

*The First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin
The Third Sunday in Lent
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Sunday, March 7, 2010
10:30 a.m.*

Enter the church in silence. Through silence speak to God and let God speak to you.

PREPARATION: *The following are the scriptures for this morning: Psalm 63:1-8 (Pew Bible page 458); Isaiah 55:1-9 (page 598) Promises of pardon for all who return to the Lord. 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 (pages 931-932) Promise that God does not test beyond our strength; provides a way to endure. Luke 13:1-9 (page 848) Parable of the fig tree that did not produce fruit.*

PRAYER FOR THE DAY: *Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

THE GATHERING

**BELL PEAL
WELCOME**

PRELUDE **“Happy the Home Where God is There”** **Alice Jordan**

SERVICE OF LENTEN CANDLES

INTROIT (Hymn #309) **“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”** **Divinum Mysterium**

SOLO: Of the Father’s love begotten, Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been, And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore.

CHOIR: O Ye Heights of heaven adore Him, Angel hosts, His praises sing;
Powers, dominions, bow before Him, And extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent, Every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore.

LITANY

LEADER: Have we seen the power and glory of God?
PEOPLE: **Does God’s love mean more than life to us?**
LEADER: We must stay close to God
PEOPLE: **so that we may be supported by him.**

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

LEADER: As we extinguish the third Lenten candle, we know that we face temptations every day. May we be reminded that if we should ever stumble and fall in our temptations, God’s grace and love is always there to redeem us. This is only possible through his Son, Jesus Christ.

UNISON PRAYER

O God, may we never give up hope during those times that we fall away from your grace. But may we know that each time we turn to you, you are always present to renew and refresh our spirits. Amen.

***ALL: (Hymn #309)** **“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”** **Divinum Mysterium**
Christ, to Thee with God the Father, And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving And unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion, And eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore. Amen.

***OPENING SENTENCES**

LEADER: O God, you are our God; eagerly we seek you.
PEOPLE: **Our souls thirst for you, our flesh faints for you,**
LEADER: as in a dry and weary land, where there is no water.
ALL: **Let us worship God!**

***HYMN #198** **“O God, You Are My God”** **St. Bride**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LEADER: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
PEOPLE: **If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Glory to God!**
ALL: **Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

RESPONSE (Hymnal #573) **“Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”** **Kyrie**
Cantor: Lord, have mercy. ALL: Lord, have mercy.
Cantor: Christ, have mercy. ALL: Christ, have mercy.
Cantor: Lord, have mercy ALL: Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: Happy are those whose guilt is covered.
PEOPLE: **Happy are those whose sin is forgiven.**
LEADER: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice you saints.
PEOPLE: **Shout for joy all you upright in heart.**

(The children may leave for Sonshine Mountain.)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:1-9

The Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:43-48; 7:1-6

The Gospel of the Lord!
Praise to You, O Christ!

SERMON

“Learning Forgiveness”

Rev. Victoria ByRoade

THE RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Praise Ye the Lord” Margaret McAlister
*DOXOLOGY (Hymnal #591) “Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

RESPONSE (Hymn #521) “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” Finest Wheat
CHOIR: (REFRAIN) You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat;
Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.
The mystery of Your presence Lord, No mortal tongue can tell.
Whom all the world cannot contain, Comes in our hearts to dwell.
ALL: (REFRAIN)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

LEADER: Wheat grains crushed provide our food, grape full bunches pressed become our table drink because they do not cling to what they were – a wonderful new happening: our paschal meal. We who are hungry – fed. We who are thirsty – satisfied. We who were dead - alive again! Proudly rising: new life from old ashes; death never again the end only a stop on the journey. But new things also die to come again in unimagined ways: bread broken becomes a meal – signs us a community. Wine passed around and shared becomes our cup of blessing. And when we eat, and when we drink, we remember; our eyes are opened a little more and we know: this is the bread of life. This is the cup of our salvation. So we eat, we drink, we die, but most importantly, we rise. Alleluia! Come, Lord Jesus, again and again and again!

