

Welcome to



26 February 2023

First Sunday in Lent

*May God who gathers us around Himself in the Word and Sacrament to bless us with His forgiveness this morning be your source of comfort, strength and renewal as you worship today. In the Name of Christ, we are all called to come and hear that the Lord is Good!*

Prelude – *Preparing our Souls through silence, reading and reflection*

Announcements and Prayer Concerns– *Sharing our life together*

Congregational Prayer

Invocation and Confession – *Entering into the Presence of the Lord*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
(Matthew 28:19) **C: Amen**

P: Make us to know your ways, O Lord, and teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for whom we wait. (Psalm 25:4-5) **C: Amen**

P: If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:6-7)

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

**C: According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen** (Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12)

P: Let it be known to you, that through Jesus Christ, the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. (1 John 1:6-7) He commanded us to preach and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:42-43) **C: Amen**

## Announcements and Schedule

### Studies this Week:

Wednesday – 7:00pm – Women’s Group – Not this week

7:00pm – Men's Group – Not this week

Thursday –10:30am – Bible Study– 1517 Thomas Jefferson Rd

7:30pm – Bible Study - 19 George St

*We have prayer cards for you to mail to anyone you lifted up at the Altar during Communion. Feel free to bless others with these.*

Today is the First Sunday of Lent. Lent is the 40 day period preparing for Easter. During this Season we are called to reflect deeply on the life, work and sacrifice of Jesus Christ for us!

We are excited to have Web Griffin give the morning message.

We invite everyone to join us for a fellowship meal after the service.

In February we are collecting Fashion Accessories (costume jewelry, inexpensive watches, sunglasses, neck chains, etc.) for the Christmas Shoe Boxes. There will be a tote in the Narthex for boys and one for girls. Let’s fill these up each month so we can see how many boxes we can fill this coming November.

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Call to Worship – Psalm 32.1-7

\*Hymn #245 “At Calvary”

First Lesson – Genesis 3.1-21

Call to Prayer #509 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Pastoral Prayer (followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison)

Second Lesson – Romans 5.12-19

Offertory -

\*Doxology – #668

\*Gospel – Matthew 4.1-11           **“Praise be to thee, O Christ”**

Sermon – “Simple Church – DEEP FAITH”           Web Griffin

\*The Apostles’ Creed

Communion

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Unending Hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the Highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the Highest.**

The Mystery of Faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is Risen; Christ will come again.**

Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ

\*Hymn #434 “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

\*Benediction

\*Dismissal and Recessional

## Prayer List

Tom Langford, Bill Warman, Carolyn Ashwell, Liz Griffin, Larry Shepley, Diane Geiger, Gail Everett, Betty Mann, Katie Epley, Yvette Clark, Darby Atkins, Mike Toney, Jean Moriety, Heather Wright, Jimmy Gratto, Fred Greene, Starke Camden, Robert Wright, Cyndy Williams, Nikki Vogt, Jim and Sue Henry, Gwen Miller, Chip Brand, Helen Kinzer & those persecuted around the world.

Let us pray for all our elected Officials and our Country.

The situation in the Ukraine, the people of Moldova, esp. Dimitri, Stella and Lorina, friends of Andy’s.

The dear people of Turkey and Syria

Glen Harvey, another procedure on 3 March

Tom Langford and Bella

The Brill’s lost of Major

Rich Monroe, Gail’s uncle, fell in rehab, multiple breakages

Leslie Hair, intestinal issues

Bob Forrest, back issues

Yvette Clark’s great grandson, Camden

Emmielou Yoder, Carey’s niece

Joan Rosin, recovering from retina surgery

Mary Kessler, friend of the Dietrich’s

Betty Lou Hall, Gail’s aunt, aging issues

Michael & Danielle Dorrset's baby Paisley

Margaret Kihnley, sister of Sue Rossiter

Kathy Van Clapdorp

Jan Grey

Bea Gardner, recuperating from knee surgery

Wayne Williams regaining strength

Chris Griffin, Web's mom, general health issues

Kelly Osborne, daughter of friend of the Kinzer’s with cancer

Sharon Powell, cancer, and Lisa Reynolds, Requested by the Harveys

Cayden Slayton, 11 yo, difficulties with COVID from last year

Dick Kihnley, Sue Rossiter’s brother in law, cardiac concerns

Justice Ashwell, Carolyn’s grandson

Laura Cash, friend of Web’s

Louanna Epley, lost her husband; Katie’s sister in law

Sherry Marsh, starting dialysis, and her family

Debbie Reeves, cancer

Kevin Thomas Mele, on dialysis

Nancy Turner, treatment for cancer, friend of Martha’s

Bob and Vivienne, friends of the Dietrich’s, health issues of Bob

Elwood Hutchins and his wife, with dementia, friends of Martha

Melody Henry, Mona's sister a nurse and all health care givers

Betty Shepherd, friend of Martha Mahanes