

*The First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin
The Fourth Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 14, 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 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. (Today's sermon is based on Luke 23:32-43)*

PRAYER FOR THE DAY: *Gracious God, in order that the children of the earth might discern good from evil you sent your Son to be the light of the world. As Christ shines upon us, may we learn what pleases you, and live in all truth and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.*

THE GATHERING

**BELL PEAL
WELCOME**

PRELUDE "O Sacred Head" Walther

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: We are surely a blessed people
PEOPLE: for God forgives us of our sins!
LEADER: As they are wiped away, God's kindness shields us.
PEOPLE: All of us who trust God are shielded.

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

LEADER: As we extinguish the fourth Lenten candle, we are reminded how easy it is to judge others who are not like us. We must remember that Christ, who was sinless, was judged in the very same manner. We must never forget that as God has made us acceptable through Christ, that offer is made for everyone as well.

UNISON PRAYER

O God, how easy it is to judge others who do not think as we do. Help us as your people to offer peace and forgiveness to all – not judgment. For this reason, Christ died. And this is our work for which you have called us. 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: Let the faithful offer prayers to God!
In times of distress, trouble shall not overtake us.

PEOPLE: You are a hiding place for us, O God.
You preserve us and show us your way.

LEADER: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,
PEOPLE: and shout for joy, all you upright in heart,
for steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

ALL: Let us worship God!

***HYMN #398** "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit" Sweet, Sweet Spirit

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LEADER: The proof of God's amazing love is this;
while we were sinners Christ died for us.

PEOPLE: Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.

LEADER: Let us admit our sins before God.

LEADER: God of steadfast mercy, we have kept silent when we should have confessed our sin. We have hidden ourselves when we should have acknowledged our shame. Even as we have denied our weakness, our strength has shriveled to nothing. Still you receive us as we call upon you, and renew us as we trust in you. Be our hiding place, our secure refuge in times of distress, and we will praise you with glad songs of deliverance. 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: The promise and fulfillment of the gospel in Jesus Christ is that we are forgiven of our sin.
PEOPLE: **This is the present and living word of God: the past is gone; we have become a new creation.**
LEADER: The future is an unfolding gift of grace.
ALL: **Glory to God!**

CHILDREN’S SERMON Eric Houghton
(At this time the children may leave for Sonshine Mountain.)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
OLD TESTAMENT READING Joshua 5:9-12
The Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” arr. Leaf
(Clarinet, Dr. Louis Zagar)

GOSPEL READING Matthew 18:23-35
This is the Gospel of the Lord!
Praise to You, O Christ!

SERMON “Learning Forgiveness” Rev. Victoria ByRoade

THE RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT Haiti
RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (see insert)

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS
OFFERTORY “Aberystwyth” Simmons
***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 SENDING

***HYMN #184 “How Blest Are Those” Es flog ein kleins waldvoegelein**

*BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE (Hymn #92) “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” St. Christopher**

**ALL: Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;
and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess:
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.**

*CHARGE

***POSTLUDE “Prelude in e” Bach**

**The congregation stands. If standing is difficult for you, please feel free to remain seated.*

NEXT SUNDAY, March 21, 2010 will be the Fifth Sunday in Lent. *The scripture readings will be: Psalm 126 (Pew Bible Page 499); Isaiah 43:16-21 (page 586) Do not remember the former things, for God is about to do a new thing. Philippians 3:4-14 (pages 954-955) Righteousness comes not from the law, but from God based on faith. John 12:1-8 (pages 874-875) Mary anoints Jesus’ feet with a costly perfume.*

PRAYER FOR PEACE - EARTHQUAKES IN CHILE AND HAITI The terrible earthquake and tsunami in Chile are still being evaluated, but we know that many families and homes have been destroyed. Many people have been displaced and there are serious breakdowns in communications, services, and transportation, as there has been following the earthquake in Haiti. We are listening for ways that we can step up to help as we have stepped up to help so many others. *God, help us! We need your warm supporting arms around us as we reach out once again to comfort and serve our neighbors. Help us as we work to find ways to help those in Chile who are suffering and endangered by the earthquake. Help us not forget those who continue to suffer in Haiti following the earthquake there. The world you have given us is a scary place nowadays, and we need your support to help us endure with courage, generosity, patience, and love. 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: Doug Davis, Richard Simon, Frank Thorne, Mary Thorne
LITURGIST: Meredith York
ACOLYTE: Jonathan Gibbs

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

Richard and Laurie Closson in memory of their mothers, Ann E. Hall and Marion B. Closson

TODAY'S OPPORTUNITIES

8:45 a.m. – Worship Café
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School/Fellowship
9:45 a.m. – Communication Committee
10:30 a.m. – Traditional Worship
6:00 p.m. – Haiti Potluck Dinner
7:00 p.m. – Haiti Program

