



# The First Presbyterian Church

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## The Celebration of Worship Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 29, 2009

8:45 and 11:00 AM

Worship is broadcast at 11 AM on WCHS-580AM

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.  
Large print hymnals, Bibles and hearing devices, as well as information about child care  
and other church programs are available from any usher.

All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.  
Clipboards, children's Bibles and books to borrow during worship are located at the entrances.

### We Gather

#### TIME FOR PREPARATION

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

#### VOLUNTARY

Jesu, meines Lebens Leben  
Fred Gaul, organist

Ronald Besemer

#### MARKING OF THE HOUR

## We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

The Power of Your Love  
(See insert)

words and music: Geoff Bullock

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Claire Butler

\*RESPONSE

Oh Lord, You're Beautiful

words and music by Keith Green

Oh Lord, You're beau - ti - ful. \_\_\_\_\_ Your face is all I seek. \_\_\_\_\_

For when Your eyes are on this child, Your grace a - bounds to me. \_\_\_\_\_

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the response, with lyrics 'Oh Lord, You're beau - ti - ful. \_\_\_\_\_ Your face is all I seek. \_\_\_\_\_'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with lyrics 'For when Your eyes are on this child, Your grace a - bounds to me. \_\_\_\_\_'. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Barbara Hopta

The Cross is ahead for us, as it was for Jesus.

When we hang back from venturing into uncharted territory, Lively God, encourage us.

The Cross looms menacingly, as it did for Jesus.

When our fears threaten to overcome us, Caring God, be our friend.

The Cross challenges community values, as in Jesus' time.

When we are inclined to go along with the crowd, Just God, challenge us.

The Cross symbolizes sacrifice, as it did for Jesus.

When we are prepared to compromise our faith, Renewing God, stand with us.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Barbara Hopta

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

Bill McCoy

Please sign the friendship pad placed at pew's end, and greet each other by name.  
Visitors are invited to wear the button found in the friendship pad.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Sue Webster

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

Barbara Hopta

\*PASSING THE PEACE

Barbara Hopta

The peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

We Declare our Faith

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Claire Butler

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.

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,  
 As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

We Give Thanks to God

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Barbara Hopta

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.

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

Offertory

I Come With Joy

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

\*Doxology (Please stand and sing)

HYMN 591

*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.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Barbara Hopta

Lord of life, Who gives us eyes to see the need around us and the vision to respond, bless these gifts and the ways they will be used. Bless and encourage us, we pray, to listen to one another and to encourage and support one another as we all seek to serve You more faithfully. Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

This morning's anthem is a musical setting of Isaiah 53:6. In the opening section, the cheerful, carefree musical "sheep" imitate one another just as real sheep tend to follow the first one in line. They wander and turn, "every one to his own way". But even careless sin has its price: as the sheep wander, the consequence of their sin increases. In the end, we hear the crushing weight laid upon Christ: "the iniquity of us all".

ANTHEM (11:00)	All We, Like Sheep, Have Gone Astray	<i>text: Isaiah 53:6</i> <i>music: G.F. Handel</i>
	<i>All we, like sheep, have gone astray. We have turned every one to his own way.</i>	
	<i>And the Lord hath laid on Him</i> <i>the iniquity of us all.</i>	
	The Geneva Choir	
SCRIPTURE READING	Mark 10:35-52, Pew Bible, NT. p. 47	Bill McCoy
SERMON	WHAT GOD WANTS TO KNOW: What Do You Want Me To Do For You?	Bill McCoy
*CONCLUDING HYMN 423	Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun	DUKE STREET
*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BENEDICTION		Bill McCoy
*HYMN OF PARTING	Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights	WINCHESTER NEW

*VOLUNTARY	Postlude Fred Gaul, organist	<i>Julius Andre</i>
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The asterisks (\*) invite you to stand if it is comfortable for you to do so.

