

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Building Community ▪ Transforming Lives ▪ Engaging the World

19 March 2023

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Prayer of Preparation

Lord, let me hunger enough that I do not forget the world's hunger.

Lord, let me hunger enough that I may have bread to share.

Lord, let me hunger enough that I may long for the Bread of Life.

Lord, let me hunger enough that I may be filled by the Bread of Heaven.

Amen.

Welcome

The Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

M. Hayes

Introit

I'm Going to Sing

spiritual

*Call to Worship

Hungering and thirsting, we come to the Lord.

Jesus is the living bread!

Feed us with your love and healing power, O Lord.

Give us the bread of hope and compassion that we may also feed others.

Praise be to you, O Lord, for your compassion for us.

Praise be to you, O Lord, for your steadfast love.

Let us worship God!

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess the foolishness of our ways, and our failure to follow you in the path of righteousness. We have gone astray; we feel lost. We have upheld our own interest

first, to the detriment of others. We have failed to be generous and abandoned our efforts to bring about justice. We feel the stains of our sins, God.

(we pause for a time of silent confession)

Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love. Wash away our sinfulness and enable us to live more faithfully as your servants in this world. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Summary of the Law

Matthew 22:37-39

“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.’”

Anthem

To My Precious Lord

Chung Kwan Park

Children’s Moment

The Rev. Catherine Campbell

Baptism of Grady and Georgia Lewis

Parents: Von and Abbey Lewis

Elder: Sarah Catherine Gibbs

Hymn

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

Cole-Turner

**Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign,
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine**

**Child of joy, our dearest treasure,
God's you are, from God you came.
Back to God we humbly give you:
live as one who bears Christ's name.**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

John 6:1-14

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Sharing a Meal

Daewon Goldenbaum-Yang

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

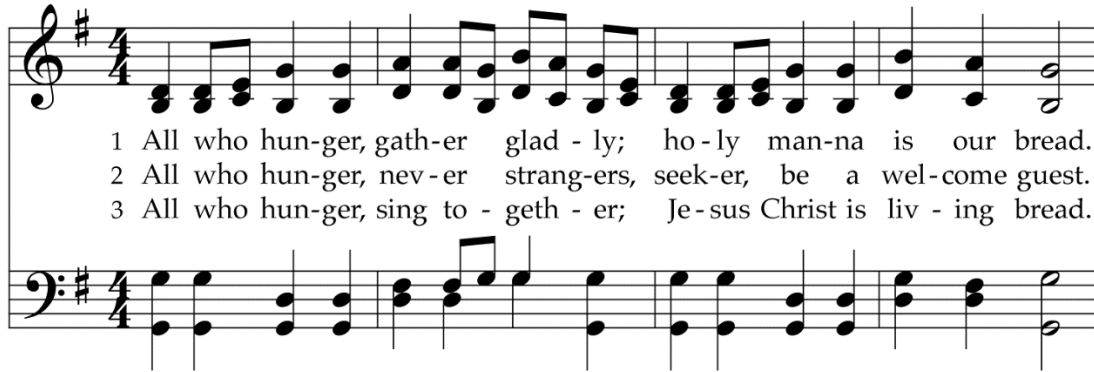
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the

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.

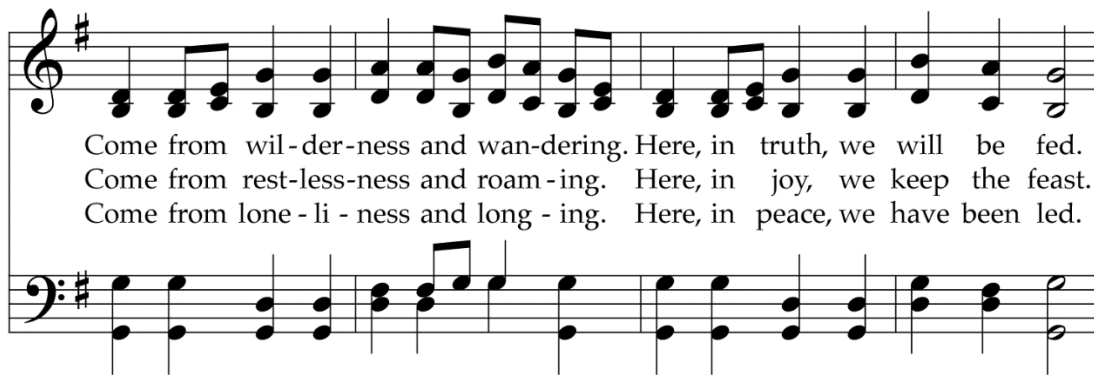
Hymn 509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