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Monday (15 th)	10:00 a.m.	Strong for Life
	7:00 p.m.	DBF Missions
Tuesday (16 th)	2:00 p.m.	Koinonia
	7:00 p.m.	Session
Wednesday (17 th)	10:00 a.m.	Strong for Life
	6:00 p.m.	Dinner (Corned Beef and Cabbage)
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (Doyle)
	7:00 p.m.	Video Club
	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
	8:00 p.m.	Worship Café
Thursday (18 th)	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KOINONIA THIS TUESDAY – MARCH 16 at 2:00 p.m. in the church library. Mary Chalk Thorne will review The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. Hear about the wonderful, but quirky, characters in this wonderful book. Bring a friend!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY DINNER this week will be 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. *Tickets for this special event are available at the welcome table in Hager Hall.*

WE'RE GOING TO CHIP (Clearwater Homeless Intervention Project) this coming Friday, March 19. Can you prepare a cold dish for delivery to our homeless friends? Please sign up for meat, salad, fruit or cookies at the CHIP table in Hager Hall after the service. If we all do a little, we can make a lot of difference!

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 are available at the welcome table in Hager Hall.*

NEWS OF HAITI This morning 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 HNF Executive Director Marcia Lane for a potluck dinner in Hager Hall, followed by their presentation at 7 p.m.

RELAY FOR LIFE DIME BOTTLES The time is here for us to start cashing in those dimes. Please bring your water bottles to the Steeple Stompers table in East Hager Hall next Sunday, 3/21. We will be turning them in to the bank and sending a check to the American Cancer Society for our team. Questions? Call Debbie Blocher 736-1708

MISSION OUTREACH As we have reviewed the statistics for Pinellas County for 2009, we have decided that one of our major foci should be the issue of homelessness in our area. We provide you with the following statistics so that you understand our decision.

6,325 people were homeless	2,232 homeless were without shelter
1,944 children were homeless	18% due to eviction or foreclosure
86% due to financial reasons (lack of income, job loss)	

EASTER LILIES Sign up on the bulletin board in Hager Hall or call the church office at 727-733-2318 to help adorn our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. The plants are \$8.00 each and may be taken following the 11:00 a.m. service. (There will be two traditional services on Easter at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. A sunrise service will be held on the Dunedin Causeway at 7:00 a.m.)

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE is looking to fill 3 positions of Elders for the Class of 2013. These 3 new Elders will join the session this summer and serve until 2013. If you are interested in serving on Session or would like to nominate someone to join the Session, please fill out one of the nomination inserts in the bulletin or contact Welch Agnew, Chair, at 727-738-1319 or email wagnew@tampabay.rr.com. Nominations are due by Wednesday, March 24.

RELAY FOR LIFE LUMINARIES - This Sunday and next Sunday, 3/14 & 3/21, you will have a chance to remember or celebrate the life of a loved one or friend by purchasing a luminary to be displayed at our Relay for Life event. The price is \$5 per luminary. We will be selling them after each church service in East Hager Hall. You can decorate the bag if you choose, colored markers will be provided. It is really quite a stirring moment when all these luminaries are lit after dark at the stadium and it's a wonderful way to recognize a Cancer survivor while raising money for the American Cancer Society

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.)

- *Family and friends of Colin Campbell, friend of the church, who died March 10*
- *Lillian McKibben at home*
- *Joe Tilney at Mease Continuing Care*
- Paul Hoffer, son of Joe and Donna Hoffer, who suffered a heart attack in Denver, CO
- Anne Trahan, mother of Betsi Lewis-Knapp, under Hospice care
- For improved health: David Eichenberger, Jack Gardner, Mary Greenlee-Krull, Scott Miller, Cathy Davide, John Keller, Thelma Powell, Betsy Perkins, Bill Vilsoet, Marge Vilsoet, Sharyn Ramirez, Lois Krebs, Dotsie Dauble, Bob and 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

First Church Financial Status on: March 10, 2010

<i>Operating Funds</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Surplus (Deficit)</i>
Church	\$ 106,055	\$ 89,761	\$ 16,294
Pre-School	\$ 46,982	\$ 43,444	\$ 3,538
Totals:	\$ 153,037	\$ 133,205	\$ 19,832

MUSIC EVENTS OF INTEREST:

Today, 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

Friday, March 19 – City of Dunedin Concert Band – 8:00 p.m. – “Broadway to Hollywood” at the Dunedin Community Center, 1920 Pinehurst Road (free admission)

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Palm Sunday palm wavers needed Sunday, March 28th is Palm Sunday. It is a tradition here at First Church to have our children provide a Palm Processional. It would be helpful to know which children will be at which service (8:45 or 10:30) please call or email the church office to include your child(ren).

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