



# **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**March 1, 2020  
First Sunday in Lent  
10:30 A.M**

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## **CENTERING PRAYER**

God Most High, thank you for signs of your power and grace, shown to us even in the wilderness. Give us courage to stand firm in your Word in every time of trial and testing, that we may enter the land of your freedom and receive the salvation you so generously give; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Martha Kaulbach

## **CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

**The journey begins in the wilderness.**

We follow the way of Jesus, who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.

**Like Jesus, we are not alone. The Holy Spirit is with us. God's Word is on our lips.**

Our call is to trust in God alone, to do God's will in all things.

**For God leads us not only into the wilderness, but also through the wilderness.**

### **\*MORNING HYMN**

*I AM THINE, O LORD*

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### **\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**O God, our refuge and fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust in you. We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words; we speak false words of our own. We choose our ease and comfort over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world. In turning from you, we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend. Forgive us, we pray. Do not let us be put to shame, O God. Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.**

*(our prayer continues in silence)*

### **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (responsive)

Scripture declares, “The Lord is generous to all who call on God’s name.”  
Friends, believe this good news:

**God does not turn away from us, but desires to bring us into the  
glorious freedom offered in Jesus Christ.**

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

**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**

*Near the Cross*

Chancel Choir

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**LUKE 23:32-38**

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

Rev. Andy S. Chambers

*Seven Words from the Cross: Forgiveness*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in  
Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,  
and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the  
dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the  
Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the  
dead.**  
*(continued on next page)*

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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**

### **\*CLOSING HYMN**

*Grace Greater Than Our Sin*

*insert*

### **\*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: **Nancy House**

In the Oaks (Scenic): **John Howard**  
**Ruth Breed**

In the Military: **Captain Alex McLean** and family; **Cpt. Joe Campbell** and his family, **LCpl Kevin Matthews** (Naval Air Station-Pensacola, FL) and his family.

**Teresa Touralack; Chris Webb & family** (Troy Webb's son); **Ernest Perry** (friend of Sue Smith); **Jessica Waddell** (daughter of June P. Mercer); **Ann Nermoe** (Bill Ford's sister); **Donna James and family; Kimberlee Harper; Monica Christensen; Nancy Smith** (Michelle Truelove's mom); **Melody Little** (Marilyn Bedsworth's daughter); **Garth and Sue Smith; 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, , Betty Schaefer, Pat Mizer, Sylvia Palmer; Joyce Barrett; Bonnie McKim; Brad Donaldson** (Ron & Karen Sprayberry's son-in-law); **Pete Lewis** (Joy Mullen's uncle); **our country, its leaders, and military personnel.**

### ***Household Prayer: Morning***

Holy God, as this day surrounds me like a garden with a thousand trees, give me enough knowledge to obey your commandments, and to choose the fruit that gives life: the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

### ***Household Prayer: Evening***

Where can I hide from you, O God? You have found me here, stained with the fruit of desire, shivering in the evening breeze. This is all I ask: wrap me in your mercy, and let me rest I your presence; for the sake of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

## **THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:**

### **Sunday, March 1**

9:30 A.M. Sunday School  
10:30 A.M. Worship Service  
*Please join us for our Fellowship meal  
following the Worship Service*  
2:00 P.M. SAT prep, Scoggins

### **Monday, March 2**

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

### **Tuesday, March 3**

12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting, Hoyt

### **Wednesday, March 4**

12:00 Noon Brown Bag & Bible, Hoyt  
5:00 P.M. Children's Program  
Middle School Youth  
6:00 P.M. SAT Prep, Hoyt  
6:30 P.M. Choir Practice, Sanctuary  
7:15 P.M. Handbells, Music Room

### **Thursday, March 5**

3:00 P.M. 3 Arts Meeting, Scoggins  
8:00 P.M. AA Meeting, Scoggins  
8:00 P.M. Al-Anon Meeting, Annex

### **Friday, March 6**

6:00 P.M. BINGO night, Scoggins

### **Sunday, March 8**

9:30 A.M. Sunday School  
10:30 A.M. Worship Service  
2:00 P.M. SAT Prep, Scoggins

## **CHURCH STAFF**

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## **ASSISTING TODAY**

<b>Opening &amp; Counting:</b>	Benjamin Padtha
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<b>Projection System:</b>	Kimberly Chosewood
<b>Sound System:</b>	Greg Hopkins
<b>Audio-Video:</b>	Gideon Padtha
<b>Nursery Attendant:</b>	Jacky Vespi
<b>Flowers:</b>	Worship Committee
<b>Elementary Sunday School:</b>	Celeste Sumner
<b>Middle Sunday School:</b>	Kimberly Chosewood

**Church Attendance 2/16/2020: 67**

Join us  
Friday, March 6  
for



Come enjoy some fun and  
fellowship Friday night!

6:00 pm, Scoggins Hall

Just bring an appetizer or  
finger food to share.  
Prizes will be awarded!

Please take note of the Lenten  
Devotional inside the bulletin.  
Each week there will be a new  
insert for the upcoming week.

There are large-print copies  
available in the Narthex.

If you would like a copy of the  
devotional in its entirety,  
please contact the church  
office.

(706)778-2822 or  
[office@firstprescornelia.org](mailto:office@firstprescornelia.org)

*P.W. Emma-Jewell  
Bible Study*

*Tuesday, March 10  
Hoyt Room  
11:30am - 1:00 pm*

*Lesson 5  
Words of Love:  
Don't Kill Each Other*

*Bring yourself.  
Bring your lunch.  
Bring your Bible.*



The Kenya Mission Team  
is selling BBQ plate tickets  
for \$10.

Plates include: BBQ, bread, baked beans,  
potato salad, and dessert.

Pick-up or Eat-in  
March 14  
11-1 PM

Sermon Notes: