

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* BENEDICTION

* **RESPONSE** *Jesus Remember Me* Hymn 227
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

* **POSTLUDE** *God Is My Strong Salvation* Held

SERVING TODAY

USHERS:

8:25a.m. Barbara Bidwell (Head), Sam Bidwell, Zach Bogue, Mark Dail, Janelle Haggard, Margaret Heberlein, Joy Thompson
10:55a.m. Hal Vandersea (Head), Chip Chagnon, Carol Hale, David Hale, John Robert Mattocks, Linda Palmer, Doug Phelps

GREETERS:

8:25a.m. Gene Peele
10:55a.m. Lora Starr

WORSHIP NOTES

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS for **March 24**

Isaiah 55:1-9 Psalm 63:1-8
1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9

ELIJAH on the LORD'S DAY

March 24 – 1 Kings 19:1-18
March 31 – 1 Kings 21:1-19
April 7 – 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

LENTEN LUNCH on TUESDAYS

March 26 ~ James 1:17, Job 12:7-10 and 2 Timothy 1:14 – Alison Mattocks
April 2 ~ Proverbs 3: 5-6 and Romans 12: 1-2 – Peter Moeller
April 9 ~ Romans 8: 31-39 – Ken Wilkins
April 16~ Daniel 3:8-30 – Wendy Moeller

April 14 – **Palm/Passion Sunday 8:25 and 10:55am**

April 18 – **Maundy Thursday 7:00pm**

April 21 – **Pasch/Easter 8:25 and 10:55am**

Text and Title for March 31

Luke 20:9-15; 1 Kings 21:1-10, 15-21a
When 'True North' Wanders

SESSION 2019

William Hawkins, Moderator, Maren Sonstegard-Spray Vice-Moderator
Karen Reed, Clerk

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Bill Harris, '19

Worship

Janelle Haggard '21
Gayle Hardy '21
George Moore '21

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



IN THE CITY OF NEW BERN
ORGANIZED 1817

— THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT —

24 March 2019

— Eight Twenty-Five and Ten Fifty-Five AM —

**First Presbyterian Church is a welcoming community of faith
where Jesus Christ transforms lives:**

through *worship*, as we praise and glorify God;
through *outreach*, as we embody God's love in service to the world;
through *education*, as we listen for God's Word;
through *giving*, as we express gratitude to God;
through *caring*, as we love and care for one another;
through *communication*, as we invite all to join in God's work;
through *fellowship* as we share our lives and faith together.

Building Community ▪ Transforming Lives ▪ Engaging the World

*Trusting that God's grace embraces and makes covenant with all believers,
First Presbyterian Church intends to be an inclusive place of spiritual growth for all
people. All persons are welcomed into this fellowship and membership regardless of age,
sexual orientation, gender, ethnic or racial identity, economic or educational status, or
political affiliation.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME, visitors! Please write your name on a visitor's badge for your blouse or lapel. Along with our members, please sign the Friendship Pad when passed to you during the service.

CHILDREN are welcome at First Presbyterian Church. Beginning at 8:15AM the nursery is available for infants--4 years. At the 10:55 AM service the nursery is available for infants--2 years. Following the Children's Moment, those in the 2nd grade or younger may depart for Children's Worship and Wonder. For those 3rd grade and up, ask an usher for worship bags for your child(ren).

NURSERY is in room 1.23 in the Ministry Center.

RESTROOMS are available in the Ministry Center, (including a family restroom), the Session House and the Fellowship Center.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES with ear coverings are available. Please ask an usher if you have need.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBILITY is provided by ramps on either side of the Sanctuary and in back of the Ministry Center.

WORSHIP SYMBOLS indicate the following:

** seating of latecomers
* if comfortable doing so, please stand
† 8:25 AM only
‡ 10:55 AM only

ASSEMBLE IN PRAISE OF GOD

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

The moments before worship are a transition from “getting there” to “being here.” You are invited to use this time to quiet your mind, and in personal prayer find yourself becoming more attentive to God’s Spirit present in our midst. The Prayer of the Day is offered to assist you.

** PRAYER OF THE DAY

Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give and not count the cost; to fight and not heed to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labor and not to ask for any reward, save that knowing that we do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

** PRELUDE *In Thy Secret Place* Mendelssohn
(Andante tranquillo from Sonata in A, Opus 65, no. 3)

INTROIT *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* Spiritual
Covenant Bells; combined choirs

CALL TO WORSHIP 2 Timothy 1:8-14 (adapted)

Leader: Do not be ashamed about the testimony of our Lord. Relying on the power of God, our Lord Jesus saved us and called us with a holy calling, according to his purpose and grace.

People: **This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began. He abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.**

Leader: So, we need not be ashamed, for the one in whom we have placed our trust is able to guard until that day what we have entrusted to him.

People: **Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.**

Leader: Let us always guard the good treasure entrusted to us, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

** * HYMN 35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* Neander/1665

* UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Though the river finds its way to the sea, and the birds of the air know their appointed seasons, how slow our hearts turn to you, heavenly Father. Only after we have tried all other ways, gone down every blind alley, indulged in every whim and fancy, and knelt before every false god, do we turn to you. Receive us we pray, even if the day is no longer young and life no longer full. We come not because we must, but because we may, for you’ve left open our pathway back to you. Let your healing mercies forgive every illusion of self-importance, and by your healing mercies cleanse us of all unrighteousness. Clothe us in our right minds so that we will count our loyalty to you better than life itself. (silent confession)

* KYRIE ELEISON John Merbecke



* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE 437 *You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy* Wetzel



* SUMMARY OF THE LAW

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and the first commandment. And a second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” Matthew 22:37-39

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Please greet or respond to one another: *The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.*

GOD’S WORD

‡CHILDREN’S MOMENT The Rev. Maren Sonstegard-Spray
Hymn 414 *Be Still and Know That I Am God*
Be still and know that I am God, be still and know that I am God.
(sung twice)

‡THE LORD’S PRAYER p. 35
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OFFERING *Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along your pew.*

In the pew racks are prayer cards to name someone in particular need of intercessory prayer. You are encouraged to provide the information and place the card in the offering plate.

Offertory *Feed My Lambs* Natalie Sleeth
Covenant Choir ‡Kinderchoir
Craig Emmerich, piano

* Doxology 606
* Dedication of Pledges, Tithes, and Offerings

* HYMN 45 *I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes* Scottish Psalter

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON Psalm 43 OT 515

ANTHEM *Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord* Mendelssohn
from “Elijah”
†Daybreak Choir ‡Sanctuary Choir

SECOND LESSON 1 Kings 19:1-18 OT 326

SERMON *You Don’t Get to Say When it is Over*
The Rev. Dr. William Hawkins

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* HYMN 846 *Fight the Good Fight* Monsell/Hatton

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CEMC Rehab: Lee Riggs
BAYVIEW: Jean Brushaber (rel)
PRUITT HEALTH (Trent Campus): Mary Ann Carzoo

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God by Amy Lynn in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. J.W.Lynn, Jr. and James “Jim” Wiley Lynn, III.

PRAYER/† THE LORD’S PRAYER

* APOSTLES’ CREED p. 35

Let us confess the faith of our Baptism.
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI 581