

FEBRUARY 26, 2023



SECOND

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Seeking, Sharing, Serving



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FEBRUARY 26, 2023

10:30 AM

First Sunday in Lent

Welcome to the house of the Lord! May God's grace and peace fill you.

PRELUDE *Au Clair De La Lune; Cascade*

JuBELLation Handbell Choir

STRIKING THE HOUR

Lincoln Nuckols

GREETING

CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Announcements

Prayer Concerns

INTROIT

Seek Ye First

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Do not fail to acknowledge your sins. Harbor no deceit within.

P: **You, O God, see through our disguises. Have mercy upon us and set our hearts upright.**

L: Do not keep silent or waste away with groaning. Direct your heartfelt prayers to the Lord.

P: **You, O God, are a shelter for your people. Preserve us from trouble and cover our sins.**

L: Do not be stubborn or without understanding. Listen and savor the word of the Lord.

P: **You, O God, forgive our transgressions. Teach us your ways and lead us in truth.**

L: Let us worship God!

HYMN

What A Friend We Have in Jesus

CH 564

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living God, we cry to you for mercy and forgiveness, for only you can take away our sin. We confess we have known too much evil and failed to faithfully choose the good. We have turned from your Word, put you to the test, and allowed other gods to exploit us, stealing our time, our resources, our affection, and our attention. Forgive us, O God, for we long to

be restored in our fellowship with you, to have faith enough to rely on you for everything, and to stand in the grace by which you make us righteous through the free gift of your beloved Son Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

L: All of us have a common purpose in Christ, for we are God's servants, working together in worship and mission.

P: Therefore, let us be reconciled to one another in accordance with the atonement of Jesus Christ, by whose sacrifice we have been reconciled to God.

L: Truly, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven; therefore, be at peace with God, with one another, and with yourself.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Thank You, Lord

CH 513

*Thank You, Lord, for saving my soul,
Thank You, Lord, for making me whole;
Thank You, Lord, for giving to me
Thy great salvation so rich and free.*

AFFIRMATION 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.

OFFERING

Offertory

Peal on Lasst Uns Erfreuen

JuBELLation Handbell Choir

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today

February 26

10:30 AM Worship

Chancel Choir Practice immediately following worship

Greeters & Ushers: All are needed

Wednesday

March 1

11 AM Bible study in Sanger Classroom

Thursday

March 2

5:15 PM JuBELLation Handbell Choir practice

Next Sunday

March 5

10:30 AM Worship

Chancel Choir Practice immediately following worship

Greeters & Ushers: All are needed

PRAYERS

Prayer Concerns

Linda Licklitter

Roger Harris

Nita Wimer

Anita Haessly

Kay Moyer

Talitha Hippeard

Tim Clemmer

Shut-Ins

Charlotte Dale – Brightview Senior Living

Tim Clemmer – The Legacy

Jean Flower – The Legacy

Birthdays

26 Andy Easley

28 Avonlea Nuckols

3/4 Chandler Snyder

Anniversaries

None

Serving Our Country

Scott Dice – Son of Melissa and Harry Dice

Nick Dubyk – Grandson of Betty and Willis Clemmer

Matthew Witcofsky – Son of Janet and Joe Witcofsky

QUICK REMINDER

Please call the Church Office (885-8159) if you or someone in your family goes into the hospital. This is the only sure way that we will know of your situation, so visits and other support can be given.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Articles for the March newsletter are needed.

GREETERS & USHERS

Sign-up sheet for greeters and ushers for the month of **March** is on the table in back of the sanctuary. Thanks you for your help.

THANK YOU

I just want to let you all know how grateful I am for the Valentine's Day cards. Your expressions of love and care truly brighten my days. I am so blessed to be part of such a thoughtful and caring church body. I pray the Lord will bless each of you richly as you continue to serve Him.

Romans 1: 8 "I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all."

Blessings in Christ

Flower

Jean

THE SESSION

Class of 2023

Frank Brown
Mary Rainey
Debbie Sedr
Jerry Siford

Class of 2024

Amanda Harris
Jim McKenna
Rick Myrah
Sherrill Robinson

Class of 2025

Sue Gochenour
Pickle Nuckols
Pam Snyder
Paul Wolfe

Evan R. Smith, Moderator

Nancy Swisher, Clerk

TRUSTEES

Class of 2023

Betty Clemmer

Class of 2024

Caroline Woebke

Class of 2025

Jim Sargent

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Moderator.....Mary Rainey
Vice-Moderator.....Pat Blackley
Secretary.....Talitha Hippeard
Treasurer.....Sue Gochenour

SESSION COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Christian Education/Worship.....Mary Rainey & Jim McKenna
Membership & Outreach..... Debbie Sedr & Sherrill Robinson
Mission & Community Service.....Frank Brown & Amanda Harris
Stewardship and Finance.....Pam Snyder
Property.....Paul Wolfe & Rick Myrah
Personnel.....Pam Snyder

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor.....The Rev. Dr. Evan R. Smith
Secretary.....Kay Waitier
Music Director.....Pam Snyder
Organist.....Pam Snyder