

WELCOME TO
THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF FARMINGTON

March 1, 2020

Rev. Andy Sonneborn

1st Sunday of Lent

Gathering Around the Word of God

Prelude
Ringing of the Bell
Lighting Chancel Candles
Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Christ's slow march to the Cross has begun.

All: We are called to follow Christ, wherever He leads us.

Leader: Today, Jesus journeys from the abundant waters of Baptism to the arid, dry wilderness.

All: May we stand strong during our journey in the wilderness.

Leader: Jesus reminds us, while in the wilderness, that we should not put the Lord to the test, that we do not live by bread alone, and that we are to worship God alone.

All: Let us turn our attention away from sin and towards our God.

***Hymn #482**

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" (vs. 1-3)

***Call to Confession**

Leader: Even in the wilderness of our lives, Christ calls us home. Scripture reminds us that we are never left to carry the weight of our sins and burdens alone. Christ calls us home, asking us to let go of the burdens we carry unnecessarily. Let us confess together...

***Responsive Prayer of Confession**

Leader:

God, we come with hesitant steps and uncertain motives to sweep out the corners where sin has accumulated; and to uncover the ways we have strayed from Your truth.

All: Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Leader: Lord, expose the empty and barren places where we don't allow you to enter. Reveal our half-hearted struggles where we have been indifferent to the suffering of others.

All: Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Leader: Holy Spirit, nurture the faint stirrings of new life where you have begun to grow. Let your healing light transform us into the image of Jesus Christ. For You, Holy Trinity, alone can bring new life and make us whole.

All: Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Leader: Hear us now in these moments of silent prayer and reflection...

***Moment of Silence to Confess our Sins**

Pastor Andy...Amen

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Even in our reluctance, even in our brokenness, God provides a path to wholeness and renewal. When we confess our shortcomings, God has mercy on us and is generous with forgiveness. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven....and that is good news.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

***Gloria Patri**

Proclamation God's Word

Children's Lesson

Pastor Andy

Psalm Reading

Psalm 32 (CEB)

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 4:1-11 (CEB)

Message

"Throughout these 40 days"

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn #85

"What Wondrous Love Is This" (vs. 1-3)

Birthdays/Joys/Concerns

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Faithful God, let these gifts be like food and drink in the wilderness for those who have suffered and longed for your presence. May these offerings strengthen those who are resisting temptation and lead us to attend to all who need your healing touch. This we pray in the name of Jesus, our example and savior. Amen.

Service of Holy Communion

INVITATION

(see screen/insert)

*Hymn #404

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (vs. 1-2)

*Charge and Benediction

God of our past. God of our future. God of this present age. As we leave this place, but not your presence – we pray that you take us not away from danger, **but give us the courage to face it.** Take us not away from difficulty, **but give us strong hearts to bear it.** Take us not away from evil, **but give us the power to overcome it.** May the love of God surround you, the peace of God dwell in you, and the justice of God compel you. Go in peace. **Amen**



*Sunday, March 1, 2020
Sunday School 9:15AM
Worship service 10:30 AM
Fellowship 11:30AM*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: March 1

Fellowship: Greeters: Marianne T. Acolytes: Communion

Next Week: March 8

Fellowship: Greeters: Acolytes:

*Communion servers for today: Liz Johnson, Tammy Duley, Michelle Lane, Alissa Holder and Melissa Herron.

*St. Patrick's Fish Fries March (6, 13, 20, 27) April 3 4:30-6:30PM. Adult Menu \$10: Choose either 2 Catfish Filets; 6 Shrimp; 1 Filet/3 Shrimp, Plus...Baked Potato/Fries, Apple Sauce/Cole Slaw, Roll, Drink, and Dessert. Child Menu \$4: Choose either 1 Catfish Filet; 3 Shrimp; Grilled Cheese, Plus... Baked Potato/Fries, Apple Sauce/Cole Slaw, Roll, Drink, and Dessert.

March Birthdays

**1 Paula Monari 2 Duane Carr 11 Marianne Taylor 18 Linda Staley
23 Colton Evans 24 Tim Ulm 27 Diana Rolando**

PRAYER/JOYS LIST

Ongoing Prayers: Todd Guidi; Chris's friend, cancer-stage 4; Kevin Martin; James (Fryman's grandson); Missy's grandma, spot on her lung; Beth Threw, breast cancer; Bradley Uryasz, age 12 (liver cancer); John Jacob, (Sam's nephew); Michelle, brain mass (friend of Tony & Diana); Becky Renner; Debbie (Missy's Aunt), MG-muscular disease; Alex Hanan; Cindy Duley, aggressive cancer treatment; Michelle Smith (friend of Val) double lung transplant; Dan Skinner (Lyndsey's sister, father-in-law) stage IV pancreatic cancer; Michelle (Chris Evans sister), surgery; Linda Anderson; Karen Wilson, preparation for moving; Sully cancer/tumors (student of Cheryl Fryman's daughter); Dorothy Urbanc (Hubert's sister); Joyce Balagna, fall down stairs and broke shoulder/ankle; neighbor family of the Swanson's (passing); Joe Herron, viral infection/high temp; Courtney Smith (Pastor Andy's friend) loss of father last month followed by her mother having a massive stroke.

Bereavement: Angela and Family (Liz Johnson's friend); Kay Melt's Family.

Those in Assisted Living: Fred Balagna Courtyard Estates in Farmington. Dianna Threw; Keith Quin; Sue Utsinger and Marj Guidi at Farmington Country Manor; Hazel Morby at Courtyard Estates in Canton; Leigh Ann Taylor, The Loft; Eileen (Diana's mom) Red Oak Estates, Canton.

Places: Kemmerer Village, Fulton-Mason Crisis Center, Farmer's Closet

Joys:

***Please let the office or pastor know of any corrections/additions need to be made or if someone needs to be taken off the prayer list. For urgent prayers, contact Pat Welker 309-338-4575.**

Pastor Andy's Office Hours are as follows:

Monday: 9:30AM-12PM Tuesday: 9:30AM-12PM

Wednesday: 1:00PM-5PM Thursday: 1:00PM-5PM

Holy Communion

This is not Pastor Andy's Table. This is no First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, Illinois' Table. This is not even the Table of the Presbyterian Church (USA). This is Christ's Table, and it is Christ who invites you here. As we begin our Lenten journey, we take time to remember that we cannot live by bread alone. Christ is the Bread of Life. So, come even if this is your first time here. Come if this your thousandth time here. Christ is inviting you and there is always room for you. You are most welcome. So, come.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right...Therefore, with all of creation, the heavenly angels, and all saints, we lift our voices in praise as we proclaim:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Leader: We praise you...Following you into the promised Dominion of God, we confidently proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Leader: Thank you...praying for the hungry world you call us to serve as your body.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: And now, as the bold children of God, let us pray the prayer Jesus Christ taught us, saying,

All: "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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD

Leader: Is not the bread we break a sharing in the body of Christ?

LIFTING THE CUP

Leader: Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ?

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All are welcome at Christ Table. We mean it. You are welcome here. We will be distributing the elements by passing them down the rows. You are invited to take a piece of bread and then pass it to your neighbor. We ask that you hold the bread until all have been served. The same goes for the cup. We will consume the elements together. When passing, you may say to your neighbor, "the body of Christ for you" and "the cup of salvation for you."

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (in unison):

All: Thank you, gracious God, for the gift of life. Thank you for Christ and his indwelling Spirit among us. Help us discipline ourselves to walk in the Way of the Lord, that we might serve all of creation in love, to the glory of God, Christ, and Holy Spirit. Amen.