

WELCOME

Whether you are with us in person or online, it is our pleasure having you share worship with us. If you have any questions about this church and/or Presbyterians, the minister or liturgist will be happy to meet with you immediately following worship.

Minister: Rev. Ken Ehrke **Secretary:** Leslie Roden **Organist:** Barbara Compher
Church Secretary Office Hours: Tues & Thurs, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Pastor is off Friday and Saturday

WORSHIP NOTES

*Denotes people should stand if able

P=hymns in the purple Glory to God hymnbook W=hymns in the white Lift Up Your Heart hymnbook

Pastor Ken will be out of town March 9-11. He will be back in the office on March 12.

Presbyterian Women – 1st Tuesday, March 5, 1:30pm.

Lenten Supper Wednesday, March 6, 6:00-7:00pm. The dinner will be potluck. So, bring your favorite entrée, side dish or dessert to share.

Assisting in Worship today is **Sandra Turner**, Liturgist.

Thank you to **Howard & Olivia Barlow** for providing today's refreshments.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Steve & Louise Wilson, Leslie Roden, Pat Lates, Elle Butler

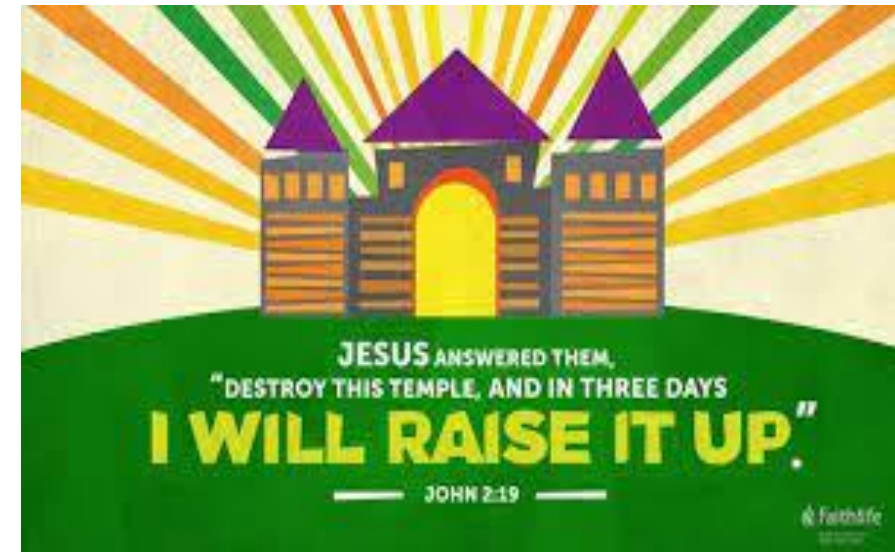
MARCH BIRTHDAYS: Hannah Moore 4, Barbara Compher 10 Bob Leeming 27

ITEMS FOR PRESBYTERIAN NIGHT SHELTER: hygiene items of your choice

Mission Statement of St. Paul Presbyterian Church

As joyful believers in Jesus Christ, we are called to worship God, educate disciples, remain steadfast in our faith, and do Christ's work through ministry, missions and fellowship. We are led by the Holy Spirit to be a nurturing congregation that maintains a connection with the larger church as well as local community, being open to the needs and concerns of others.

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JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

Lent is a journey, the end of which is the death and resurrection of Christ. It is a season in which we are invited to reflect on the immensity of God's love made known in Jesus and his victory over sin, evil, and death. In Lent we are invited to recall what it means to be disciples, followers of Jesus, each and every day. – (from "Meeting Jesus at the Table", by Cynthia M. Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr)

Wake us up, gracious Lord, by the message of your coming, and help us, in our hearts and our lives, to be ready as we embark on the Journey through Lent. This year we will have a congregational participation with unison prayers inserted in the bulletin. As we enter into this season of Lent, let us refer to this passage in Mark 1:1-3; ¹This is where the good news starts – the good news of Jesus the Messiah, God's son. ²Isaiah the prophet put it like this ('Look! I am sending my messenger ahead of me; he will clear the way for you!'): ³'A shout goes up in the desert: Make way for the Lord! Clear a straight path for him!'

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Barbara Compher

Rev. Ken Ehrke

GRACE

CALL TO WORSHIP (those who are able, please stand)

Liturgist

Leader: Into the house of God we are called to enter,

People: to worship and receive the gift of grace.

Leader: As we step towards this sacred space,

People: we acknowledge all that can distract or exploit.

Leader: God calls upon us to cleanse our houses of all that does not find its source in God's love.

People: Together we give ourselves in worship and right relations with our neighbor.

Let us worship God.

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Liturgist

O God of temples and tables turned over, we enter this sacred space of worship seeking your transformation and healing. Make us ready for the kind of turned upside down world you are seeking to build among us. We have come to this place of worship to be changed, so turn over our tables and make us whole. In the name of Jesus our savior. Amen.

JOURNEY THROUGH LENT (*John 2:15-22*)

Leader: Today, we can combat that which is evil by joining organizations that fight against evil, or through prayer, and taking action when we see someone being taken advantage of. As we journey through this season of Lent, let us join in prayer together.

People: Holy God, in Jesus Christ you have built for us an eternal house, a temple of righteousness, a place of gracious plenty for the hungry and abundant life for the poor in spirit. Fill us with zeal for the body of Christ. Overturn the tables of corruption and greed and upset the imbalance of injustice, so that we may worship you in spirit and truth; through Jesus Christ, who is risen indeed. Amen.

***HYMN #614 P**

Great Are You, Lord

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION

Liturgist

Holy God, there are times when we choose to bring our folly and the many reckless ways of exploiting the poor into your house. Sometimes without our even knowing it. And so, when our houses of worship need change or when we have wandered from your ways, help us to turn towards you. Not because of what we can gain from you, but

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Ehrke

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: and also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right and meet, beautiful and holy that we should, in ceaseless joy, give our thanks and praise to you, Holy and merciful God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. And so, in grateful procession of endless praise, with the church that is, was, and shall be forever, we glorify you, joining this unending song:

People: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Dear God, you transform. You transform all that is before you, so that, at the touch of your grace, we are never the same. You illumine. You bring light to all peoples -- light to the nations, light into our hearts, light on your Way. Dear God, we pray for your Spirit. Transform, illumine, bless.

People: Make these ordinary gifts of bread and `cup into the extraordinary presence of Christ with us. In so doing, hold us as your own; renew us as your people for the sake of the world you love.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND SHARING THE MEAL

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Ehrke

Lord God, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal and these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people, because we shared the living bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So Lord, may we live to your glory. Amen.

HYMN #729 P

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

***BENEDICTION & *CHORAL RESPONSE**

because your love is a gift unearned and unwavering. Grant us your grace, in the name of Christ. Amen.

HYMN #425 P

Son of God, Whose Heart Is Peace

WORDS OF GRACE

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*GLORIA PATRI # 581 P

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 20:1-17

Liturgist

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalms 19:1-10

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ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S TIME

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GRATITUDE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *pg. 35 Purple Hymnal*

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HYMN #126 W

Come, Share the Lord

OFFERTORY INVITATION

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*DOXOLOGY #607

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Hear us now as we pray as Jesus taught us:

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

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