

# Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2023

**Pastor & Liturgist**



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
Escanaba Michigan  
Rev. Janice L. Reed

**Making God's Love Visible**

# GATHERING

(\*Please stand in body or in spirit)

**Welcome...** Please pass the friendship registry so we can greet each other by name.

**Announcements** – There are a number of announcements in the bulletin. I would like to highlight a few.

**Prelude**

**Choral Introit –**

*Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* by Henry Baker  
**and Lighting of the Candles**

**Opening Prayer**

Let us pray.

Lord God, Great I AM, you are living water. As we worship you this day show us who we are: channels of your love and vessels of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*Call to Worship**

Please stand, in body or in spirit, for the responsive Call to Worship.

**One:** O come, let us worship and bow down;

**ALL:** let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

**One:** The hour is coming and is now here.

**ALL:** In spirit and truth, let us worship God.

## **\*Call to Confession**

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Trusting in God's overflowing grace, let us confess our sin.

## **\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again.  
In Christ's name we pray.**

## **\* A Time of Silent Confession**

**\* Choral Response – *Kyrie eleison* by Dinah Reindorf**

## **\*Declaration of Forgiveness**

This is the good news of God's grace: Though we were sinners, Christ died for us. Though we were enemies of God, God loved us. Once we were lost and dead—now Christ has become our life and salvation. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

## **\*Hymn #581 - *Gloria Patri***

(Please be seated)

## **Children's Time**

**Anthem - *Amazing Grace*** arr. by Richard Proulx, with  
Deirdre Kennedy-Peacock, violin

## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

### **Prayer of Illumination**

Let us pray that the words of scripture illumine our hearts and minds.

Living God, through the reading of the Scriptures and by the power of your Spirit, may we hear for ourselves the good news, and believe, because of your Word, that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world. Amen.

### **New Testament Reading: John 4:5-42** 5-9 (pg. 72-73)

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

### **Old Testament Reading: Exodus 17:1-7** (pg. 49-50)

**Sermon:** *Quench that Thirst!* **Rev. Jan Reed**

### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

**The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.**

*(Adapted from the Confession of 1967)*

(Please be seated)

## **Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (pg. 35)**

One: Wellspring of mercy, **All: receive our prayer.**

## **WE GIVE THANKS**

### **Offering of Tithes and Gifts**

See how the fields are ripe for harvest! Already, God is gathering fruit for eternal life. With rejoicing, let us offer our lives to the Lord.

### **Offertory**

*\*Hymn #606 – Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

### **\*Unison Prayer of the Dedication**

Please join me in praying the unison prayer of Thanksgiving found in bulletin.

**O Lord, you are our God; we are the people of your pasture, the sheep of your hand. As you have fed us by your mercy, may it be our daily bread to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **WE ARE SENT**

**\*Congregational Hymn (Now let us sing)**

*#65 - Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

## \*Charge and Benediction

## \*Benediction Response - *Danish Threefold Amen*

## Postlude

### SERVING TODAY

**Leading Worship:** *Reverend Janice L. Reed*

**Organist:** *Phil Stapert*

**Choir Director:** *D. Ann Wood*

**Liturgist:** *Katie Bender*

**Greeters:**

**Ushers:** *Jeff Sullivan*

**Fellowship Hour:**

\*Next week's sermon scripture: 1 Samuel 16:1–13

## ***Old Testament Reading: John 4:5-42 NRSV***

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

<sup>5</sup> So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.

<sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."

<sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)

<sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)

<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”

<sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?”

<sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?”

<sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,

<sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”

<sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.”

<sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband,’

<sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!”

<sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet.

<sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.”

<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

<sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

<sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.

<sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

<sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.”

<sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?”

<sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,

<sup>29</sup> “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?”

<sup>30</sup> They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.”

<sup>32</sup> But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.”

<sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?”

<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.

<sup>35</sup> Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.

<sup>36</sup> The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.

<sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’

<sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.”

<sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days.

<sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word.

<sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”



**Pray for ...**

**Cancer:**

Dave DeSalvo  
Harmoni Cayer  
Joe Briggs  
Beverly Derusha

**Needing Extra Prayers:**

Cindy M. Bender-foot surgery  
Miriam White-serious illness  
Sue DeSalvo-husband cancer  
Dave Christianson  
Ken Holster

**March Deacon of the Month:**

Sue Robitaille

**Prayer Family of the Week:**

Jesse Traub & Becky Bender Family

**Prayer** for the lost, for those who thirst for righteousness, that they be filled.

**Pray** for those that seek a power and presence beyond themselves, that they might find their true Savior.

**Pray** for those, who in their pain, turn to harmful substance; may they turn to the one who truly loves them.

**Congregants & Friends at Home**

**Sam & Elinor Benedict**

**Darrel Bengry**

**David Briggs**

**Bill DeHaan (Rm 611) Pinecrest**

**Sue Dennis**

**Julie Lang**

**Jean Rose**

**Elvera Segorski (Apt 120) West Highland**

**Bob Williams (Rm 124) Bishop Noa**

## **FPC CALENDAR**

**Sunday, March 12, 2023 – Day Light Savings Starts**

Sanctuary Choir practice – **9:00 am**

**Third Sunday in Lent – 10:30 am**

Liturgist: Katie Bender

**Monday, March 13, 2023**

Tri-Co Safe Harbor – Nursery – **6:00 pm**

Session Meeting – Library – **7:00 pm**

**Tuesday, March 14, 2023**

Hannah Circle - Library – **1:00 pm**

Host: Nancy Garber Chapter: 5

**Wednesday, March 15, 2023**

**Soup Meal & Lenten Study – 6:00 pm**

First Bells – Sanctuary – **7:30 pm**

**Sunday, March 19, 2023**

Sanctuary Choir practice – **9:00 am**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent – 10:30 am**

Liturgist: Gretta Garber

**Deacon Meeting after Worship**

## **The Prayer Trees**

During the Prayers of the People, please feel free to come forward, choose one or more ribbons, and tie them on the trees. They will be removed after each worship service and kept. On Easter Sunday, all the ribbons will reappear on the trees.

Ribbon colors denote the following:

Green – prayers for healing  
White – prayers for hope  
Yellow – prayers for nature  
Purple – prayers for patience  
Blue – prayers for peace  
Red – prayers for guidance  
Pink – prayers for remembrance  
Orange – prayers for thanksgiving

## **PRESBYTERY POINT CAMP – 2023 NEEDS**

Golf cart	A small radio for kitchen
Food storage containers for leftover	Brown, pampered chef pan scraper
2 Pancake batter dispensers	White laundry baskets (8)
More push brooms for dining hall	12 Gallon kitchen garbage cans
2-3 Frying pans for vegan meal prep	Tie dye kits
Box of SOS pads	10 Fishing poles
Fishing equipment	2 Bullhorns with batteries
12 Napkin dispensers	Craft project kits
3 Benches for the beach	2 Big white boards for menu/kitchen
Plastic Adirondack chairs	A big cork board for kitchen
12 Toiletry kits	Wall A/C Unit for kitchen
12 Matching salt and pepper shaker sets	
2 Level packaging center shelves wood/plastic	

**\*\* More items can be found on their Amazon wish list – Thank you!**

# ELDERS AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Alex DeHaan - 3	Valerie Heemstra - 1	Cilla Green - Clerk
Linda Peterson - 1	Jodi Tianen - 7	Peg Pickle - 2
Maggie Tall – 5 & 6	Ann Wood - 8	Aly Sullivan - 4

\* Session meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month @ 7:00 p.m.

FPC Committee Chair 2022	
1. Christian Education	5. Nominating
2. Congregational Care/Membership	6. Personnel
3. Finance	7. Property
4. Mission and Outreach	8. Worship

Maggie Tall – Commissioner to the Presbytery

## DEACONS

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Brad Bender	Denise DeHaan	Bryan Bender
Carol Varvil	Sue Doran	Cindy M. Bender
Jane Gundry	Janet Hall	Rod Raho
Sue Robitaille	Denise Young	Nancy Garber

\* Deacons meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month @ 10:30 a.m.

## FPC STAFF

Pastor.....Rev. Jan Reed  
**Pastor's office hours Tues. 1:00 to 4:30 and Wed. 10:00 to Noon**  
 Office Assistant ..... Mrs. Rita Badham  
 Treasurer ..... Ms. Tracy Funke  
 Nursery Caregivers ..... Miss Maddie Tianen  
 Musician ..... Mr. Bill Rinne  
 Director of Music..... Mrs. Ann Wood  
 Sexton..... Mr. Phil Stapert

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