

## Announcements

**Potluck Take-Over** - Thank you so much to everyone that stayed to support the youth with their Potluck Take-Over last week. They raised \$997 to help buy supplies for the monthly food bags that we hand out to those in need.

**Lent Devotionals** - If you would like a Lent Devotional, you can pick up a copy in the Narthex (entryway).

**Painting Bowls** - Our youth and children will be painting bowls at 4:00 p.m. on March 22 at Pottery 2 Paint. These bowls will be donated to Feeding South Dakota's Empty Bowls event. Parents are welcome to stay, or return to Pottery 2 Paint to pick up your students between 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Youth kids will be transported back to the church for youth group and can be picked up at 7:00 p.m. If you or your child is planning to paint bowls, please RSVP to Martha at [martha@fpcrc.org](mailto:martha@fpcrc.org).

## This Week at First Presbyterian Church

Today:	Wired Word	9:00 a.m.
	Worship	10:00 a.m.
	Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
	PNC	11:30 a.m.
	Youth Group	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Monday:	Sew & Sews	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday:	Women's Bible Study	9:15 a.m.
	Sanctuary Bells	5:45 p.m.
	Praise Team	6:00 p.m.
	Chancel Choir	7:00 p.m.
Thursday:	Trustees	6:00 p.m.
Friday:	Church Office Closed	
	Women's Bible Study @ Westhills	4:00 p.m.
Saturday:	Men's Fellowship	7:00 a.m.
Sunday:	Wired Word	9:00 a.m.
	Worship	10:00 a.m.
	Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
	Outreach	11:30 a.m.
	Youth Group	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.



*Seeking Christ and serving others until all things are made new.*

March 8, 2020  
Second Sunday in Lent

# Celebration of Worship

### Serving This Week

Lector - Chris Dancy  
Godly Play - Amy Berke & Abby Young  
AV - TBD  
Coffee Servers - Sandy Featherstone & Helene Siekman  
Bus Driver - Rex Field

### Serving Next Week

Lector - Shari West-Twitero  
Godly Play - Ethan Young & John Huisman  
AV - TBD  
Coffee Servers - TBD  
Bus Driver - Rex Field

### Prayer Requests

Audrey Hamm  
Al Johnson  
Dianne Rodrigue  
Peter Bissonette

### First Presbyterian Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Diane Janssen Hemmen	Head of Staff
Paula Zavitz	Pastoral Associate
Dr. Melissa Bumbach	Director of Music Ministry
Shelly Tupper	Office Coordinator/Accompanist
Martha Robinson	Director of Youth Ministry

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Welcome, Announcements,  
and Connection Cards (Seated)

Paula Zavitz

Prelude (Seated)

*Drs. Matthew & Melissa Bumbach*

Call to Worship (Standing)

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?  
People: **My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.**  
Leader: He will not let your foot be moved and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.  
People: **Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep;**  
Leader: The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.  
People: **So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**  
Leader: The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe.  
People: **The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.**

Hymn #209 (Standing)

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

*Stanza 2 only*



**Prayer of Confession** (Seated) Chris Dancy  
People: Almighty God, even as we know our help comes from you, we have to admit that too often we look for help in many other places. Too often our prayers come as a last resort, instead of being the first place we look for guidance. Too often we look for love in all the wrong places, failing to realize that you are the one whose help can guide us through the trials and temptations of our lives. Forgive us, O God, and in this season of Lent may your Spirit guide us into a greater faith. For this we pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon** (Seated)  
Leader: Hear the good news:  
God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.  
People: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace!  
People: Thanks be to God.

**Passing of the Peace** (Standing)  
Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.  
Leader: As God has greeted us with his peace, so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.  
*The congregation offers one another signs of welcome, peace and reconciliation.*

**Children’s Message** (Seated)

**The First Lesson** (Seated)  
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17  
Leader: The word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God!

**Hymn #488** (Standing)  
“I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”

**The Second Lesson** (Seated) Rev. Dr. John Pehrson  
John 3:1-17  
Leader: The word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God!

**The Message** (Seated)  
“Constant Rebirth”

**Affirmation of Faith** (Standing)  
All: We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”  
*From the Brief Statement of Faith*

**Minute for Mission** (Seated) Jason Wiedrich

**Concerns and Celebrations** (Seated)

**Prayers of the People** (Seated, ending with *The Lord’s Prayer* in unison)  
All: 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.

**Gathering of Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards** (Seated)

**Offertory** (Seated)  
“God So Loved the World” John Stainer  
*Chancel Choir*

**Doxology #606** (Standing)  
“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Prayer of Dedication** (Standing)

**Contemporary Song** (Standing)  
“Be Still and Know” Steven Curtis Chapman  
*Martha Robinson, cello*  
*Sheet music for this hymn can be found in the Narthex (entryway).*  
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**Charge and Benediction** (Standing)

**Postlude**  
*Drs. Matthew & Melissa Bumbach*

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