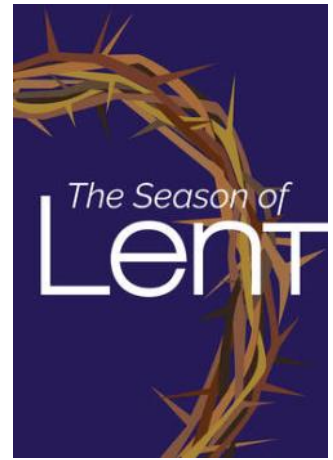




## Second Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2023

9:00 am



### Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

“Fantasia in C Minor”

Johann Sebastian Bach

Opening Words

John Porter

Introit

Forty Days and Forty Nights

*Keep repeating, like a chant*

Ned Wetherald, 2023

Musical notation for the Introit, consisting of a treble and bass clef staff in 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are: "For for - ty days and for - ty nights. For".

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\*Call to Worship

Allison Maus

Leader: All who need help are invited before God

**People: Our help comes from the Creator, the one who made heaven and earth**

Leader: All who want blessing are invited before God

**People: Our blessing comes from the God of Abraham, fulfiller of promises**

Leader: All who desire salvation are invited before God

**People: Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ, sent by God to love the world.**

\*Hymn No. 321

“The Church’s One Foundation”

\*Call to Confession

Reed Dressler

\*Prayer of Confession

God of Mercy, the evidence of your blessings are all around us. Even with your promises before us, we push against your work in our lives. We fail ourselves and the world, pretending we hold the control over your outcomes, forgetting your love is trustworthy and steadfast. Through your loving mercy, may your Spirit help us to live in your light and abide in your ways. Amen.

\*Hymn No. 575

“Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”

\*Assurance of Pardon

### Hearing the Word

Prayer for Inspiration

Bizz Maser

First Scripture Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

Bizz Maser

Anthem

“For God So Loved the World”  
The Chancel Choir

Craig Courtney

<b>Time for Children</b> See "Children in Worship"		Reed Dressler
<b>Song After Children's Time</b>	"As Each New Horizon Beckons" [HOLY MANNA]	
<b>Second Scripture Reading</b>	John 3:1-17	John Porter
<b>Sermon</b>		John Porter

### Responding to the Word

<b>*Hymn No. 774</b>	"There is Now a New Creation"	
<b>*Affirmation of Faith—Apostle's Creed</b>		John Porter
<p><b>I Believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead; on the third day He rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.</b></p>		

<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>		Allison Maus
<b>Call to Offering</b>		Allison Maus
<b>Offertory Anthem</b>	"Blessed Jesus at Your Word"	Paul Manz
<b>*Doxology Hymn No. 609</b>	"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"	
<b>*Prayer of Dedication</b>		Bizz Maser

### Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table  
 Instructions  
 Sharing of Joys and Concerns  
 Prayer of Thanksgiving  
     Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
     **Congregation: And also with you.**  
     Pastor: Lift up your hearts.  
     **Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.**  
     Pastor: Let us give Thanks to the Lord our God.  
     **Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
 Breaking of the Bread  
 Pouring of the Cup  
 Hymn During Communion  
     Hymn No. 695 "Change My Heart, O God"  
 Prayer Following Communion

<b>*Hymn No. 634</b>	"To God Be the Glory"	
<b>*Charge &amp; Benediction</b>		John Porter
<b>*Sharing of the Peace</b>		Allison Maus
<b>Postlude</b>	"Improvisation"	

**Ushers this Morning:****Head Usher:** Kimberly–Dawn Falk**Ushers:** Curt Dell, Margaret Van Fossan, Reed Miller and Katie Nurmi**Information Desk:** Jamey Perry**Greeters this Morning:****Fraser Street:** Dave Beppler and Helen Roback**Parking Lot:** John Marsden**Coffee Hour:****Host:** Linda Morrow**Assistants:** Becky Thomas, Molly Buchanan & Dave Atkins**Sanctuary Flowers:** The sanctuary flowers are in memory of Barb Parmele given by her family.

## Adult Offerings Today

**March 5: "Spiritual Disciplines"** led by Pastor John Porter.

This two part Adult Education offering led by Pastor Porter covers four classical spiritual disciplines that we practice together as a community. Richard Foster in "Celebration of Discipline" asserts "The classical Disciplines of the spiritual life call us to move beyond the surface of living into the depths... God intends [them] to be for ordinary human beings: people who have jobs, who care for children, who wash dishes and mow lawns. In fact, the Disciplines are best exercised in the midst of our relationships." In the two sessions we will have looked at the last of the twelve spiritual disciplines Foster covers in the text; Guidance, and Celebration will be covered today at 10:15 am in Westminster Hall.

**"Connect"** Room 10

This ongoing weekly small group discussion led by Bizz and Zack Maser, and Jamie Bauman

Connect is an invitation to deepen your relationship with others and with God by contemplating scripture, lyrics, writing, poetry, and other topics of interest through small group discussions.

