



Sunday, March 14, 2021 ~ 4th Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Way of the Week #14

14. GROW FAITH. Take advantage of every chance you have to form your faith – through small groups, classes, and personal study. Be a disciple and look to learn from those who know more of the Bible and Christian life than you do, then look for opportunities to share what you’ve gained with someone else.

Ideas for Action: If you’re not currently in a small group, call the church office and ask for assistance in finding one. Ask for some time with someone whose faith you respect and pick their brains on their practices of faith formation.

Welcome and Work of God’s People

Stuart Spencer

The Ten Commandments

Stuart Spencer

Music in Preparation for Worship

Fantasia in G Minor

Joel Krott, Organ

Pachelbel

Call to Worship

Kelly LePenske

Let us worship and love God, for God has done great things.

We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.

Let us worship and love God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

We are the people who belong to God through our Lord Jesus Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

We praise God for the grace that has saved us. Let us worship God!

Prayer of Adoration

Kelly LePenske

Call to Confession

Kelly LePenske

Time for Personal Confession (pron. KEE-ree-yay)

Kyrie: Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Abbie Fuss, Soprano

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Healey Willan

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy up on us.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Kelly LePenske

Merciful Father, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have not done. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

God's love is sure and steadfast, always providing a way out, a way through, a way back to God. Believe the Gospel: through the mercies of God known fully in Jesus Christ, your sins and mine are forgiven.

Through the waters of baptism, we have died with Christ and are raised with him.

With gratitude, in faith, we will walk the way of Christ.

Welcome of New Members

Gayle Payne & Stuart Spencer

Anthem

I Choose Love

Sofia Giannetto, Solo

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Mark Miller

Soprano: Abbie Fuss, Lyla Bechtel, Kaitlyn Eagles, Sophie Wilt, Caroline Corbin

Alto: Sofia Giannetto, Audrey Barr, Caitlin Barr, Jessica Zorn

Tenor: Nate Wilkie, Adam Connor

Bass: Bryan Gaskill, William Gaskill

In the midst of pain, I choose love.

In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain,

I await the sun again, I choose love.

In the midst of war, I choose peace.

In the midst of war, hate and anger keeping score,

I will seek the good once more, I choose peace.

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When the world falls down, I will rise.
When the world falls down, explanations can't be found,
I will climb to holy ground, I will rise.

In the midst of pain, I choose love.
In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain,
I await the sun again, I choose love.

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer ('debts')

Frantz Constant

Offertory

Frantz Constant

*Your giving dramatically impacts the ministry of First Presbyterian Church. These offerings allow us to fully support our staff and honor commitments to mission partners during the pandemic. **Thank you** to all who have signed up for our secure [automatic withdrawal](#) or are giving directly through the [Church Center app](#) for tithes and offerings.*

Offertory Music

I Heard the Voice of Jesus

Arr. Eithun

Bell Choir and Organ; Kathy Gunsallus, Organ
Joel Krott, Director

Bell Choir: Jim Cole, Martha Eshelman, Barbara Fletcher, Lissa Herman, Melissa McNab,
Marion Norcross, Peg Pierce, Stacy Schaffer

Sermon

Stuart Spencer

"The Caterpillar Congregation"

Scripture Text: [Ephesians 4: 25-32 \(NLT\)](#)

Chapter 5 from *The Good and Beautiful Community*: "The Reconciling Community"

Music in Preparation for Service

Fugue in C Minor

Pachelbel

Joel Krott, Organ

Benediction and Going Forth

Stuart Spencer

Those in the sanctuary are invited to leave an offering in the offering box located at the back of the narthex. Online gifts may also be made directly from the Church Center app on your smart phone.

Special Music (presented by video)

Time to Pray

Charles Bass

Charles Bass, vocalist

9:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio Technician:	Harris E. Ransom
Live Video Streaming:	Harris A. Ransom
Flower Arrangers:	Debbie Heller and Carol Benner
Ushers:	Steve Connlain, Greg Connlain, Jeff Legath, Dave Barr, Jason Rose
Trustee Greeter:	Mike Ramage
Seminary Interns:	Frantz Constant, Beth Douglass

Today's sanctuary flowers are given by Lucy Rorke-Adams in loving memory of Robert R. Rorke.

NEW: Live Stream Check-In -- In an effort to gather data regarding our Sunday live stream, viewers are asked to check in on their smart phone by using the Church Center App. (At this time, check in is not available on the computer). It just takes a few seconds. When watching the live stream from anywhere on Sunday morning:

1. Open the Church Center App on your phone or device. Select the "Check-In" icon (bottom right)
2. Tap the service you are viewing (will say '**Sunday Morning Live Stream**' in the title)
3. Check-in yourself and your family members. That's it! Our reports will tell us you were watching

Holy Week and Easter Schedule ([See our events page and website](#))

- **Palm Sunday Sunday, March 28:** 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons, in-person); 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service (in-person) as we herald Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Fish banks for *One Great Hour of Sharing* are returned this Sunday as a Lenten offering or use electronic giving drop down.
- **Maundy Thursday April 1:** 7:00 p.m. with the Lord's Supper; Beth Douglass preaches this meaningful service of the Last Supper. Miller Commons, live stream only
- **Good Friday Tenebrae Worship April 2:** 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Worship; Frantz Constant preaching. Tenebrae features a gradual extinguishing of candles and "strepitus" or "loud noise" taking place in the darkness. Sanctuary, in-person worship and overflow available
- **Easter April 4.** He is Risen! 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship at the Cemetery Cross, Lord's Supper (in-person outside); 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons, live stream only); 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary (live stream only)

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