

SERVICE FOR 'THE LORD'S DAY

The Third Sunday of Lent

March 20, 2022

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Our Lord Jesus Was Baptized in the Jordan*, BWV 684 J.S. Bach

11 a.m. **PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE**

***HYMN 804** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* MARION

*CALL TO CONFESSION

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *read in unison*

Almighty God, though you lovingly tend us, we have not put forth the good fruits of your Spirit. Our consumption poisons the earth. Our violence threatens our neighbors. Our greed exploits the poor. We must seem a waste of time, but don't give up on us yet, O God. In your power to abundantly pardon, forgive us for the sake of Christ, and imbue us with love, peace, goodness, and faithfulness.

Time for silent prayer.

***RESPONSE** *Restore in Us, O God* BAYLOR

Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -
new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** *read responsively*

From generation to generation, God's love ... Trust in the good news.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

11 a.m. **RESPONSE** *All Things Bright And Beautiful* ROYAL OAK

Chapel Choir

Peace to You, My Friend

Gael Berberick

Cherub Choir

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

11 a.m. Children ages 3 through completed 3rd graders are welcome to come forward and be dismissed through the side door for activities.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1–9

SECOND READING

Luke 13:1–9

SERMON

Good Dirt, Bad Dirt

Rev. Jordan Akin

THE RESPONSE

8:30 a.m. ***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *read in unison*

The Apostles' Creed

Found on Page 35 in the Glory to God hymnal

11 a.m. **THE CONFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

PRESENTATION OF THE CONFIRMANDS

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *read in unison* *adapted from our confirmands' faith statements*

I believe that God made everyone equally and intends to love everyone.

I trust that God will keep me safe through my journey of life.

I believe Jesus is the King of all. I believe Jesus died on the cross for our sins, and God raised Jesus from the dead, delivering him to life eternal.

I believe in the Holy Spirit who gives us courage to pray on our own.

The Holy Spirit binds all of us together as one.

The church brings all of us together from different walks of life. I believe that the church is more than a place for worshiping: it is a second home for all. The church is capable of mistakes and is always reforming. The church should not be blindly followed, but faithfully trusted. I believe the church should be a safe place to express and cultivate our beliefs.

God may not be defined to a single “thing,” for he is abstract. Yet, God exists and is with all of us. Though all forsake God and his Word, he will never forsake us, for his is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THOSE REAFFIRMING THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

WELCOME

Let us welcome them as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

***HYMN 705**

You Are Holy

YOU ARE HOLY

SHARING GRACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please see the information on the inside of the front cover of the bulletin about ways to give. You are invited to pass the Friendship Pad found at the end of the pen.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Gilbert Martin

The Octet (8:30 a.m.) and Sanctuary Choir (11:00 a.m.)

text can be found at #223 in the Glory to God hymnal

*DOXOLOGY 223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, vs. 4

HAMBURG

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; Love so amazing, so divine demands my soul, my life, my all.

THE SENDING

*CONCLUDING PRAYER

adapted from St. Teresa of Avila

Members of Youth Worship Arts Team

*HYMN 853

We Are Marching in the Light of God

SIYAHAMBA

IN WORSHIP TODAY

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

Our life is in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. The Bible is the written witness to Jesus Christ, therefore it is "The Word of Life." Our lives are claimed by God through our baptism. It is God's seal on who we are as the children of God, therefore it is "The Font of Identity." The Table is the center of our home in the Body of Christ, the place where we are welcomed, renewed, and strengthened for the life to which we are called, therefore it is "The Table of Sustenance."

