



First Presbyterian Church



PCCCA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CAMP
AND CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION

Sunday Worship
2nd Sunday in Lent (Year B)
Camp and Conference Sunday
28 February 2021
9:30 a.m.

Everyone Is Welcome!



You are invited to join us on our journey of faith! We seek to serve God, to minister to our community, and to love one another. Help us in our quest to become an ever more inclusive church that welcomes all people from all backgrounds, abilities, and identities. Come along and experience the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.

Christian worship joyfully ascribes all praise and honor, glory and power to the triune God.

In worship the people of God acknowledge God present in the world and in their lives. As they respond to God's claim and redemptive action in Jesus Christ, believers are transformed and renewed. In worship the faithful offer themselves to God and are equipped for God's service in the world. (*Book of Order, Directory for Worship W 1.1001*)

First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale Order of Worship for Sunday 2/28/21:

Prayer in Preparation

We give you thanks, most generous God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea. For the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers. For the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. We praise you for these good gifts and pray that we may safeguard them for our posterity. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your name, now and forever. Amen.



Ministry of the Church

One: We thank God for these opportunities for fellowship and service.

All: Thanks be to God!

Joys and Concerns

One: We give thanks to God for these blessings.

All: Thanks be to God!

One: For all these people and all who are in need

All: Please hold your people near, O God!

Moment of Memorial

Minister: As of this past week, more than 500,000 Americans have died from contracting the Covid-19 virus and its health complications. We now take a moment to remember them by the lighting of candles and the offering of prayer.

The Worship Assistant lights 5 candles.

Minister: We offer now a prayer, first attributed to St. Augustine of Hippo:

Leader: God of life, there are days when the burdens we all carry are heavy and on our shoulders and weigh us down.

When the road seems dreary and endless, the skies gray and threatening.
When our lives have no music in them, and our hearts are lonely.
Our souls have lost their courage.

Minister: We remember our hundreds of thousands of sisters and brothers who have died from Covid-19 and those who still struggle with it and the millions whose lives have been forever changed by it.
Help us to live in you and to live in ways that honor them and their memories.

Leader: Flood the path with light, turn our eyes to where the skies are full of promise; tune our hearts to brave music.
Give us the sense of comradeship with heroes and saints of every age.
And so quicken our spirits that we may be able to encourage the souls of all who journey with us on the road of life.
To your glory and honor. Amen.

The minister will ring the bell 5 times.

Gathering for Worship

Leader: From water to wilderness:

Minister: God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

Leader: On stone and in hearts:

Minister: God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

Leader: From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up:

Minister: God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

Leader: We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,
Minister: for where he is, we would be also.

All: Let us worship God!

Hymn: #22 God of the Sparrow

vv. 1-2

God of the sparrow, God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise

God of the earthquake, God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe
How does the creature cry Save

Call to Confession

Leader: Faith, the author of Hebrews tells us,
Is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
It is by faith that we are able to confess our sins
before God and each other.
It is by faith that we trust
in God's love, mercy, and forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Let us pray...

All: Almighty God,

we are people who live by faith.

**We know that we were created in your image,
but we treat ourselves and other in ways
that do not honor your presence within us.**

**We know your laws and your commandments,
but we choose to disobey you
and act in ways that harm our neighbors.**

**Forgive us, God, and help us day by day
to become more faithful followers
and the people you created us to be.**

In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: What we have hoped for is true. What we cannot see has been made

known. God's forgiveness is certain and sure. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God.

Giving of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all!

All: And also with you!

Response: #578 O Lord Have Mercy

Kyrie eleison; Kyrie eleison

Kyrie eleison; Kyrie eleison

O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy;
O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.



Children's Sermon: Go Jump in the Lake!

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Gracious God, may the words of our mouths and the meditations of all our hearts be pleasing in your sight. Our Rock and Redeemer.

Amen.

Ministry of Music

Carlyn Zimmermann et al.

New Testament Lesson:

John 1:35-42

Peter 3:18-22

Minister: ²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." ³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!"

