

*The First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin
Second Sunday in Lent
March 17, 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 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! Today's service is based on Jeremiah 18:12-17 (Pew Bible page 629) and 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (Pew Bible page 959).*

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 LEONI" arr. Harris

INTROIT (Hymn #76) "My Song Is Love Unknown" Love Unknown

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

OPENING SENTENCES (from Psalm 105)

LEADER: O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name,
make known the Lord's deeds among the peoples.

PEOPLE: Sing to the Lord, sing praises to God;
tell of all God's wonderful works.

LEADER: Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

PEOPLE: Remember the wonderful works God has done,
God's miracles, and the justice the Lord has uttered.
Praise the Lord!

***HYMN #488** "The God of Abraham Praise" Leoni

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, our ruler and deliverer: you have loved us and put faith in us, and we have disappointed you. We have forgotten your good works on our behalf and failed to trust your promises. Deficiencies and failures have held more attraction for us than your mighty deeds of love and liberation. O Lord be gracious and show us mercy. Lead us and sustain us by your presence. Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that our eyes and ears may be opened to perceive your work and our lives changed to respond with thanksgiving. (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 Jeremiah 18:12-17 (Pew Bible page 629)

The Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "Jesus, So Lowly" Friedell

EPISTLE READING 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (Pew Bible page 959)

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

SERMON "Appreciate the Past" Rev. Dr. David K. Shelor

THE RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

“Wondrous Love”

arr. Callahan

*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 #282 “If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee” Wer nur den lieben Gott

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Trumpet in Dialogue”

Couperin

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 24, 2019 will be the Third Sunday in Lent. *The lectionary scriptures will be: Psalm 63:1-8 (Pew Bible page 458) O God, you are my God, I seek you; my soul thirsts for you. Isaiah 55:1-9 (Pew Bible page 598) Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; listen to me and live. 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 (Pew Bible pages 931-932) Our ancestors crossed the sea; they drank from Christ, the rock. Luke 13:1-9 (Pew Bible page 848) Lessons from a tower and a fig tree; repent or you will perish.*

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

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

LITURGIST: Cheryl Small

SOUND TECHNICIANS: Dave Thomas and Jeff Cockrell

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

John Wigle in memory of Pat, my Wild Irish Rose

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 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.

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)
- 9:30 a.m. – Welcome to First Church (PO)
- 10:30 a.m. – Traditional Worship (S)
- 10:50 a.m. – Children’s Sunday School (B)
- 11:30 a.m. – Fellowship Hour (HH)
- 11:30 a.m. – Welcome to First Church (PO)
- 2:00 p.m. – Lenten Discussion (HH)

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

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| Monday (18 th) | 8:30 a.m. Prayer Walkers (PL) |
| | 10:30 a.m. PW Council (HH) |
| | 6:00 p.m. Bach Choir Rehearsal (CR) |
| | 6:00 p.m. Scouts (HH) |
| | 7:00 p.m. Dialogues Discussion Group (L) |
| Tuesday (19 th) | 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MR) |
| | 2:00 p.m. Koinonia (L) |
| | 7:00 p.m. AA (HH) |
| | 7:00 p.m. Session (MR) |
| Wednesday (20 th) | 11:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class (HH) |
| | 6:00 p.m. Relay for Life Dinner (HH) |
| | 6:30 p.m. Mission Presentation (HH) |
| | 6:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal (HB) |
| | 7:00 p.m. Video Club (L) |
| Thursday (21 st) | 11:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class (HH) |
| | 11:00 a.m. Preschool Chapel (S) |
| | 2:00 p.m. Lenten Discussion (HH) |
| | 5:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (B) |
| | 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (CR) |
| | 8:00 p.m. NA (HH) |
| Friday (22 nd) | 6:30 p.m. AA (HH) |
| Saturday (23 rd) | 9:00 a.m. Deaf Literacy Center (HH) |
| | 7:00 p.m. AA (HH) |

FUTURE WORSHIP EVENTS AT FPC

Sunday, March 31, 2019

Kirkin’ o’ the Tartan Services
8:45 and 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 14, 2019 – Palm/Passion Sunday

“Mass in G” by Franz Schubert
10:30 a.m.
Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra

Thursday, April 18, 2019 – Maundy Thursday

7:30 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Service

Sunday, April 21, 2019 – Easter Sunday

7:00 a.m. – Sunrise Service on Dunedin Causeway
9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Services – Sanctuary

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; Pastor’s Office (PO)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

SESSION MEMBERS please remember the Session Docket is now sent via email. Session meets Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m.

