

COMMUNION MUSIC

Ave Verum

C. SAINT SAENS
E. ELGAR
W.A. MOZART

Translation: Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind, from whose pierced side flowed water and blood: May it be for us a foretaste of the Heavenly banquet in the trial of death.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

RECOGNITION OF INTERIM MINISTRY STAFF

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

† DOXOLOGY

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

SENDING

The God who calls us together in worship now sends us out in service.

† INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

† HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERRREN

† BENEDICTION

† CHORAL BENEDICTION

Three Fold Amen

TRADITIONAL

† POSTLUDE

Joys & Prayer Requests

Please notify the church office of hospitalizations, joys and concerns. For a full listing of prayer concerns, please call the Care and Concern line at (501) 227-6117.

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Benjamin E.E. Kane / Rev. Alisa Secrest
Rev. Lindy Vogado/Rev. Marie Mainard O’Connell
Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts
Elizabeth Cahoon, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries
Adam Savacool, organist
Clint Brockway, Interpreter
Liturgists: (8:30am) Cotten Cunningham (11am) Laura Cook
Communion Servers: (8:30am) Julia Dorchester, Aileen Moore, Jean Kohler, Ralph Wilcox, Janie Lowe (11am) Gwin Cunningham, Cheryl Denson, Jo Paulus, Laura Cook, Kate Franks, Alicia and Sam Byrd
Elders of the Day: (8:30am) Ruth Shepherd (11am) George Keck

March Usher Captains
8:30am (3/31) Scott Polk 11:00am (3/24, & 31) Diane Karlson

Are You New to Second Pres?

If you are a guest, we are grateful you have joined us in worship and we hope you are well taken care of and feel at home. Feel free to stop by the Welcome Center in the narthex or say hello to a staff member or greeter. Check out the bulletin insert for more on Second Pres and things that may be of interest to you. We’re glad you’re here.

Statement of Welcome & Inclusiveness

As one part of the church of Jesus Christ, we are inspired and guided by Christ’s vision of God’s realm—one that includes all who seek to love God and neighbor.

Second Presbyterian Church welcomes all people.

As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), we invite those who respond in trust and obedience to God’s grace in Jesus Christ to become part of the membership and ministry of the church.

We would be pleased to have you join us in our journey of faith, regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic or family status, ethnic background, mental or physical abilities.

Giving to Second Pres

Your generosity is a meaningful expression of your faith in God and your commitment to Christ’s work in the world. Contributions can be made to the Annual Budget, Memorial Gifts and the Birthday Fund.

OFFERING PLATE
You may place your offering in the offering plate

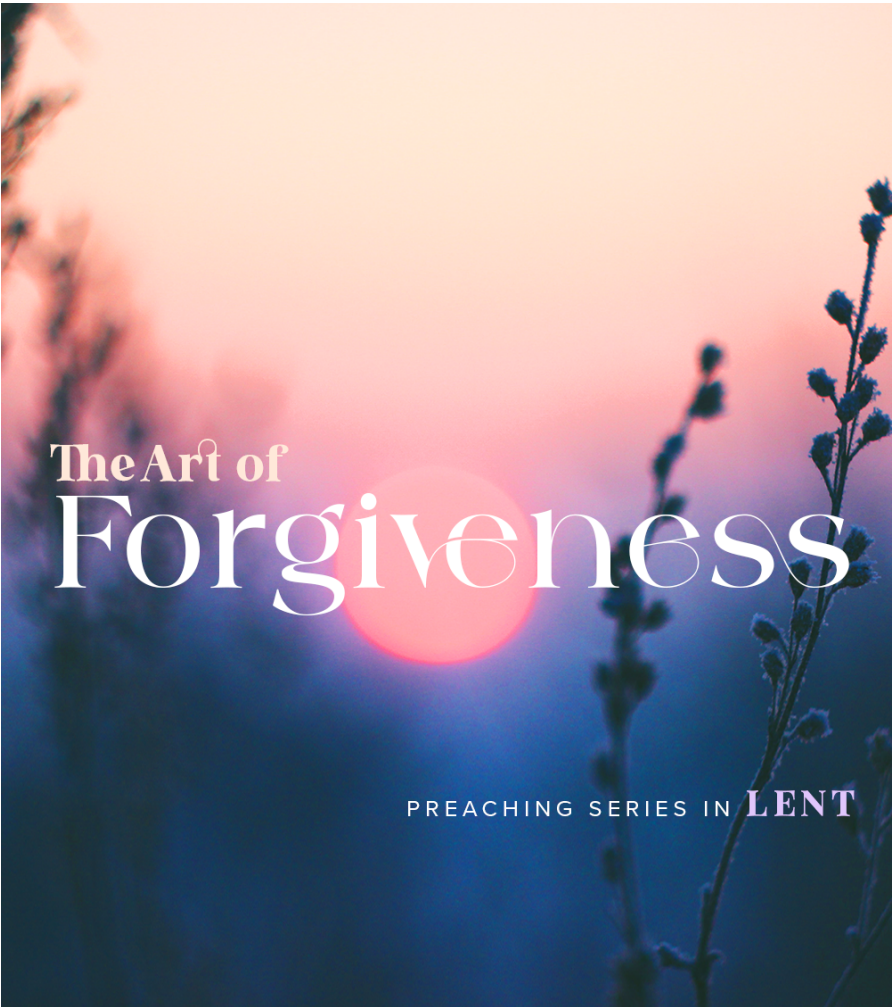
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Welcome TO WORSHIP



