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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 5, 2023

10:30 a.m.



Second Sunday
IN LENT

Sharing the Life of the Church

NO MATTER OUR CIRCUMSTANCES, “[OUR] HELP COMES FROM THE LORD, WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH” (PSALM 121:2, NRSV). WE GATHER TO WORSHIP OUR LOVING CREATOR. WELCOME.

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

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. It will be held each **Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.**

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

Congregational Meeting - Our annual meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, March 19**. On that day we will combine both worship services, meeting at **9:30 a.m.** in the Sanctuary, and our meeting will follow at 10:30. Please mark your calendars now for this change in our regular schedule.

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 - On Saturday, **April 1**, the Mission Committee is hosting a community egg hunt at

Friendship Park, beginning **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.

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**.

Easter Flowers - It's time to order flowers for Easter Sunday worship. If you would like to dedicate a flower in memory or honor of a friend or loved one, fill out the form in today's bulletin and return it with your payment to the offering plate or to the church office no later than **Monday, March 27**.

**Daylight-Saving Time Begins
Next Sunday - March 12th**

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour so you won't be late for church!

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Hymn writer Augustus Toplady, who penned the classic 18th-century hymn “Rock of Ages,” also wrote these words:

*My name from the palms of his hands
Eternity will not erase
Imprest on his heart it remains
In marks of indelible grace.*

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2023

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

Preparation for Worship

It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead,
and is alive; he was lost, and is found. Luke 15:32

Welcome

Prelude

A Song of Quiet Praise

Gregg Sewell

*Call to Worship

from Psalm 6

O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath.

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am languishing;

heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled.

My soul is in deep anguish. How long, Lord, how long?

Turn, O Lord, deliver my life;

save me for the sake of your steadfast love.

I'm tired of all this—so tired. Every night, I drench my bed with tears.

The Lord has heard the sound of my weeping;

my prayers are answered.

*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

*Heavenly Father, you show your grace to us
whenever we are lost in sin.*

Christ, your only Son, came to seek and to save the lost.

So many people are lost, not realizing your love for them.

*Empower us with your Spirit to share with them the good news
that you are eagerly waiting to welcome them home.*

Hear our prayer and accept our praise

in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

*Those who are able, please stand.

Prayer of Confession

*Heavenly Father, we confess that we are not always thankful
for the gifts we have received,
the gifts of family, home, work and friends.
Daily we choose to follow paths that may lead us away from you,
the pathways of our own desires.
We turn away from your will and your Word.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
For all those times we bring a tear to your eye,
bring us back into your forgiving arms
and teach us once again, your way.*

SILENCE for personal confession ...

Words of Assurance and Pardon

The father welcomed his wayward son and celebrated his return, saying,
“My son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.”

Listen to the sound of the waters and know that
in baptism you have been marked as a beloved child of God.

God our heavenly Father has mercy on us,
showering us with grace through Christ.

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

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.

*Those who are able, please stand.

Scripture

Joel 2:12-13
 The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

p. 645

Scripture

Luke 15:11-32
 The gospel of the Lord
Thanks be to you, O Christ!

p. 740

Sermon**“GRACE FOR THE LOST”**

Rev. Annie McMillan

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

*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**

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Gabriel / arr. Mier

*The Doxology
 Hymn 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Glory to God
 OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication**Prayers of the People****The Sacrament of Holy Communion**The InvitationThe Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God...

joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior...

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...

in the unity of the Spirit, we bless you,

God of glory, now and forever. ***Amen.***

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.

Breaking of the Bread and the Communion of the People

Please remain seated as servers pass the elements.

Gluten-free is available.

Prayer after Communion

GOING

*Hymn 417	Lord Jesus, Think on Me	SOUTHWELL
*Benediction and Sending Forth		
The Postlude	On That Morning We Shall Rise	Donald Moore

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Beadles - *Connor Buchanan, Audrey Hickman*
 Liturgist - *Justin Bosley*
 Sermon Character - *David Hickman*
 Sound Technician - *Matt Buchanan*

We continue with our Lenten Worship Series
AMAZING GRACE

Next Sunday, March 12 - The Third Sunday in Lent

We will witness Jesus bringing sight to a man born blind, giving the
 man the added spiritual vision to see the amazing grace of
 God found in Jesus, who heals us all.

We were blind but now we see.

Prayer List – Please remember the following in your prayers:

Judy Lantrip	Karen Vanoster	Art Bennett
Phillip Irvine	Anthony Holley	Dan Ellis
John B. White	Cunningham Family	Dave Bell
Fleming Family	Melanie Thompson	Vince Eades
Alex Morgado	Wayne & Carol Sanders	Jean Singer
Judy Stephens	Becky Holdren & family	Brad Carter
Katy Stephens	Charlotte Johnson	Barb Easter
Bernice Lemley	Roy Clark & Family	Mary Slater
Ruth Ann Huddle	Megan Dougherty	Doris Dunn
Marianne Mason	Homebound Members	Mysti Ruble
Doug Anderson	Troops – World Peace	Bill Niday

*Those who are able, please stand.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, March 5 **Second Sunday in Lent** / *Communion*

- 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 6

- 6:00 p.m. Deacons' meeting - Room 204
- 6:00 p.m. KOM Knitters Guild - Harris Room

Wednesday, March 8

- 5:30 p.m. The Gathering meal - Harris Room
- 6:30 p.m. Lenten Book Study / Pastor Annie - Room 204B
 Seamless Bible study / Amy Rogers - Room 204A

Thursday, March 9

- 3:00 p.m. Bylaws Committee - Room 204
- 7:15 p.m. Troop 3 Boy Scouts - Scout House

Saturday, March 11

- 8:30 a.m. Saturday Stewards - Harris Room
- 12:00 p.m. HA Meeting - Room 204

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