

The First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin
First Sunday in Lent
March 10, 2019
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 lectionary scriptures for this morning: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (Pew Bible pages 477-478) The Lord says: I will deliver and protect those who call on me. Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (Pew Bible page 158-159) We cried to the Lord, God of our ancestors, and God delivered us. Romans 10:8-13 (Pew Bible page 921) The word is near to you; those who call on the Lord will be saved. Luke 4:1-13 (Pew Bible page 835) For forty days in the wilderness, Jesus is tempted by the devil. Today's service is based on Exodus 3:1-12 (Pew Bible page 44) and Philippians 4:1-9 (Pew Bible page 955).*

PRAYER FOR THE DAY: *Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us by your Word through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

THE GATHERING

BELL PEAL

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
GREETING**

PRELUDE "Trio on ROCKINGHAM" Harris

INTROIT (Sing the Faith #2083) "My Song Is Love Unknown" Rhosymedre

CHOIR: My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake my God should take frail flesh and die?
My God should take frail flesh and die?

ALL: I sing my plain belief, one song my heart outpours:
never was pain nor grief, never was love like yours.
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend;
I all my days could gladly spend.

OPENING SENTENCES

LEADER: Give thanks to God, for God is good.
PEOPLE: God's steadfast love endures forever.

LEADER: Who can declare all of God's praise?
PEOPLE: Happy are those who observe justice and do righteousness at all times.

***HYMN #81** "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" St. Flavian

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, we confess that we have not acknowledged you as the source of our successes, our substance, our selves. We have been far readier to complain when things go wrong than to praise when all is well. We are most attracted to what is wrong, than what is right. We are too eager to focus on mistakes, misdeeds and disappointments, rather than looking for what you have done and continue to do. Forgive us, compassionate Creator, and grant us the opportunity to start over again on this new day. Give us eyes to see and mouths to praise your mighty deeds. *(silent confession)*

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

LEADER: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
PEOPLE: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE (Hymnal #573)** "Lord Have Mercy" Kyrie

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy. **ALL:** Lord, have mercy.
CHOIR: Christ, have mercy. **ALL:** Christ, have mercy.
CHOIR: Lord, have mercy. **ALL:** Lord, have mercy.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 3:1-12 (Pew Bible page 44)

The Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" Meyer

NEW TESTAMENT READING Philippians 4:1-9 (Pew Bible page 955)

This, too, is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“What’s Best”

Rev. Dr. David K. Shelor

THE RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD AND LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

“Andantino”

Franck

***DOXOLOGY (Hymnal #591) “Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ, all people here below.
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.”**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE SENDING

***HYMN #87**

“The Glory of These Forty Days”

Erhalt uns, Herr

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“Fantasia”

Pachelbel

For some, the Postlude serves as festive music to accompany their going out into the world. Others prefer to remain seated and listen. Those departing during the Postlude can help those who listen by softening their joyful greeting of others.

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

NEXT SUNDAY, March 17, 2019 will be the Second Sunday in Lent. *The lectionary scriptures are: Psalm 27 (Pew Bible pages 437-738) I believe I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 (Pew Bible pages 10-11) Abram believes in the Lord; God makes a covenant with Abram. Philippians 3:17-4:1 (Pew Bible page 955) God will transform our humiliation into glory; stand firm on the Lord. Luke 13:31-35 (Pew Bible page 849) Jesus laments: Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets!*

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome! It is good to be together as a community while we worship in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Following the service, there will be a time of light refreshments and further conversation and connection with one another in Hager Hall. The easiest way to access the hall from the sanctuary is through the doors closest to the pulpit and to the right.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER – You are invited to fill out the Friendship Register with as much information as you are comfortable in sharing. It can be found at the center end of each pew. As it is returned to the center aisle, please take time to look at the names of others with whom you are sitting. It can be a good feeling to call someone by their name, even though you are just meeting them, and it is a reminder that, this morning, we are all part of God’s community together.

