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WE ARE A NURTURING,
VIBRANT CONGREGATION,
REACHING OUT TO
THE COMMUNITY AND
STANDING AS A BEACON
OF CHRIST'S LOVE
AND PROMISE.

...by
grace
you
have
been
saved
...
Ephesians 2:5,
NRSV

March 12, 2023

10:30 a.m.



Third Sunday
IN LENT

Sharing the Life of the Church

WELCOME TO WORSHIP. MAY GOD'S WORD HELP US EACH SEE SOMETHING OR SOMEONE IN A NEW WAY TODAY.

Coffee Hour - Join us at 10 a.m. in the Harris Room for light snacks and fellowship. Today's Coffee Hour is hosted by **Joyce Boso**.

Lenten Book Study - Pastor Annie has begun a Lenten book study based on Philip Yancey's book *What's So Amazing About Grace?* If you'd like to attend, let her know or sign up in the foyer. It will be held each **Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.**

PW Lenten Luncheon - All ladies are invited to attend the annual potluck luncheon on **Tuesday, March 14, at noon** in the Harris Room. Please join us for some good food and fellowship.

Memorial Service - A memorial service for Jody Kanalz will be held in the Sanctuary on **Saturday, March 18 at 2:00 p.m.**, with a reception in the Harris Room to follow.

Congregational Meeting - Our annual meeting is scheduled for next **Sunday, March 19**. We will combine both worship services at **9:30 a.m.** in the Sanctuary, and our meeting will follow at 10:30. Copies of the 2023 Budget are available today in the foyer, and the entire report packet will be available for you to pick up at this Wednesday's Gathering.

Snack Drive - The Mission Committee is collecting snack items for Children's Listening Center, Children's Home Society and Family Crisis Intervention Center. Each organization works with children and families during stressful times, and the snacks are used to make

everyone feel more comfortable. Check the display outside the Sanctuary for a list of requested items.

Community Easter Egg Hunt Rescheduled - The Mission Committee has rescheduled the community egg hunt at Friendship Park due to the Parkersburg Easter Parade. It will now be held **Saturday, April 8, at 1 p.m.** They are asking for donations of plastic eggs, individually-wrapped candy and monetary donations. Donations can be left at the collection point outside the church office.



Church Easter Egg Hunt - Following 10:30 worship on **Easter Sunday, April 9**, there will also be a church egg hunt for *all* of our kids. Children may bring their own baskets, but there will be bags available for them to use in case they forget. The church is providing all eggs and candy.

Easter Flowers - If you would like to dedicate an Easter flower in memory or honor of a friend or loved one, fill out an order form and return it with your payment to the offering plate or the church office no later than **Monday, March 27**. Order forms are available outside the Sanctuary entrance.

Volunteer Recognition - The Session will again recognize a church volunteer for the quarter ending March 31. If you'd like to nominate someone for this honor, fill out a Nomination Form (located in the foyer) and return it to the church office no later than **Sunday, April 2**.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2023

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

Preparation for Worship

One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see. John 9:24

Welcome

Prelude

My Shepherd, You Shall Supply My Need

arr. A. Miller

*Call to Worship

adapted from Psalm 146:5-10

Blessed is the person whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord God.

God made sky and soil, sea and all the fish in it.

The Lord is faithful forever. The Lord defends the wronged.

God gives bread to people who are starving.

The Lord sets the prisoners free.

God opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

***God protects strangers and takes the side of orphans and widows,
but makes short work of the wicked.***

God is in charge: forever and always.

Praise the Lord!

*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

***Almighty God, grant us the clear sight of faith
to see the wonders of your love and power in our lives.***

***As the blind man told others about the miracle
that had been accomplished in his life,
help us to witness boldly to your amazing grace
and share Christ's love with others.***

***As the man who was healed worshiped Jesus,
we too worship Jesus as our Messiah and Lord.***

Hear our prayer and accept our praise in his holy name. Amen.

*Hymn 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

*Those who are able, please stand.

2.

Children's Time

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*Almighty God, although we claim to see and know so much,
all too often we are lost in the blindness of our sins.*

We follow tempting pathways

instead of walking in your commandments.