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LEADER: The Lord be with you.
PEOPLE: **And also with you.**
LEADER: Lift up your hearts!
PEOPLE: **We lift them to the Lord!**
LEADER: Give thanks to God, for he is good.
PEOPLE: **His love is everlasting!**
LEADER: It is right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise O God our creator and redeemer, in your wisdom, you make all things and sustain them by your power. You formed us in your image to love and serve you, but we forgot your promises and abandoned your commandments. In your mercy, you did not reject us but still claimed us as your own. When we were slaves in Egypt you freed us and led us through the waters of the sea. You fed us with heavenly food in the wilderness and satisfied our thirst from desert springs. On the holy mountain you gave us your law to guide us in your way. Through the waters of Jordan you led us into the land of your promise, and you sustained us in times of trial. You spoke through prophets calling us to turn from our willful ways to new obedience and righteousness. You sent your only Son to be the way to eternal life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

SANCTUS (Hymnal #581) Sanctuary Choir and Congregation
**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! Hosanna in the highest!**

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He took upon himself the weight of our sin and carried the burden of our guilt. He shared our life in every way, and though tempted, was sinless to the end. Baptized as your own, he went willingly to his death, and by your power was raised to new life. In his dying and rising, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (Hymnal #582) Sanctuary Choir and Congregation
Dying, You destroyed our death; Rising You restored our life.
Lord, Jesus, come in glory!

INSTITUTION AND FRACTURE

RESPONSE (Hymnal #597) Sanctuary Choir
Bless the Lord, O my soul;
And all that is within me, bless God's holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And forget not all God's benefits.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS (*Please partake of the elements as you are served.*)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!
PEOPLE: **It is right to give our thanks and praise!**
LEADER: Let us pray together:
ALL: **Eternal God, as you led your people in ages past, you direct our journey into the future. We give you thanks that you came to us in Jesus Christ, and we eagerly await his coming again that his rule may be complete and your righteousness reign over all the world. Then we will feast at his royal banquet, and sing his praises with the choirs of heaven. By your Spirit, open our eyes to the generosity of your hand, and nurture our souls in all spiritual gifts.**

THE SENDING

***HYMN #272** "God of the Sparrow" Roeder

*BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE (Hymn #347) "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"** Detroit
CHOIR: "Forgive our sins as we forgive," You taught us, Lord, to pray.
But You alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
ALL: **How can Your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?**

*CHARGE

***POSTLUDE "Trumpet Tune"** Martha Sobaje
**The congregation stands. If standing is difficult for you, please feel free to remain seated.*

This morning we celebrate the gifts of women. We thank Betty Dethmers who is serving as our organist/director. All of today's service music was composed by women. The communion selections were written by Julia Morgan, Beatrice Miller, Roberta Bitgood and Alice Jordan. The anthem "Praise Ye the Lord" was written by Margaret McAlister "in gratitude for the privilege of serving as organist for First Presbyterian Church in Tampa, Florida for 60 years". (This anthem was composed in 2006. She is now in her 63rd year as organist at FPC in Tampa.)

NEXT SUNDAY, March 14, 2010 will be the Fourth Sunday in Lent. *The scripture readings will be: Psalm 32 (Pew Bible page 440); Joshua 5:9-12 (page 171) The Israelites no longer eat manna, but the crops of the land of Canaan. 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (page 940) In Christ, God was reconciling the world to Godself and entrusted the message of reconciliation to us. Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 (page 850) Parable of a man who had two sons.*

PRAYER FOR PEACE -DISAGREEMENT GUIDELINES When we disagree with others, let's remember the Guidelines from the PC(USA) Committee on the Self-Development of People. Last week, we looked at the first five, here are the rest of the Guidelines: SHARE our concerns directly with the individuals or group with whom we disagree; SPEAK from our personal experiences related to the subject of disagreement; REFRAIN from name calling or labeling of others; FOCUS ON IDEAS instead of questioning people's motives, intelligence or integrity; MAINTAIN COMMUNITY with each other though our discussion may be tense; and PRAY seeking God's grace to listen attentively, speak clearly, and remain open to the vision God holds for us all. These rules apply to all of us, everyday. *God, please give us wisdom to understand your way of communicating when all else has failed. Help us find the ideas presented by others, and give us courage to speak about only what we know. Lead us through the minefield of working with others in an honest and generous manner, expecting nothing in return. Amen.*

