

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 2, 2020 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 10:30 A.M

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CENTERING PRAYER

Redeeming God, you come to us in Christ to rescue us from slavery to sin and lead us out of captivity. Guide us by the wisdom of the cross, and show us how to live a life of justice, love, and blessedness. Amen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Holy Ground Martha Kaulbach

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP Ava Armour

We delight to come near to you, gracious God, and we rejoice in the many gifts that you have given to us.

We come to lift our voices and hearts in praise. We come to humble ourselves before God.

We come to remember God's commandments, and to seek God's wisdom.

God's wisdom is not like our wisdom. God's wisdom calls us away from the world's agenda.

God sends us back into the world with new priorities.

We come to be filled with the mind of Christ. We come to be citizens of God's Kingdom. Let us worship God!

*MORNING HYMN

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

see bulletin

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God, we have not done what is blameless and right, nor spoken truth from the heart with love. We do not keep your word, and when we participate in gossip, our words and deeds cause pain. Forgive us by the power of your mercy, that we might stand in the goodness of Christ and walk in the light of his love. Amen.

(our prayer continues in silence)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)

Sisters and brothers, your sins are forgiven by the faith of Christ,

Jesus chose love over hatred and forgiveness over blame.

Rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is great; Jesus brings healing, justice, and peace.

Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE 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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

CHILDREN'S SERMON Megan Gates

CHORAL ANTHEM Every Season Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 5:1-12 Ava Armour

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

SERMON Rev. Andy S. Chambers

*Affirmation of Faith

ADAPTED FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

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He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord." 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.

Invitation to the Offering

OFFERTORY Jennifer Hartsock

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN Leaning on the Everlasting Arms see bulletin

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me

*POSTLUDE

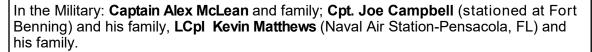
*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayer Person(s) of the week: The Hartsock Family

Trevor, Jennifer, William, & Dean

In the Oaks (Scenic): John Howard



Melody Little (Marilyn Bedsworth's daughter); Dean Hartsock (Jennifer Hartsock's newborn son); Leighton Miller (Charlie & Pam Miller's newborn grandson); Carolyn and Jeff Denton; Brenda Boonstra and family; David and Martha Lee Sherman; Karen Hooper (Troy Webb's Stepsister); Mary Sue Tripp (Troy Webb's cousin); Maria Costley; Robin Griffin; Khamphant Touralack (Souvanh's brother); Scott and Melissa Painter; Barbara Gates (Brent Gate's mother); Jackie Williams (Sharon Baskin's cousin); Philip Barber, Garth and Sue Smith, Betty Schaefer, Pat Mizer, Ruth Breed, Sylvia Palmer; Joyce Barrett; Bonnie McKim; Brad Donaldson (Ron & Karen Sprayberry's son-in-law); Pete Lewis (Joy Mullen's uncle); June P. Mercer; our country, its leaders, and military personnel.

Daddy-Daughter Dance
February 7, 2020
6:30-8:30 pm
First Presbyterian Church Cornelia
\$15 per couple
All proceeds benefit Dancing with the Stars for Hope

Household Prayer: Morning

Blessed God, I yearn to see your vision of justice, love, and peace made real for me this day. Open my eyes to the way of love that I may see your brilliant light shining into the hidden places of my heart and the darkened corners of the world. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Loving God, you led me in the way of life this day and now call me to the way of rest. I give thanks for your light that illumined my path today. Now, it is night. As you beckon me to enter into holy darkness where I am one with you in your realm of uncreated light, I open to you in peace. Amen.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

Sunday, February 2

9:30 A.M. Sunday School 10:30 A.M. Worship Service Annual Congregational Meeting and Fellowship Meal immediately following Worship

Monday, February 3

10:00 A.M. Prayer Time, Sanctuary 8:00 P.M. AA Meeting, Scoggins

Tuesday, February 4

12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting, Annex

Wednesday, February 5

12:00 Noon Brown Bag & Bible, Hoyt 5:00 P.M. Children's Program Middle School Youth 6:30 P.M. Choir Practice. Sanctuary

7:15 P.M. Handbells, Music Room

Thursday, February 6

3:00 P.M. 3 Arts, Scoggins

8:00 P.M. AA Meeting, Scoggins 8:00 P.M. Al-Anon Meeting, Annex

Friday, February 7

6:30 P.M. Daddy-Daughter Dance, Scoggins Hall

Sunday, February 9

9:30 A.M. Sunday School 10:30 A.M. Worship Service

Church Attendance 1/26/2020: 104

ASSISTING TODAY

Opening & Clean Up: Ed Hendricks Closina & Countina: Ron Sprayberry **Greeters & Ushers:** Ed & Jan Barton Projection System: Cathy Webb Sound System: Gary or Scott Hulsey Audio-Video: Gideon Padtha Nursery Attendant: Jacky Vespi Flowers: Worship Committee Elementary Sunday School: Christensen Family Middle Sunday School: Kimberly Chosewood Fellowship Meal: Chad & Kimberly Chosewood Ed & Nancy Hendricks Joy Mullen & Benjamin Padtha

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Dec. 2019	Monthly	YTD
Income	22,487.62	240,006.17
Expenses	22,967.70	247,463.44
Net:	(480.08)	(7,457.27)

Jan. 2020 Income:

01-26-2020	Monthly Total	Budget
3.396.01	17.777.78	TBD

Special offerings

Capital Projects Fund 30.00 Souper Bowl 9.00 Good Samaritan 100.00

PW Emma-Jewell Bible Study

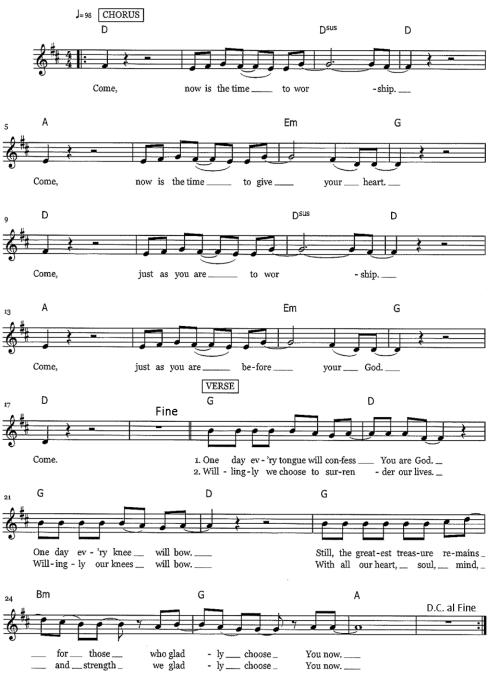
Tuesday, February 11 Hoyt Room 11:30 am- 1:00 pm

Lesson 6 : pages 68-75 Words of Love: Hold Your Marriages Sacred

> Genesis 2: 18-25 Exodus 20:14 John 8: 1-11

Come Now Is The Time To Worship

Words and Music by Brian Doerksen



Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. Deut. 33:27 ELISHA A. HOFFMAN ANTHONY J. SHOWALTER fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, Lean-ing on how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, Lean-ing on the ev - erto dread, what have I to fear, Lean-ing the on ev - er-- ing arms; What bless - ed - ness, what peace mine, - ing arms; how bright the 0, path grows from day to day, - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord near, Refrain Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing on the - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing Je - sus, Lean - ing on er - last - ing lean ing, Safe and se - cure from a - larms; Lean Je - sus, lean - ing on Lean-ing on ing, lean ing, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,