

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Communion Sunday

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021

This Lent we will be exploring two stories that lie near the beginning of the Gospel of John. The first is Nicodemus's night visit with Jesus. The second is Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan Woman at the well.

Our faith life continues to pull us, as church, forward in hope. We will ponder the story of Jesus talking to one of power and prestige as well as the story of one of the most broken people in the Bible.

What is the gift that these two stories have for us?

Where is God in their lives, in their suffering?

And what does that have to tell us about our own lives, our own suffering?

And how will they inform the direction this church is going?

BLESSED JESUS, WE ARE HERE / J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to the waters you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come!

Buy wine and milk without money, and without cost.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God!

Why spend money on what does not satisfy?

Listen to me, and you will have good things to eat, and rich food to enjoy.

My soul hungers for God, for the living God!

Seek God who is still to be found; call out to God who is near.

Our souls thirst for God, for the living God!

GLORY TO GOD / LET US BUILD A HOUSE (vs. 1, 2, 5) / Hymn 301

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of abundance, you have promised to provide us with more than mere survival. In your holy love, you have given us so much: talents and treasure in unlimited supply. But often, we spend your gifts to us on superficial needs. We throw away our plenty on little hungers and

petty desires. We seek the fleeting delight of novelty, prettiness, and veneer. We follow the urges to momentary importance and the notice of a fickle society more interested in noise and sparkle than in that which endures. We chase after happiness while neglecting joy; we chase after romance while neglecting love; we skim the surface while fearing the depths. God of mercy quench our thirst.

A Moment of Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

PASSING THE PEACE

Please use socially appropriate bow or wave of peace.

We continue our worship as the Word is PROCLAIMED.
We pray that the Holy Spirit helps us receive the Word spoken,
we hear Scripture(s) in song and word,
we listen to a reflection on the Scripture(s), and
we begin our own reflection during a period of quiet.

GREEN THE WEEPING WILLOW TREE / Robert Graham / Allison Hull and Brianne Sura

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON / John 4:5-10

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

CONVERSATION STARTER / The Curse of the Assured

We RESPOND to the Word as:

we affirm our faith in song,

we offer our prayers to God, and

we commit through offering to God's work in the world.

MUSICAL MEDITATION / A WAY TO CALVARY LEADETH / D. Wood

INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION

THE GREAT PRAYER

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to our gracious God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right.....

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed are they who come in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest....

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Let us pray the prayer said all around the world this day, saying:

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 and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen.

COMMUNION / PIECE NO. 1 IN C MAJOR / C. Franck

As the service of worship of God comes to a close, we acknowledge that
God SENDS us out into the world to be bearers of the good news of God.

We affirm the call God has placed on our hearts,
we receive a charge reminding us of God's call,
and we are sent into the work of God with a blessing.

CHARGE AND BLESSING

ORGAN MUSIC / LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING

PRELUDE IN A MINOR / J. S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of March 7, 2021

We welcome all of our visitors who are worshiping with us this day. Visitors, members, and friends, please sign the attendance register and pass along to anyone else in the pew. Please place the attendance sheet on the outside of the register and leave on the pew. Thank you!

Hearing assistance devices are available, as are large print Bibles and hymnals. Please contact the ushers for assistance. If you need weekly large print bulletins, please contact the office.

Serving us:	Worship Leader:	Rev. Glen Reichelderfer
	Organist:	Joyce Ruck
	Choir Director:	Brianne Sura
	Special Soloist:	Allison Hull / Mezzo-Soprano

This Week: Worship - On-line: firstpreswaukesha.org

Next Sunday: Worship - On-line: firstpreswaukesha.org

Celebrating Birthdays this week: Shannon Fisher and Alyssa Pugh

- **Easter Remembrance Honoring Our Loved Ones:** Due to Covid restrictions, we will NOT have our traditional Easter flowers available to order this year.

This Easter, Rev. Glen will set aside several moments for silent reflection where we will pray for the people you wish to honor or remember. There will be a special insert in the Easter bulletin with the names of loved ones you would like to have mentioned. Please email presby1@sbcglobal.net and provide the name(s) for whom you would like in the insert. Or call Therese (262)542-4243 with the information.

In honor of your loved one you may still wish to make a gift through the Presbyterian Mission Agency's (PMA) Giving Catalog. Consider making a donation of a family of chickens, a farming kit, or a container garden to help those in need. You'll find more details by visiting [Presbyterian Online Giving Catalog \(pcusa.org\)](http://pcusa.org) and select "see gifts".

- **If you are a visitor** and interested in affiliating with First Presbyterian please talk to Andrew Byshenk or David Schultz.
- **Pastoral Care:** If you require pastoral care, please contact Rev. Glen on his cell at **(608) 576-1408** or in the office at **(262) 542-4243**. He will look forward to meeting you.

• **Deacons visit:** If you know someone who is hospitalized and who would appreciate a visit from one of the Deacons, please contact Therese in the office and she will let them know.

• **Sunday Service and Sermons:** Did you know you can listen to any previous Sunday sermon and in some cases the scripture readings that were chosen for that service???

Go to our website, www.firstpreswaukesha.org and from the homepage select Sermons/Podcast; select the MP3 audio link from the sermon you wish to listen to - it should download automatically and on the bottom left of your screen select Open file and it should start playing. You can also scroll down for past sermons.

You can now also view the complete Sunday Service by visiting our website and selecting the direct link provided on the homepage. A printable copy of the bulletin is available via the link provided.

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