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME and are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin, please indicate your desire to Pastor ByRoade so we can arrange a gathering of our Session. **WE WELCOME ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE TODAY** – Coffee is available in Hager Hall following both services. Coloring pages for children to use during the worship hour are available from the ushers. Before "THE WORD", girls and boys PK4 through 5th grade are invited to attend Sunday school on "Sonshine Mountain". Our nursery, for infants through age 3, is in the Christian Education Building, downstairs in Room 103. Large print bulletins and large print hymnals are available from the ushers. Hearing devices are also available. Please ask for one at the sound booth.

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

USHERS: Iris Poppler, Mary Thorne, Judith Curvelo, Rosalie Bergman

LITURGIST: Marge Ralph

ELDERS SERVING COMMUNION: Peggy George, Kathy Schultz, Ann Sabo, Rebecca Houghton, Jackie Chalk, Hazel Kirk, Gail Hill, Mary Walthall, Cheryl Small

SANCTUARY FLOWERS THIS WEEK ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY

Hazel Kirk in loving memory of her mother, Mae Kirk

Betty Dethmers in memory of loved ones

TODAY'S OPPORTUNITIES

8:45 a.m. – Worship Café

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School/Fellowship

10:30 a.m. – Traditional Worship

11:30 a.m. – Called Session Meeting

11:30 a.m. – Membership Committee

7:00 p.m. – First Sunday Books

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Monday (8 th)	10:00 a.m.	Strong for Life
	7:00 p.m.	Sarah Circle
Tuesday (9 th)	9:30 a.m.	Martha Circle
	1:00 p.m.	Esther Circle
	3:30 p.m.	Preschool Meeting
	5:30 p.m.	Growth Task Force
	7:00 p.m.	Property
	7:00 p.m.	Worship
Wednesday (10 th)	<u>VOICE DEADLINE</u>	
	10:00 a.m.	Strong for Life
	6:00 p.m.	Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study – Doyle
	7:00 p.m.	Handbells
	7:00 p.m.	Video Club
	8:00 p.m.	Worship Café Rehearsal
Thursday (11 th)	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Friday (12 th)	10:00 a.m.	Finance

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS next Sunday, March 14. Remember to set your clocks FORWARD one hour.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY DINNER The cost is \$6.50 per adult; \$4.00 12-18; \$3.00 2-12; \$18.00 max per family with children under 12. We eat at 6:15, so please come a little early to pay. Sign up today on the Friendship Register.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE TO BEGIN! This is an exciting opportunity to promote the great things that are happening at First Church. Do you have a talent towards writing, photography, or graphic design? Can you hang posters; distribute materials to various locations, etc? Interested persons are invited to join Committee Chair Ann Sabo on Sunday, March 14 between services for a brief overview of this new ministry. Contact Ann ataesabo@aol.com for more information.

FIRST SUNDAY BOOKS March 7 from 7-8:15 p.m. in the church library. Still Alice by Lisa Genova. Heartbreakingly real novel portrays the Alzheimer's journey, written with compassion from Grace's perspective. Discussion leaders: Anita Johnson and Laura Surrell

MEMBERSHIP/DEVELOPMENT UPCOMING EVENTS Please join us for a special Wednesday night dinner on March 17th, for a traditional corned beef and cabbage buffet. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults and \$4.00 for children 12 and under with a family maximum of \$22.00.