We act according to our own desires

instead of listening to your guidance.

Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

*Open our eyes so that, by faith, we will see the wonders
of your love and grace.*

SILENCE for personal confession ...

Words of Assurance and Pardon

Listen to the sound of the waters and know that

in baptism you have been marked as a beloved child of God.

Our Lord who opened the eyes of the blind,

came that we might have life.

In the love of Jesus Christ, you are loved forever.

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Response

Hymn 581

Glory Be to the Father

Glory to God

GLORIA PATRI

***Ritual of Friendship**

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Exchange words of peace and greetings with those around you.

Sharing the Life of the Church

Special Music

How Great Thou Art
with How Great Is Our God

Stuart Hine
Tomlin, Reeves, Cash/arr. Page

*Those who are able, please stand.

GROWING

Prayer for Illumination

God of extravagant grace,
 open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit
 that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed
 we may grow in our faith and more closely follow our Lord Jesus. Amen.

Scripture	2 Corinthians 5:6-9	<i>p. 818</i>
	The word of the Lord	
	<i>Thanks be to God!</i>	

Scripture	John 9:1-7, 24-38	<i>p. 758</i>
	The gospel of the Lord	
	<i>Praise be to you, O Christ!</i>	

Sermon	“GRACE FOR THE BLIND”	Rev. Annie McMillan
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Confession of Faith		The Apostles’ Creed
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*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.*

CARING

The Offering	In the Garden	Milers / arr. Mier
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*The Doxology
 Hymn 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Glory to God
 OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

4.

Prayers of the People

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.*

GOING

*Hymn 817	We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight	DUNLAP'S CREEK
*Benediction and Sending Forth		
The Postlude	Balm in Gilead	Trad. Spiritual / arr. Wilson

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Beadles - *Connor Buchanan, Audrey Hickman*
Liturgist - *Kathy Hinkley*
Sermon Character - *Lloyd Cowell*
Sound Technician - *Matt Buchanan*

We continue with our Lenten Worship Series
AMAZING GRACE

Next Sunday, March 19 - The Fourth Sunday in Lent

We will listen to Jesus teach a woman at the well of his amazing grace poured out for us abundantly, which satisfies our thirsting souls for all eternity. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*Those who are able, please stand.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, March 12 **Third Sunday in Lent**

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour - Harris Room
10:15 a.m. - Coffee with the Pastor
- 10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary

Monday, March 13

- 5:00 p.m. Financial Management - C. Alfred's office

Tuesday, March 14

- 12:00 p.m. PW Lenten Luncheon (potluck) - Harris Room
- 6:00 p.m. Session meeting - Room 204

Wednesday, March 15

- 5:30 p.m. The Gathering meal - Harris Room
- 6:30 p.m. Lenten Book Study / Pastor Annie - Room 204B

Thursday, March 16

- 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts pack meeting - Rooms 123/124
- 6:30 p.m. Bell Rehearsal - Bell Room
- 7:15 p.m. Troop 3 Boy Scouts - Scout House

Saturday, March 18

- 8:30 a.m. Saturday Stewards - Harris Room
- 12:00 p.m. HA Meeting - Room 204
- 2:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Jody Kanalz - Sanctuary
Kanalz Reception - Harris Room

Sunday, March 19 **Fourth Sunday in Lent**

- 9:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day (combined services)
Sanctuary / *Cents-Ability Offering*
- 10:30 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary



Prayer List – Please remember the following in your prayers:

Judy Lantrip
Phillip Irvine
John B. White
Wayne Sanders
Fleming Family
Alex Morgado
Judy Stephens
Katy Stephens
Bernice Lemley
Marianne Mason
Doug Anderson

Family of Anthony Holley
Karen Vanoster
Cunningham Family
Melanie Thompson
Becky Holdren & family
Ruth Ann Huddle
Charlotte Johnson
Roy Clark & Family
Megan Dougherty
Homebound Members
Troops – World Peace

Art Bennett
Dan Ellis
Dave Bell
Vince Eades
Jean Singer
Brad Carter
Barb Easter
Mary Slater
Doris Dunn
Mysti Ruble
Bill Niday