KOINONIA Eric is back! No! Wait, it is Dr. Willis S. Blatchley! Yes, Dr. Blatchley (AKA Eric Houghton) will tell us about his property, which is Weaver Park today, and his platform in the fork of his big oak tree. His observations and musings of early Dunedin nature, wildlife and people are revealed in his book *My Nature Nook*. Please come to Koinonia, Tuesday, March 19 at 2 p.m. to hear Eric as Dr. Blatchley in an unforgettable presentation. Enjoy snacks, fellowship, prizes, and a lot about early Dunedin.

THE VIDEO CLUB will meet on Wednesday, March 20 at church for the Relay for Life dinner. Following a brief program by *Good Neighbors* we will gather in the library at approximately 7:00 to watch the second half of *Like Father*.

DINNER AND A MISSION Join us Wednesday night at 6:00 for a dinner to support Relay for Life, and then a presentation at 6:30 by Good Neighbors, an eastern Pennsylvania charity that repairs homes for low-income households. Good Neighbors, a DBF Missions grant recipient, will talk about their mission and what the DBF grant enabled them to accomplish. Cost for dinner is \$8 and the menu includes stuffed shells and sauce, meatballs, salad, fresh bread, and dessert. There is no charge to attend the presentation and no need to RSVP, just show up at 6:30 to hear about this great mission!

TODAY’S FELLOWSHIP HOUR will begin immediately following the Traditional Worship Service. We thank the Fellowship and Hospitality Committee for hosting. Please come join us in Hager Hall for light refreshment and an opportunity to greet your fellow worshippers!

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.

NEW GUEST WELCOME – TODAY! Are you new or relatively new to First Church? Our Pastor, David Shelor, invites you to attend an informal New Guest Welcome after either worship service on Sunday, March 17 (9:45-10:15 a.m. or 11:45 – 12:15 p.m.). We will meet in David’s office. Come to the New Guest Welcome to learn more about FPC and about our ministry and missions. We want to get to know you better and give you an opportunity to raise questions and share insights about First Church. Information will also be available for those considering church membership.

INTRODUCING THE “COLLEGE OF ELDERS” – SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Have you ever been elected and ordained as an Elder in this church or any other Presbyterian or related church? If so, we need you! Whether you are a full-year or seasonal part of our congregation, an official member or active participant, come join us as we gather twice each year (March and October) for the “College of Elders” to engage in:

- Worship
- Leadership Development
- Continued Ministry – Discussing and engaging in current issues of the congregation’s ministry and mission. Ordination to the office of Elder has no expiration date, regardless whether or not one is currently serving on Session (governing board). We hope all of our elders will continue to share their great gifts of discernment and leadership. We also hope those who are ordained “Ruling Elders” or ministers of the Presbyterian Church, or other denominations, and actively involved with First Church will join us as well.

LENT 2019 – APPRECIATING THE PAST, DREAMING THE FUTURE When have you felt God most profoundly at work with us at First Church? If you let God’s Spirit run wild, what would you dream for our ministry and mission five, then or twenty years from now? During the season of Lent (beginning March 6), we will be exploring the theme “Appreciating the Past, Dreaming the Future,” using these three tools:

- Worship – Each Sunday, we will be exploring a particular Scripture around this theme.
- Reflection Guide – These guides will be available (around campus or through the church office) to use for your own reflection. There will be a set of questions provided each week. Your responses can be used as your own personal journal or given back to the church as information as we shape our future.
- Discussion groups – A number of Discussion Groups are scheduled throughout Lent. Come join us in one or more of them as we discuss what this theme means to each of us in a 90-minute workshop. Information gleaned from these discussions will also be used as we continue to shape and plan our future. Discussion Group sign-ups are available in Hager Hall.

Come join us as we thank God for all that God has done and imagine what more God has yet to do!

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 3:30 p.m. Come when you can and leave when you must!

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 of our (or your own) tartans, contact Katherine Calhoon (408-406-4422 or kwebbcal@gamil.com).

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.)

- *Family and friends of Jackie Chalk who died March 11*
- 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

Church Attendance on Sunday, March 10, 2019 - Worship Café 55; Traditional 124

2019 Lent Reflection Guide



Week 2

March 17-23

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Think about a high point in your experience of First Presbyterian Church – a time when the church was at its absolute best, when it was being exactly who God has called our particular and unique congregation to be, and the Holy Spirit was alive and active.

Tell that story. Describe the circumstances. Who was involved?
How did you feel?