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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PENDLETON, OREGON –MARCH 30TH, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



PASTOR: REV. JONATHAN MITCHELL

MUSIC LEADERS: CARLY ELDER, STEVE MULLER

LITURGIST: VALERIE CONNER

- **BOLD** words are spoken together
- The nursery is open for children aged 0-5
- There are children's worship activity booklets available to keep!
- Barbara Wright provided beautiful flowers to honor Joe Dunagan's birthday on the 31st.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

BOB BLANC

GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN #401

Gather Us In

CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM PSALM 32

Happy are those who are honest with God.

Happy are those whose faults are forgiven.

Therefore, let all who are faithful offer prayer to the Lord in times of distress.

For God is our refuge and protects us in times of trouble.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice!

Let us shout for joy! Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF CONFSSION

FROM 2 CORINTHIANS 5, LUKE 15

Gracious God, welcome us home when we wander afar.

Welcome us home when we follow our own desires rather than live in your love.

Welcome us home when we have squandered the gifts you gave to us.

Restore us with your compassion and love.

Transform us with your miraculous grace, that we might become the new creations you envision us to be.

Strengthen us with the power of your Holy Spirit, that we might offer others the same welcome, grace, and love that you have offered us.

(time for silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

FROM 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

...Join me in these words of forgiveness:

By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI

***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.***

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

FROM 2 CORINTHIANS 5, LUKE 15

...May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

Greet one another with the peace of Christ

(Kids excused to Sunday School)

*HYMN #32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

NT P. 170 2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-21

GOSPEL LESSON

NT P. 73

LUKE 15:1-3, 11B-32

SERMON

Reconciliation

HYMN #649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY GTG #607

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN 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 #547 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

*BENEDICTION POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please sign and pass the fellowship pads at the end of the pews. It is a great way to determine who sits in the pew next to you. Please join us for coffee hour following worship in the Rogers Room.
- The last Bible study for The 40 Days with Matthew, volume 2 discussion is April 6th at 4PM.
- If you would like to bring flowers to the Worship service on Easter morning, we would ask you to bring either potted azaleas or tulips. I love lilies but they are too fragrant for a lot of worshippers in a smaller space as our sanctuary. Thank you very much and if you have any questions, please call Jean Wise at 541-969-0625.
- Paula Turner's celebration of life will be held at the FPCP church at 11 AM on Sat. April 5th.
- Millie Grilley's service will be held at the FPCP church on Sat. April 12th at 11 AM.
- Lenten Service: First Christian Church will hold a soup and service on April 2nd. The soup will be served at 6 PM, and Rev. Travis Larsen will preach at 7 PM.
- The ecumenical youth group will join us at First Presbyterian for the Lenten soup and service on April 9th. Soup is at 6 PM and service at 7 PM. More information is at the back of the bulletin.
- On Palm Sunday, the Worship Commission has asked children and youth to participate by processing with palms up to the front of the church during the Opening Hymn. The young people will walk with the Choir to the Chancel and lay the palms down there. If you want your child to participate, you can email michele_oregon@outlook.com or simply show up a few minutes before 10 AM worship on April 13th.
- The PC(USA) One Great Hour of Sharing Offering began last week. OGHS benefits the Presbyterian Hunger Program, the Self-Development of People, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. The offering will be taken through Palm Sunday. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot. See the insert in your bulletin for more information.



Please join us for our shared weekly Lenten evening soup suppers followed by our services. The season of Lent is a time of solemnity, self-sacrifice, and prayer. Come encounter God in faith, fellowship, and worship. All offerings taken during these services will go to Helping Hand and its efforts to help those in our community. This year's theme for Lent is: **Blessings and Woes**

3/5/2025	Ash Wednesday 7 pm Service Rev. Charlotte Wells	First Christian Church 215 N Main St.
3/12/2025	Soup and Service 6pm then 7pm Rev. Ann Marie Hardin	First Presbyterian Church 201 SW Dorion Ave.
3/19/2025	Soup and Service 6pm then 7pm Rev. Jonathan Mitchell	Peace Lutheran Church 210 NW 9 th St.
3/26/2025	Soup and Service 6pm then 7pm Rev. Karyn Dyx	Episcopal Church of the Redeemer 241 SE 2 nd Ave.
4/2/2025	Soup and Service 6pm then 7pm Rev. Travis Larsen	First Christian Church 215 N Main St.
4/9/2025	Soup and Service 6pm then 7pm Pastor Patty Nance	First Presbyterian Church 201 SW Dorion St.