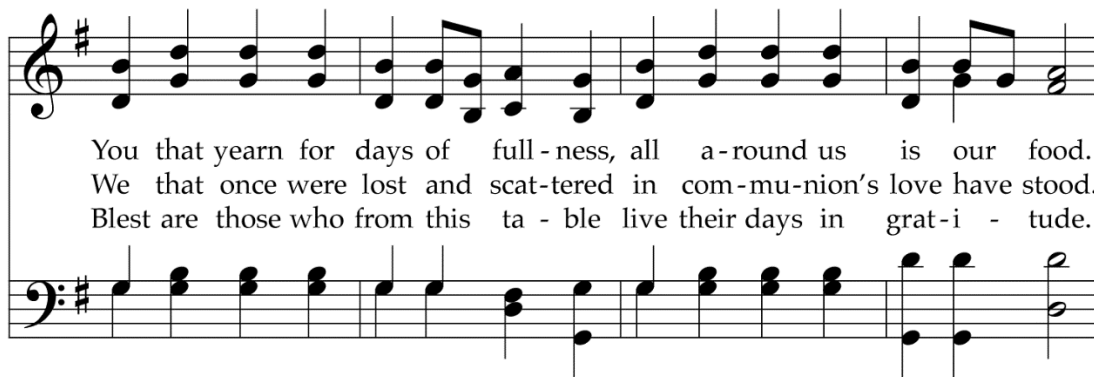
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1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

Giving of God's Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory

Prayer to Jesus

John Ness Beck

*Doxology

Hymn 606

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God, above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given by Marcy Latteman to the glory of God in celebration of the birthdays of her sister, The Rev. Sarah Brockmann, and her niece Annie Long.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

...Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

Benediction

Response

Threefold Amen

anonymous

Postlude

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

P. Rodriguez

Pianist: Cindy Sutton

Ensembles: Members of the Covenant Choir,
Daybreak and Sanctuary Choirs

Daewon Goldenbaum-Yang has been serving as the Interim Director of UKirk Ministries of Eastern Carolina since November 2020. This ministry with college students and young adults has been rewarding as he is able to journey together with the students and young adults as they grow in their faith. Before moving to Greenville, Daewon served here at First Pres for about eight years as the Director of Education and Youth Ministry.

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THE WEEK AHEAD - www.firstpresnb.org/calendar

Sunday, Mar. 19	12:15-2:00 pm	Sacraments Class
	3:30 pm	Sanctuary Bells (Handbell Choir)
	4:00 pm	Calvin & Hops (Men's Beer and Theology)
	5:30-7:30 pm	Youth Group and SALT (Grades 3-12)
Monday	12:00 pm	Divine Sleep Yoga Class
	12:00 pm	Divorce Recovery Group
	2:00 pm	Knit 4 Others
	3:45-5:00 pm	Covenant Choir (grades K-5)
	4:00 pm	Outreach Commission
	5:30 pm	Budget & Finance Meeting
	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study (via Zoom)
Tuesday	10:00-11:30 am	Staff Meetings
	12:00	Lenten Luncheon
	2:30 pm	Pickleball (J. Murphy Smith Center)
	6:00 pm	Worship Commission
	6:45 pm	Presbyterian Women Circle 3
	7:00 pm	Session Meeting