Easter Brunch is coming! Membership/Development is sponsoring a spectacular all-you-can-eat Easter brunch buffet on Sunday, April 4th. There will be two seatings; between 7:30 -9:00 and after the 11:00 service. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.50 for children 12 and under. *Tickets for both of these special events will be available at the welcome table on February 28th.*

NEWS OF HAITI On Sunday, March 14 we welcome representatives of the Haiti Nursing Foundation, based in Ann Arbor, Michigan. President of the Board Rosemarie Rowney will address both worship services at 8:45 a.m. and 10:30 and also the adult Sunday school class at 9:30. At 6 p.m. we welcome both Ms. Rowney and HFN Executive Director Marcia Lane for a potluck dinner in Hager Hall, followed by their presentation at 7 p.m

STRAW HAT REVIEW – OPEN CALL! The First Church Annual Talent Show - Sunday, March 21 – 7:00 p.m. – (Ice Cream Social at 6:00 p.m.) The talent show seeks new, undiscovered talent for this extravaganza. All ages welcome. Contact coordinator Katie Green at 727-724-4904 or KAGRE3@aol.com to talk about your act!

PRAYER REQUESTS - the names of people who have requested prayer are listed in italics the first week of their request and any time there are changes in their condition or place of recuperation. A complete listing of the people for whom we need to lift our prayers will also be provided for you in each edition of THE VOICE. (Please call the church office if you have a prayer concern.)

- *Paul Hoffer, son of Joe and Donna Hoffer, who suffered a heart attack in Denver, CO*
- *Kathryn Holzka, friend of Beverly Weese, diagnosed with cancer*
- David Eichenberger following hip replacement surgery
- Jack Gardner, father of Pastor ByRoade, with multiple health concerns
- Lillian McKibben at Manor Care Rehab
- Robert W. Harvie at Mease Manor, for renewed health and strength
- Anne Trahan, mother of Betsi Lewis-Knapp, under Hospice care
- For improved health: Joe Tilney, Mary Greenlee-Krull, Scott Miller, Cathy Davide, John Keller, Thelma Powell, Betsy Perkins, Bill Vilsoet, Marge Vilsoet, Sharyn Ramirez, Lois Krebs, Dotsie Dauble, Peg Harvie, Dee Faust, Dave Dauble, Eva Marcantel
- All our members who reside in skilled nursing homes
- The Missio Dei Community (formerly the Transfiguration Faith Community of St. Petersburg), a new church development in the Presbytery of Tampa Bay
- First Presbyterian Church in our desire to be responsible stewards of our talents and finance

Family Business: Stewardship Report, January 17, 2010

1. With 133 cards received, our commitment totally for 1020 is \$301,302.
2. In 2009, our commitment was \$319,372 with 151 cards received.
3. For 2010, 50 giving units have increased their amount committed, 16 have decreased, 44 have remained the same and 23 reflect new commitments.
4. Our church has received \$4,850 toward the 2009 deficit.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration during the Stewardship Season. Please remember that Stewardship is never over. God's work is never done! If you are in need of a commitment card, please see Carole Anne Agnew or the office. Just a thought: as you turn in your per capita envelope that will go toward meeting the needs of our Presbytery, maybe you would consider rounding up that figure to \$20.00 in order to help those members who will not be able to contribute. Thanks!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP First Church will hold our annual Vacation Bible School from June 14th through the 18th. We will need 60 cardboard egg cartons for one of our crafts. If you buy eggs in cardboard, rather than Styrofoam, please bring your empty containers to the front office or leave them at the welcome table on Sunday morning. Thank you for your help with this project.

First Church Financial Status on: March 3, 2010

<i>Operating Funds</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Surplus (Deficit)</i>
Church	\$ 98,330	\$ 76,895	\$ 21,435
Pre-School	\$ 46,406	\$ 35,654	\$ 10,752
Totals:	\$ 144,736	\$ 112,549	\$ 32,187

MUSICAL EVENTS OF INTEREST:

Sunday, March 7 - Bach Cantata #80, "Ein Feste Burg" – 3:00 p.m. – Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 455 Missouri Ave., Largo. Also, motets by Byrd, Palestrina, and Tallis. Presented by the Clearwater Bach Choir, Prince of Peace Choir, soloists, chamber orchestra: Carol Alenander, Director; Don Rolander, Organ (suggested donation \$15.00)

Sunday, March 14 - Vivaldi "Gloria" and "Four Seasons" – 3:00 p.m. – Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church, Clearwater – Presented by the Clearwater Bach Choir and Arc de Soleil Chamber orchestra

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