

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*

“As human beings, our job in life is to help people realize how rare and valuable each one of us really is, that each of us has something that no one else has—or ever will have—something inside that is unique to all time. It’s our job to encourage each other to discover that uniqueness and to provide ways of developing its expression.”  
–Fred Rogers (March 20, 1928–February 27, 2003) ordained June 9, 1963, by the Presbyterian Church (USA) with a specialized ministry in television ministry to children and families.  
[Mr. Rogers’ Neighborhood has been succeeded by Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood on PBS.]

✚ WE GATHER AROUND GOD’S WORD ✚

Welcome & Announcements

Introit (11:00)      *We Know Not What to Ask*      Kevin Dill (2015)  
text: Fyodor Romanov (1553–1633), Orthodox Patriarch of Moscow

Call to Worship: *(based on Psalm 16)*  
Protect us, O God, for in you we take refuge.  
**We say to the Lord, “You are our Lord; we have no good apart from you.”**  
The Lord is our chosen portion and our cup; you hold our lot.  
**The boundary lines have fallen for us in pleasant places; we have a goodly heritage.**  
Show us the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy. Let us worship God.

Prayer of Adoration

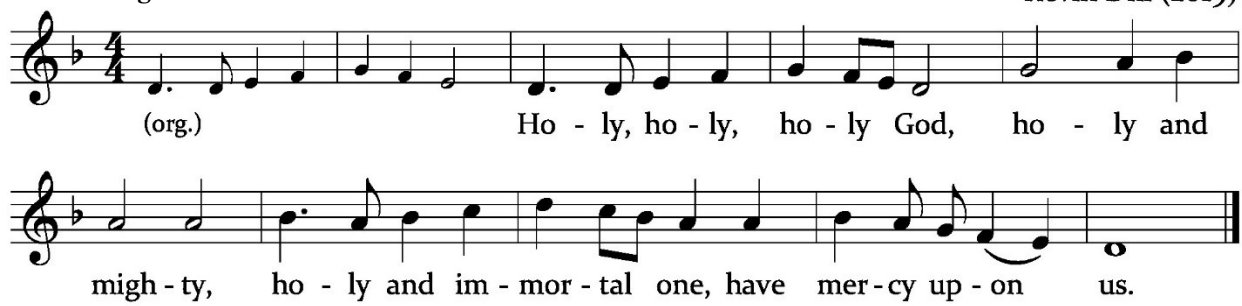
\*Opening Hymn: #450      Be Thou My Vision      SLANE

\*Prayer of Confession:  
“I arise today through God’s strength, might, and wisdom by invocation of the Trinity, through belief in the threeness, confession of the oneness to pray to God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
I summon today all God’s powers against every cruel and merciless power that may oppose my body and soul; incantations of false prophets; false laws of heretics; crafts of idolatry; the devil’s evil craft; ill wishes of malicious and malignant forces; and every knowledge that corrupts one’s body and soul. I pray for God’s host to save me from snares of the devil; temptations of vices; everyone who shall wish me ill; afar and near, alone and in multitude. Christ, shield me today. Be with me in every way, place, and season. Praise to the Lord of my salvation: Eternal Father, Spirit, Word. Christ the Lord is my salvation.” Amen.  
(Adapted from *St. Patrick’s Breastplate*. Celtic Saint, Missionary to Ireland. Died March 17, 461.)

\*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)



✚ WE LISTEN AS THE SCRIPTURES ARE PROCLAIMED ✚

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 130:1–8      *Pew Bible p.705*  
This is the word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Message for Young Disciples      *Vickie Fischer*

Choral Anthem (11:00)      *Beside the Still Waters*      Andrea Ramsey (United States, b.1977)  
text: verses selected from Psalm 23

Gospel Lesson: John 12:20–33      *Pew Bible p.130*

Sermon: SEEING JESUS      *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 B-flat minor, BWV 867*     J.S. Bach (Germany, 1685-1750)

\*Hymn: #702     Christ Be Beside Me     BUNESSAN

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.

✚ WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD ✚

\*Closing Hymn:     Giver of the Perfect Gift     SUMMI LARGITOR PRAEMII

Latin, 11th century  
trans. John Ellerton (1826-1893)     Kevin Dill (2024)



1 Giv - er of the per - fect gift, on - ly hope of hu - man race,  
2 Who can save us, Lord, but thou? Let thy mer - cy show thy power,  
3 O may these our Len - ten days, blest be thee, with thee be passed,  
4 God the ho - ly Trin - i - ty, grant the mer - cy we im - plore,

hear the prayer our hearts up - lift, trem - bling at thy throne of grace.  
See, we plead thy pro - mise now, now, in this the sac - red hour.  
that with pur - er, nob - ler praise we may keep thy feast at last.  
God the One, all praise to thee through the ag - es ev - er - more.

\*Benediction

Postlude:     Communion     William Lloyd Webber (England, 1914-1982)

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



First Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Sunday, March 17, 2024 • 8:30 & 11:00 AM



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