you, please ensure that your mobile devices are set to silent mode.

Regular Print: Leader

**Bold: Congregation**

*\*Asterisk: Please stand if able*

“So keep us and strengthen us by your grace that no disobedience and no weakness and no failure may stop us from entering into the blessedness which awaits those who are faithful in all the changes and the chances of life down even to the gates of death; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

-William Barclay, Prayers for the Christian Year. *A Guide to Prayer for Ministers and Other Servants*, Reuben P. Job and Norman Shawchuck. (Nashville, The Upper Room, 1983.) p. 241.

✠ WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD ✠

Welcome & Announcements

**Introit (11:00)** *Let My Prayer Arise* Dmitri Bortnyansky (Russia, 1751-1825)  
Let my prayer arise as incense before you: and the lifting of my hands as a morning sacrifice.  
(Psalm 141:2)

**Call to Worship:** (based on Psalm 104)

May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works.

**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;**

I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

**May my meditation be pleasing to God, for I rejoice in the Lord.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord. Let us worship God.

Prayer of Adoration

**\*Opening Hymn:** #215 *What Wondrous Love is This* WONDROUS LOVE

**\*Prayer of Confession:**

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

**\*Silent Prayer of Confession/Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, believe the good news of the gospels.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**\*The Trisagion**

Kevin Dill (2019)

(org.) Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, ho - ly and  
migh - ty, ho - ly and im - mor - tal one, have mer - cy up - on us.

✠ WE LISTEN AS THE SCRIPTURES ARE PROCLAIMED ✠

Prayer for Illumination

**Old Testament Lesson:** Psalm 86:1-12

*Pew Bible p. 669*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Message for Young Disciples

*Vickie Fischer*

**Responsorial Psalm (11:00)** Psalm 25 (selected verses, refrain sung by all)

Choir: Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. (R)

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

Choir: Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love: for they are from everlasting.

Do not remember the sins of my youth: nor my transgressions. (R)

Choir: The sorrows of my heart have increased: bring me out of my troubles.

Look upon my adversity: and forgive all my sin. (R)

**Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 4:1-11

*Pew Bible p.3-4*

**Sermon:** TEMPTATION'S BATTLEFIELD

*Rev. Dr. Daniel Corll*

✠ WE RESPOND IN FAITH AND GRATITUDE ✠

**\*Affirmation of Faith:** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.

Offertory Interlude: *Prelude in D minor* Clara Schumann (Germany, 1819-1896)

\*Hymn: #224 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross ROCKINGHAM

#### Pastoral Prayer and 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.

#### The Sacrament of Communion

✠ WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD ✠

\*Closing Hymn: #166 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days ST FLAVIAN

#### Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Vesper Voluntary #3* Edward Elgar (England, 1857-1934)

During Lent, our postludes will be introspective pieces intended to offer opportunities for reflection.  
We kindly request that you remain quiet so that others may appreciate the music.



## First Presbyterian Church

*First Sunday in Lent*

Sunday, February 18, 2024 • 8:30 & 11:00 AM



Temptation of Christ in the Wilderness (Matthew 4:11) – 1846 engraving

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