³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Minister: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation of the Word: A Good Place to Meet Jesus

Affirmation of Faith: The Confession of 1967

Section 9.16

Leader: Let us confess our faith together...

**All: God has created the world of space and time
to be the sphere of God's dealings with humankind.
In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness,
order and disorder,
the world reflects to the eye of faith
the majesty and mystery of its Creator.**

Hymn: #22 God of the Sparrow

vv. 3-4

God of the rainbow, God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks

God of the hungry, God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life

Minute for Mission: Celebrate the Gifts of Women

Invitation to the Offering:

Leader: We have received abundantly from the hand of God. Let us share from

that gracious abundance as we offer gifts of thanks and gratitude.

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***Doxology: #606**

**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

Leader: Creator God, you have given us all things, and especially the gift of your Son Jesus the Christ. We dedicate now our lives- and these offerings- to you. Use them, we pray, in ways that glorify you and help to bring your Kingdom more fully into being. Through your Spirit, we pray in Christ's name. **Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Minister: God inspires us to pray, hears our prayers, and answers our prayers.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

Minister: Let us pray...

Silent Prayer

Minister: Let us pray together the Lord's Prayer...

**All: Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
Now and forever. Amen.**

Hymn: #22 God of the Sparrow

vv. 5-6

God of the neighbor, God of the foe
God of the pruning hook

How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace

God of the ages, God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How does the creature say Joy
How does the creature say Home

Charge and Blessing

Minister: Get outside! God made you as part of nature, so reconnect with mother Earth and brother Sun. Take a walk on the wild(ernes) side. And God bless you and your family and all the creatures of this world with peace and joy and love and memory and s'mores. Amen.

Postlude: How Excellent Is Thy Name (arr. Mark Hayes)

Moment of Reflection:

There is an ecstasy that marks the summit of life, and beyond which, life cannot rise. And such is the paradox of living, this ecstasy comes when one is most alive, and it comes as a complete forgetfulness that one is alive.

-Jack London

Household Prayer: Morning

Lord Jesus, help me to walk with you this day.
If you lead me where I fear to go,
give me courage and keep me true,
that I may bear my cross without shame
and live in the promise of life eternal. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Jesus, if I stray, show me my fault,
forgive my sin, and set me rightly on your path.
Keep me on the way of the cross,
and lead me to the eternal joy of Easter. Amen.

Worship Assistant: Pat Manfredi

Next Week: Kathy Manfredi

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021
Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study at 3:30pm

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021
Worship via Zoom at 9:30am. Sign in early for fellowship.

Pastor Kerry's Office Hours
Monday-Thursday 9:00am - 12:00 noon

If you would like a call or a visit—or if you know someone who needs a visit—please let Kerry or one of the Deacons know.

Announcements: Today after worship, **Faith Dialogues** will focus on the PCUSA Book of Confessions and what they say about resurrection. (Hint: they're in favor.) Please join us.

The **Ordination/Installation of Officers** will take place during worship on 3/7. See the newsletter for instructions on how you can be a part of the Ordination and Installation service!

To find out more about the Outdoor Ministries of **Camp Carew**, visit www.campcarew.org. Our denominational camp and conference ministry association is at www.pccca.net.

Next Saturday is the **First Saturday of March!** Drop off and pick-up important stuff like Fair Trade products from 11:00am to 12:00noon on Saturday 3/6.

Joys and Concerns

Pray for God's grace, mercy & help:

- Covid19 Pandemic patients, including national and local leaders and the ongoing vaccination efforts
- Social unrest and political polarization
- Those in the destructive path of natural disasters
- Those who are homeless, hungry, and in harm's way

Ongoing Concerns:

Each week we pray for one of the faith communities that participate in the Carbondale Interfaith Council. This week the council asks us to please pray for: **Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship**

The Mission/Ministry we are praying for this month is: **Membership Ministry**

Remember to pray for:

- Our National Leaders
- Students, faculty, and staff at school
- Our nation in midst of violence
- Our world, in the midst of terrorism
- Refugees in Europe
- Resolution to the migrant dilemma
- Homeless, unemployed and those without adequate health care
- Missionaries in Africa and everywhere
- Service men and women

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