Today in Worship

8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

The Congregation will speak aloud the **bold print readings**.

✝ Please rise in body or spirit

GATHERING

Worship begins with God. God takes the initiative and calls the Church into being. In the name of Christ, we heed God’s call and gather as the community of faith.

WELCOME

At both services, worshippers will gather outside the sanctuary doors to receive their palm branches and await the Welcome, Prelude, and Call to Worship which will all take place in the narthex. During the first hymn, worshippers gathered in the narthex will process into the sanctuary waving palms before taking their seats in the pew. Hosanna!

PRELUDE

✝ CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
God’s steadfast love endures forever.
Let everyone say, **“God’s steadfast love endures forever!”**

✝ HYMN 197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna ELLACOMBE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Create in us a clean heart, O God; **and renew a right spirit within us.**
We come to this time of confession to expose our lives to your grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we are eager to wave our palms and welcome you into our lives. But we are also nervous that you are arriving into our lives. This might mean we have to do things differently and that’s worrisome. With your arrival, our lives are being exposed and we’re not sure we want that. But we know what it means to be one of your people. It means we are loved and that forgiveness is at hand. So we’ve come to this time to wave our palms and share our stories. Our stories of pain, suffering, shortcomings, and difficulties. We’ve come seeking your mercy and grace to relieve ourselves of our sins. Lord, hear these prayers and the silent ones we offer now...

Time for silent confession.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer -

cy up - on us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David.
Hosanna in the highest.
Let us believe the good news
that we are forgiven through Christ. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

O Lord, open my lips, **and my mouth will declare your praise.**
We join our voices together and offer one another forgiveness
through these words of welcome:
the peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you.
Let us stand and greet one another with the sign of Christ’s peace.

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Gathered in God’s name, we now open ourselves to God’s life-giving Word.

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 pp. 565-6

ANTHEM Cry Out, and Shout K. Nystedt
SPC Adult Choir

GOSPEL READING John 12:12-19 p. 106

SERMON Why Are You Waving Your Palm? Rev. Ben Kane

Following the sermon, there will be a time for meditation to consider what God might be saying to you after hearing God’s word read and proclaimed.

✝ HYMN 196 All Glory, Laud, And Honor VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

The proclamation of God’s Word invites responses of faith.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts!
We lift them up to the Lord!
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, holy and mighty, it is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, and to worship you in every place where your glory abides. We need not hide ourselves from you, before whose justice no one can stand. Your mercy was proclaimed by the apostles and the prophets, and shown forth to us in Jesus Christ. You give your law to guide us, and you promise new life for all, that we may live to serve you among our neighbors in all we do and say.

Therefore, we join your long procession of pilgrims praising you along the way.

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly. Reign-ing God of

pw’r and might. Heav’n and earth are full of your glo - ry,

All cre-a-tion seeks your light! Bless-ed is the One who

comes in Your name. Bless-ed be the Lord most High!

Remembering your boundless love for us in Jesus Christ, we offer you our praise, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is ris - en;

Christ the Lord will come a - gain.

Holy God, pour your Spirit on us, that we may know Christ in the breaking of bread, and that in word and deed, we may be channels of your love, peace, and justice in the world

A - men. A - men.

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THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

We have three ways to receive communion.
You may come forward to the chancel area to receive communion by intinction or by using a prepackaged individual serving of a gluten-free wafer with grape juice. The third way is to receive communion in your pew. If you are unable to come forward, please raise your hand and a server will come to you with both options for communion – intinction or a prepackaged, gluten-free kit.

If you are a visitor, we welcome you to join us at the table as this is an open table where all are welcome. We invite you to follow the example of others as to when to come forward, receive communion, and how to return to your pew.