HAVE CHILDREN? – A professionally staffed nursery is available for children age 3 and younger in the Nursery Room, off of the Courtyard. Coloring pages for use in worship are also available. Ask an usher about both. After the beginning of worship, children through 5th grade will be invited to attend “Sonshine Mountain,” a time of fun and faith just for them. They will be returned to meet their families in Hager Hall following worship.

NEW TO FIRST CHURCH? – Thank you for being here today! Your presence adds to this experience of worship. Please introduce yourself to the folks around you and to Pastor David. If you’d like, you are welcome to identify yourself with the “Visitor” stickers found in the Friendship Register. At the close of worship, please feel free to take a Blue Welcome Bag, which includes a small gift and further information about First Church. They can be found at the front.

LIKE TO KNOW MORE? – For more information about First Presbyterian Church, its ministry and mission, and how we can grow and learn together, please:

- See the announcements in this bulletin
- Go to the church website (www.fpcdunedin.org)
- Read the monthly newsletter, *The Voice*, found at various information tables here and on the church website.
- Find us on Facebook
- Contact the church office (727-733-2318, frontoffice@fpcdunedin.org)

THOSE WITH VISION OR HEARING IMPAIRMENTS – Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers. Hearing assisted devices are also available at the sound booth.

FIRST FRIENDS PRESCHOOL OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DUNEDIN offers Christian based curriculum for ages 1-5 and the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) Program. Call 727-733-2111 for more information. Visit the website at www.firstfriendspreschool.net or like us on Facebook @ First Friends Preschool – Dunedin Florida.

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

USHERS: Paul Stone, Barbara Szatkowski, Jim Szatkowski, Paul Burks

LITURGIST: Marion Yongue

SOUND TECHNICIANS: Dave Thomas and Jeff Cockrell

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

Marion T. Yongue in memory of Yuko K. Yongue, Ruth Yongue Grubbs, and Emory Lee Dean

TODAY’S OPPORTUNITIES

- 8:45 a.m. – Worship Café (HH)
- 9:00 a.m. – Children’s Sunday School (N)
- 9:30 a.m. – Searcher Sunday School Class – Eric Houghton (HR)
- 9:30 a.m. – Foundation Sunday School Class (L)
- 10:30 a.m. – Traditional Worship (S)
- 10:30 a.m. – God and Me/God and Family (B)
- 10:50 a.m. – Sonshine Mountain Sunday School (B)
- 11:30 a.m. – Fellowship Hour
- 7:00 p.m. – Lenten Discussion (HH)

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. (Please call the church office if you have a prayer concern.)

- *Jackie Chalk at Mease Dunedin*
- *Nancy Jewitt at home*
- Carol Carsey, Diana Carsey’s sister, in rehab center in Mineral Wells, TX
- Freddie Webb at Manor Care
- Carol O’Briant following surgery
- Jack Hicks
- Julie Ross Albaugh following recent surgery
- Lynda DiGioia, sister of Nancy Klopp, following a stroke

For continued healing: Al Schlorholtz, Janice Stephens, Rev. Buddy and Frances Doyle, Margie Skinner, Marion Guthrie, Joyce Swan, Liz Bailey, Richard Garlick, Matthew Lanier, John Willmarth, Debby Womack

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Monday (11 th)	8:30 a.m.	Prayer Walkers (PL)
	6:00 p.m.	Bach Choir Rehearsal (CR)
	6:30 p.m.	Building Committee (612)
Tuesday (12 th)	9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting (MR)
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship and Hospitality Committee (MR)
	11:00 a.m.	Preschool Committee (MR)
	7:00 p.m.	AA (EHH)
	7:00 p.m.	Finance (MR)
Wednesday (13 th)	10:00 a.m.	Lenten Discussion Group (HH)
	11:00 a.m.	Senior Exercise Class (HH)
	4:30 p.m.	Worship Committee (MR)
	6:30 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Video Club (L)
Thursday (14 th)	11:00 a.m.	OA (EHH)
	11:00 a.m.	Preschool Music (CR)
	6:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir (CR)
	8:00 p.m.	NA (EHH)
Friday (15 th)	6:30 p.m.	AA (EHH)
	6:30 p.m.	Game Night (B)
Saturday (16 th)	7:00 p.m.	AA (HH)