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in memory of Virginia & William Costel by Paul & Michelle Costel

USHERS 8:30 a.m. Rob Foshee, Virginia Foshee

11 a.m. Nora Moloney, Joe Moloney, Jennifer Scott, Sallye Pence, Tony Duncan, Elaine Duncan

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Jordan Akin, preacher; Rev. Steve Jester and Rev. Rich Gianzero, liturgists; William Duncan, lay reader

The Octet (8:30 a.m.); The Sanctuary Choir & Members of Youth Worship Arts: *Morgan Fellon, Myles Haden, Wilson Masick, Charlotte Peccen, Graham & Ben Williams; Ricky Case and Lindsay Cook, leaders* (11:00 a.m.);

Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Samuel Libra, Organist

Jonathan Mueller, audio/video engineer; Brandon Hughes, camera

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WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Heather Sexton and her family on the death of her husband, Matt Sexton, 3/11/22.

Tim Martin and his family on the death of his brother, Jerry Martin, 2/24/22.

Lisa Zaring and her family on the death of her father, Alva Ray "A.R." Sullivan, 2/23/22.

James ("Scotty") McArthur, Jim and David McArthur and their family on the death of their wife and mother, Linda McArthur, 2/16/22.

Russ Dunlap and his family on the death of his sister, Betsy Dunlap, 2/16/22.

Patti Strickler and her family on the death of her husband, Frank, 2/8/22.

Jim and Joe Seiler and their family on the death of their mother, Louise Seiler, 2/7/22.

The family and friends of Dorothy Wilkey on her death, 1/28/22.

Nancy Helm Thomas and her family in the death of her sister, Louise Helm Bessire, 1/25/22.

Betty Gibbs and her family on the death of her husband, George, 1/23/22.

CHILDCARE: Childcare is available in room 117 for children ages 5 and under during 9:00 Worship and for children ages 3 and under for the 11:00 Worship. Room 117 is in Hilbert Hall, adjacent to the Weekday School Atrium, entrance #1 or #9. Parents may pick up their children from the lower-level educational space after 11:00 Worship has ended. Educational space is best accessed through the double doors near the Narthex marked 2PK. PreK–3rd grade: rooms 150–154. 4th & 5th grade: room 180.

KidCheck is a secure children's check-in system that enhances your provider's security system and simplifies the check-in process. KidCheck helps ensure no one can pick up your child without your consent. Signing up for KidCheck is easy and free for parents, guardians, and workers! Visit <https://go.kidcheck.com> or download the KidCheck app on an iOS or Android device. Stations can be found at the nursery outside Hilbert Hall and in the Common Space near door 6. For you and your child/ren's safety, beginning today, all doors except for door 3 and the main Sanctuary doors will be locked at 11:15. Please use one of these entrances if you will be arriving after this time.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER PROGRAMMING registration opened March 1st. Email Chelsea Beasley (cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org) to get your kids signed up. See the upcoming March issue of Second Thoughts for more details on the programs for this summer. Smiley Camp is already full, so those who register will be placed on a waitlist.

NAMETAGS: We encourage all who come to worship each week to make a nametag so we can continue to welcome guests, and encourage our fellowship together. Look for the tags and markers at the entrances.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION OF THE MONTH: BUCKHORN

The March Mission of the Month is Buckhorn, specifically, a part of Buckhorn Services known as Rogers Recovery House. Buckhorn no longer has children in their residential care, so Second will instead be offering items for this inpatient rehabilitation facility for adult women. Rogers Recovery House is open to adult females who have surpassed the detoxification phase and subsequently require a stabilized and structured environment to begin their recovery. These items can be dropped off in the Mission Closet on Sundays and during regular church office hours throughout the week. Items needed include toiletries & personal items (shampoo, soap, etc.), linens (twin size sheets, towels, etc. - all white), arts & crafts supplies, board games, and more. You can find the complete list of needs in March's Second Thoughts.

