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Welcome and Announcements

Jason Arnold, Lay Reader

Minute for Mission

Lisa Bengtson, Community Care Clinic

Prelude

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Frederick Maker

Pouring the Waters of Baptism: a reminder that we are baptized children of God.

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 91)

Jason Arnold

L: We who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shelter of the Almighty,

**ALL: We will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust.”**

L: Those who love God will be delivered;
The Lord will protect those who know God’s name.

**ALL: When we call out to God, he will answer us;
God is with us in times of trouble.
Come, let us worship the Lord!**

*Hymn

“We Praise You, O God”

#612

Confession of Sin

Jason Arnold

L: When we pass through deep waters or go through times of fiery trial, the Lord our God is with us. With confidence in God, our creator and redeemer, let us confess our sin, praying first silently and then together.
(Silence)

ALL: Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy for those times when we have not loved you with a pure heart or loved our neighbors as ourselves, for those times when we have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin and restore to us the joy of your salvation. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

L: “Do not fear,” says the Lord, “for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine.” God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri

#581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal word that does not change, that we may respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 91

Jason Arnold

Special Music (FPC Choir):

“Search Me, O God”

#426

Scripture Reading:

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Pastor Betsy

Sermon

“Faithfulness and the Fear of God”

Pastor Betsy

Moment for Meditation

*Affirmation of Faith

Psalm 33:13, 18-22

The Lord looks down from heaven and sees all humankind. Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, to deliver their souls from death and to keep them alive in famine. Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield. Our heart is glad in him because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you. Amen.

*Hymn “Great God of Every Blessing” #694

Offertory “On Eagles Wings (Psalm 91)” #43

March/April Dollars for Mission will support the Community Care Clinic.

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication Pastor Betsy

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People 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.

*Hymn “Go With Us, Lord” (sing twice) #748

*Charge and Benediction Pastor Betsy

*Postlude Frank Armato, Church Musician

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Lael Wilson or Dixie Ramsdell, “the waters;” Jerry Blaydes, sound system;
Andrew Pickel, candle lighting.

The congregation is invited to read the print in **BOLD**.

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First Presbyterian Church

growing in Faith, serving with Hope, sharing God’s Love

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Third Sunday of Lent

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