## Second Sunday Membership Opportunity—Next Sunday

Anyone interested in becoming a member of our church family is invited to the Martin Room after the worship service next Sunday at 10:15 am. You'll meet the pastor, several elders from our Session, and be received into membership if you wish. Questions? Contact Martha Trout (marthascpc@gmail.com).

## Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a congregational meeting following worship on March 19th to receive the report of the Pastor Visioning Team and to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee to conduct the active search for our next Senior Pastor. The Pastor Visioning Team's report and a slate of nominees for the PNC prepared by the congregational Nominating Committee will be published in the coming week so that members may review them before the meeting.

## Easter Flowers—Orders Due TOMORROW

Orders are being taken until Monday, March 6th, for spring flowering plants to decorate the sanctuary on Easter morning. Each plant costs \$9.50 and the order forms are on the back tables or on our website. You may take your plant with you following the service on Easter morning.

## Spiritual Disciplines - Lenten Study on Mondays at 11 am in Room 10

Pastor John Porter, Associate Pastor Allison Maus, and Director of Youth Ministry Reed Dressler will lead six individual sessions looking at; fasting, study, service & submission, simplicity, meditation & prayer, and solitude. The good news of Jesus Christ is that through him we are liberated from attitudes and ingrained patterns of behavior that degrade and demean the glory of God revealed in all people and every element of creation. Though the gospel message about transformation is simple, our experience of transformation is not. Scripture teaches that we are not capable of transforming ourselves. It is by God that we are transformed and set free from sin. Join them on Mondays at 11:00 am in Room 10 during Lent.

## A New Place for Peace in Worship

Starting next Sunday, March 12, the invitation to share peace with one another will move from the closing of worship to take a more prominent position just following the confession and assurance of pardon. This is one way to highlight the importance of intentionally building fellowship with one another as an act of worship. Participants will be encouraged to extend a greeting and word of peace with others in a way that is comfortable for them and which respects the concerns of others.

## Sunday, March 5th

### **Communion Sunday**

- **9:00 am Worship Service**
- Creative Movement & Music and Children and Worship—After the Children's Message
- 10:00 am Exploration Hour for All Ages
- 10:00 am Coffee Hour
- 10:15 am Adult Opportunities
- 10:30 am YoPro Bible Study—Tower Room
- 11:00 am Deacons Meeting—Martin Room
- 1:00 pm Barb Parmele Visitation and Memorial Service

## Monday, March 6th

### **Stay and Play Closed**

- 11:00 am Lenten Study—Room 10
- 7:00 pm Virtual Centering Prayer—Zoom

## Tuesday, March 7th

### **Stay and Play Closed**

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Congregational Prayer Meeting—Zoom

## Wednesday, March 8th

### **Stay and Play Closed**

- 8:15 pm POLO Women's Bible Study—Zoom

## Thursday, March 9th

### **Stay and Play Closed**

- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir
- 7:00 pm Men's Covenant Group—Martin Room

## Friday, March 10th

### **Stay and Play Closed**

- 11:30 am GIFT Book Club—Fireside Room

## Saturday, March 11th

- 3:00 pm Judy Lysaker Memorial Service

## Sunday, March 12th

- 8:30 am Childcare Available—Room 101
- **9:00 am Worship Service**
- Creative Movement & Music and Children and Worship—After the Children's Message
- 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship
- 10:00 am Exploration Hour for All Ages
- 10:15 am Adult Opportunities
- 10:15 am Invitation to Join—Martin Room
- 10:30 am YoPro Bible Study—Tower Room

### **2023 Budget Updates:**

<b>Giving:</b>		<b>Expenses:</b>	
Annual Budget:	\$775,000	Annual Budget:	\$1,004,200
Received to Date:	\$251,371	Spending to Date:	\$164,010

## **Children in Worship**

**9:00 am Worship** - Children of all ages are invited to come forward for the children's message. Following this time, children 3 years old by September 1, 2022, through grade 3, are welcome to leave for special programs.

**Creative Movement and Music (Ages 3-K)** meets in Westminster Hall.

**Children and Worship (Grades 1,2, & 3)** meets in Room 11. Unless parents make other arrangements, these children will be taken to their Pathways classrooms at the conclusion of these programs. Infant and Toddler Care (through age 3) are available in Room 101 throughout the morning.

## **Exploration Hour**

**PATHWAYS (Preschool and Elementary)** meet in separate age groups, and begin around 10:00 am 3's,4's, and K meet in Room 103, main level - we provide a light snack to our pre schoolers.

1st- 5th Grade meet upstairs in Room 210 Once a month we will combine all children for a special MUSIC experience with our own Ned Wetherald.

**THE OASIS (grades 6-12)** meet in the Fireside Room at 10:15 am each Sunday, with both Middle School and High School ages together until the group grows too large!



For more information about the church and our programs please visit our website at [scpresby.org](http://scpresby.org)

If you are an online attender we hope you will "sign the pew pad" virtually on Sunday mornings by texting "check in" during the welcome and announcement time so we know you're watching! The phone number is: 833-234-1326.

To give via our Online Giving site, scan the QR Code.