EASTER LILY DONATIONS: Easter lilies for in honor or memory of a loved one can be ordered by contacting Tanner at 502-895-3483 or twilliams@2ndpreslou.org before April 7. Checks can be mailed to Second Presbyterian Church, attn. Tanner Williams, 3701 Old Brownsboro Rd., Louisville KY 40207. Order forms with memorial designations are available in the narthex.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Week of March 20, 2022

LENTEN RECITAL SERIES: Organ Music of J.S. Bach

Samuel Libra, Organist at Second Presbyterian Church, performs the “Dorian” Toccata in D-minor, chorale preludes, and more, in commemoration of Bach’s 337th birthday. Along with the recital, you can enjoy lunch in the Fellowship Hall provided by Paul’s Deli. Meals are \$10 and can be ordered by emailing Sam at slibra@2ndpreslou.org by Monday at noon. See Seconds to Go for a link to the menu.

FELLOWSHIP & DISCOVERY WITH OUR AFRICAN AMERICAN CHURCHES: Saturday, **March 26** you are invited to hear the stories, history, and heritage of each of Westwood Presbyterian Church, one of the four African American congregations in the Mid-KY Presbytery. The event is from 10–11:30 a.m. and requires social distancing and masking: More information in Seconds to Go.

WEDNESDAYS TOGETHER continues two more Wednesdays from 5–7 p.m. Dinner will be served from 5–6 p.m. in the Great Hall. There will be a Bible Study for adults taught by Pastor Steve and Pastor Jordan, 6–7 p.m. Music and Vocal education for ages 3 through 5th grade will begin at 5:30 p.m. with childcare or activities to follow. On Wed., March 23, there will be a choir parents/grandparents meeting at 5:30, and on March 30, our end of Wednesday Together and Children’s Choir Celebration will be presented. Reservations are needed by noon on Monday of each week for the meals. Contact Chelsea at cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org to make a reservation. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person with a \$15 family cap for the meal.

MORNING JOY, Thursdays at 9:45 a.m. Pastor Steve Jester will lead the study entitled, “Challenging Teachings of Jesus,” focusing on teachings from all four Gospels that push us and stretch us to grow as Christ’s disciples. Participants can attend in-person in Fellowship Hall where masks are strongly encouraged. If interested in joining us virtually, please email cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org for Zoom info. All are welcome!



Lenten Schedule

Ash Wednesday Worship

We begin Lent on Wednesday, March 2nd at 6:30 p.m. with worship in the Chapel, including imposition of ashes. The Chapel will be open at 6:00 p.m. for prayer.

Mid-Week Prayer

Each Wednesday at noon, we will meet to pray and read Scripture over Zoom.

Wednesdays Together

We will continue to meet for our weekly meal with formation activities for adults and children's choir rehearsals, March 9-30.

Lenten Recital Series

Thursdays at noon, featuring a variety of area musicians performing music in a variety of styles, beginning with an Irish trio for St. Patrick's Day, March 17th. Each of these programs is followed by a light catered lunch.

Sunday Morning Worship

8:30 a.m. worship in the Chapel followed by Adult Education, 11:00 a.m. worship in the Sanctuary, plus livestream. Worship opportunities for the Holy Week, April 14-17, TBA.

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THE MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Steven P. Jester, *Pastor*

Rev. Jordan Akin, *Associate Pastor for Youth*

Rev. Rich Gianzero, *Interim Associate Pastor*

Hayley Abell, *Director of the Weekday School*

Jim Rittenhouse, *Director of Worship & Music Ministries*

Chelsea Beasley, *Interim Assistant for Formation & Mission*

Lisa Bickett, *Pastoral Assistant*

Ricky Case, *Children's Choirs Co-Coordinator*

Elizabeth Clay, *Parish Associate*

Keith DeCosta, *Sexton*

Rick Farrow, *Facilities*

Jackie Grimley, *Bookkeeper*

Amy Heckmann, *Childcare Coordinator*

Samuel Libra, DMA, *Organist & Communications Assistant*

Christina Recktenwald, *Children's Choirs Co-Coordinator*

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Paula S. Roberts, *Organist Emerita*



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Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and
 2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un-
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

right - teous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
 him be found, dressed in his right - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Refrain

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24-27/Luke 6:47-49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.