Legend: (B) Basement Game Room; (BC) Bell Choir EB; (C) Cinema EB; (CR) Choir Room; (EB) Ed Bldg 2nd Fl; (EHH) East Hager Hall; (FO) Front Office; (HH) Hager Hall; (HR) Highlander Room; (L) Library; (MR) Meeting Room; (N) Nursery; (PL) Parking Lot; (PS) Ed Bldg Gr Floor; (S) Sanctuary; (10) Scout Hut on Loudon; (612) Green House

Church Attendance on March 3, 2019 - Worship Café 52; Traditional 131

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL FOR TARTAN BEARERS! We will celebrate our annual Kirkin' o' the Tartans on Sunday, March 31 during Worship Café and our Traditional Services. If you are interested in participating by carrying in one our (or your own) tartans, contact Katherine Calhoon (408-406-4422 or kwebbcal@gamil.com).

TODAY'S FELLOWSHIP HOUR will begin immediately following the Traditional Worship Service. We thank our Sarah and Esther Circles for hosting. Please come and join us in Hager Hall for light refreshment and an opportunity to greet your fellow worshippers!

GAME NIGHT This Friday is the 3rd Friday gathering in the basement from 6:30 – 8:00. Come join us for food and conversation; occasionally a game of some type breaks out. Bring an appetizer or finger food to share.

DIALOGUES: A SMALL GROUP ENCOUNTER March 18, 2019, 7:00 p.m., Church Library. Dr. Lyla Yastion will facilitate our discussion of her recently published book, *Homesick: Finding Our Way Back to a Healthy Planet (2018)*. Having recently moved with her husband to the Scotsdale community of Dunedin, Dr. Yastion taught anthropology and religious studies at the College of New Rochelle, Iona College and SUNY New Palzu. Currently, she teaches a course in Sustainable Living at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of Eckerd College. Through her extensive research as an anthropologist, Lyla challenges us to reawaken to the interdependent web of all life forms and encourages us to adopt a sustainable lifestyle based upon a healthy perception of our home – planet earth. Copies of *Homesick* are available in the “Greening of the Church” section of the church library.

SAVE THE DATE Wednesday, March 20th – DBF Mission grant recipient Brad Dunn, Advancement Director of Good Neighbors (and brother of Bev Fisher) will share information about their work in Chester Co., PA and New Castle Co., DE. “Our mission is to restore hope and dignity to qualified low-income homeowners by repairing their homes as an expression of our love for Jesus Christ.” Recipients include seniors, single parents, disabled veterans, and the working poor. The presentation will be at 6:30 in Hager Hall following a Relay for Life dinner.

BACH-A-THON 2019 Sunday, March 24, 2019 from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. the music of J. S. Bach will be performed in the sanctuary of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (455 Missouri Avenue N, Largo, FL) and simulcast in the Parish Hall where German food will be served throughout the concert (for as long as the food lasts!). The event is sponsored by Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and the Clearwater Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and celebrates 334 years since Bach's birth. Stephen L. Allen is scheduled to play at approximately 2 p.m. Come when you can and leave when you must!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST Please join the Boy Scout troop for a pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 24th immediately following the Traditional service. All proceeds will help send scouts to summer camp.

DUNEDIN CARES BIGGEST NEEDS Pancake mix and syrup, tuna, Ramen noodles, mashed potatoes, paper products, shampoo, soap, etc.

THE VIDEO CLUB will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13 at Chatterbox Restaurant. We will return to the church at approximately 7:00 to watch the first half of *Like Father*.