Wednesday	12:00 pm	Life of Prayer
	1:00 pm	Lunch Wagon Meeting
	3:00 pm	Welcoming Committee
	5:00 pm	Contemplative Worship
Thursday	9:00 am–12:00 pm	Lunch Wagon Artists in Residency Event
	2:30 pm	Pickleball (J. Murphy Smith Center)
	5:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary and Daybreak)
Friday	11:00	Funeral for Rev. Dale Walker
Saturday	10:00 am	Pickleball (J. Murphy Smith Center)
Sunday, Mar. 26	8:30 am	Worship
	9:15-10:00 am	Fellowship Café
	9:40-10:40 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	12:15-2:00 pm	Sacraments Class
	4:45 pm	Confirmation Choir
	5:30-7:30 pm	Youth Group (Grades 6-12)

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:40 am – 10:40 am

For more details, Adult Education and Children & Youth booklets are available in the narthex or visit www.firstpresnb.org/formation

Every Sunday through May 21

Nursery	Ministry Center Room 1.23
Children (Grades K-5)	Ministry Center Room 1.24
Youth (Grades 6-12)	Ministry Center Rooms 2.23-24
The Present Word	Session House Parlor

February 26 – April 2

Tell It Slant	Session House Main Room
History of the Presbyterian Church	Ministry Center Library
Reviving Discipleship	Ministry Center Owl Room & Zoom

MIDWEEK OPPORTUNITIES

Divine Sleep Yoga class	Mondays, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm in the Lighthouse
Women’s Bible Study	Mondays, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm on Zoom <i>Reading John for Dear Life</i> by Jaime-Clark Soles
The Life of Prayer	Wednesdays, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm, Ministry Ctr Owl Room <i>Promptings from Paradise</i> by John Philip Newell
Contemplative Worship	Wednesdays, 5:00 pm – 5:30 pm, Ministry Center Chapel
Divorce Recovery	3 rd Monday, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm, Ministry Center Chapel
Grief Support	2 nd Tuesday, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm, Ministry Center Chapel
Calvin & Hops	3 rd Sunday, 4:00 pm, Brewery 99

Lunch Wagon Event - Artists in Residency – March 23, 9 am – 12 pm, Session House

This program will feature our church members who are artists in their medium including authors, quilters, knitters, stained glass artisans, fabric art, painters, and woodworkers. After the program, we

will walk over to the Chelsea Restaurant for lunch (Dutch treat). There will be a sign-up sheet in the church office. **Please RSVP by Monday, March 20th.**

Presbyterian Women's Outreach for March

On behalf of Presbyterian Women, Sue Spiker thanks you for your generosity in making this year's collection of infant layette items for CarolinaEast Medical Center a huge success. Our March project is a donation to UKIRK at East Carolina University. This donation comes from the PW budget rather than individual donations.

Read this Book- Planning for Summer 2023!

Have you recently read a book that has informed, challenged, or inspired you and connected with your faith? If so, we'd like to invite you to lead one week of our summer Sunday School class, "Read this Book!" Science, Fiction, Non-Fiction, History, Memoir – we welcome all! This is a wonderful way to share and learn together, and each week is a little different. If you'd like to know more or volunteer to lead one week, please contact Anna Pinckney Straight (anna@firstpresnb.org).

LENTEN LUNCHESES

Each Lenten Tuesday at noon, you are invited to gather for an Exploration of Pilgrimage in the Session House. We will enjoy a brief worship service and then welcome our guest speaker. After, we will share a meal prepared by the Presbyterian Women before concluding at 1:00 pm.

March 21	Thomas H. Priest, Jr. - Into the Hood
March 28	Paul S. Schernitzki - Camino de Santiago
April 4	Catherine Campbell - Turkey

First Presbyterian Church Session

Clerk of Session: Karen Reed

Class of 2023 (serving through 2023)	Class of 2024 (serving through 2024)	Class of 2025 (serving through 2025)
Phoebe Briley	James Copland	Stephanie Brinson
Brent Hinckley	Christin Grady	John Finlayson
Middleton Hinckley	Kenneth Holton	Sarah Catherine Gibbs
Mark Moeller	Carole Koi	Rufus McAden
Micajah Newman	Vaughn Purnell	Yvonne Olmstead
Elizabeth Paul	Helen Robinson	Linda Staunch
Margaret Pritchett	Joyce Weaver	David Stevick