

Mission Statement

Seeking God's help, we will pursue growth and renewal as a united Christian body.

We will nurture people within our church and provide Christian leadership and care throughout our community.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*We will be a force for Christianity
in the Community and the World*



THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 7, 2010

10:00 A.M.

THIS SERVICE IS BEING BROADCAST OVER RADIO STATION WATN 1240

** Indicates that those who are able may stand.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Sheep May Safely Graze
(Bach's setting of Psalm 23)

J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

People: So I will bless you as long as I live;

I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

*HYMN 281

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and gracious God we are lost in sin. We have left the path and wandered into pride and greed and indifference. Forgive us for straying. Restore us to the path that leads to your throne. Right our wrongs and let us once again follow where Christ leads. Guide us God of mercy so we can see you face to face. Amen.

*WORDS OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS

. . . in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ you are also forgiven.

*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

Gloria Patri - Hymnal 579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

WORK OF THE CHURCH

Minute for Mission ~ Gerda Barbour

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ Isaiah 55:1-9 (Old Testament, page 685-686 in pew bibles)

CHILDREN'S TIME

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.

All the day and all the night, they are precious in His sight.

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

PASSING THE PEACE AND THE KIDS

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ I Corinthians 10:1-13 (New Testament, page 172 in pew bibles)

SERMON "Finding A Path Above the Chaos" Rev. Dr. Fred Garry

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY *Cross of Sorrow, Cross of Love* Ruth Elaine Schram

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table (Apostle's Creed - Traditional, page 14 in hymnal)

Communion Hymn 246 *By the Babylonian Rivers* KAS DZIEDAJA

Please turn to page 13 in the front of the hymnal to follow the liturgy.

The music to the Sanctus 'Holy, holy, holy...' is hymn #581.

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer (found on page 16 in front of hymnal)

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you Lord for the bread of life, given for us all.

Thank you God for freeing us for perfect love and friendship.

Thank you for sending Jesus to bind our hearts in Christian love. Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN 298 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* IN BABILONE

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE *Allegro* J.S. Bach
(from Brandenburg Concerto No. 3)
Carl Bingle, FPC Organist
Trillium String Trio

Communion Voluntaries:

If Thou Be Near J.S. Bach
Air in D J.S. Bach

Special thanks to the **Trillium String Trio** for participating in our service today!

Agnes McCarthy, violin
Stephanie Widrick, violin
Christine Prevost, cello

In March 2010 we commemorate the 325th birthday of Johann Sebastian Bach.
All organ service music will be pieces by JSB, widely acknowledged as the greatest composer of all time.

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*A Nursery for infants and toddlers is available in the Education Building.
Please ask an usher to show you the way.*

Large Print Bulletins and Children's Bulletins are available in the Narthex.

*Peace to all who enter here! We extend a warm welcome as you worship today.
You are cordially invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments immediately following our worship this morning.*

Prayer Concerns

Charlie Hyde, Dottie LeFevre, Eleanor Heisler, Arlene Wilson, Charles Hoffman,
Shane McWayne, Carol Gorman, Eli Adams Revelle, Gerda Barbour, Daniel Petrus,
David Stanley, Kurt and Peter Frewing and for the sick and those who need God's comfort.

Prayers for those in our church family who have been deployed

Jeff Larson, John Elwood, Ritchie Hebert, Michael Kolton, Andrew Brickson,
and all of their families.