

GATHERING

Dear Lord, just as Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness, so we will spend forty days in this season of Lent. Help us consider, as children of the covenant, the faithfulness of God, and what it means to be baptized into Christ. So that, as we do, we are transformed to live each day proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ, in Whose name we pray, Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE Call To Remembrance, O Lord R. Farrant
Call to remembrance, O Lord, Thy tender mercies and Thy loving kindness, which hath been ever of old. O remember not the sins and offenses of my youth: but according to Thy mercy think Thou on me, O Lord, for Thy goodness.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

People of the covenant, God does not remember us according to our sins and transgressions.

God remembers us according to God's own steadfast love!

The God of our salvation teaches us right paths and leads us in truth.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness; we put our trust in God.

We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,
for where He is, we would be also.

*** HYMN 167** Forty Days and Forty Nights Aus Der Tiefe Rufe Ich

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, we begin this Lenten season in confession. We do not live according to Your ways, but according to our own. We condone violence, participate in systems of injustice, and use power to our own advantage at the expense of others. Forgive us, we pray, when we are tempted to follow paths other than those You set before us. Teach us Your commandments; help us to turn from evil in its many guises, and turn us toward Your kingdom drawing near. In covenantal love, remember us, we pray, and be for us, once more and always, an Ark of safety and new life. In Christ's name we pray and ask that you transform us as we continue our confession in silence.

Lord, Have Mercy (Hymn 551) Land of Rest

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy upon us.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, Believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:9-15 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

NT pg. 34

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Behold the Lamb of God

G. F. Handel

Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Vicki Sumner

(Children will remain seated with their families for the Time for Young Disciples.)

* **HYMN 417** Lord Jesus, Think on Me Southwell

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 25:1-11 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

OT pg. 502

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

My God, I Trust in You

Fred Lundy

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONDING

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

* **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

* **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING

* **HYMN 846** Fight the Good Fight Duke Street

* **BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE** O Lamb of God J. S. Bach

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Mark Hults, Fred Lundy, Scott Stuart, Vicki Sumner

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST: Dr. Mark Coffey

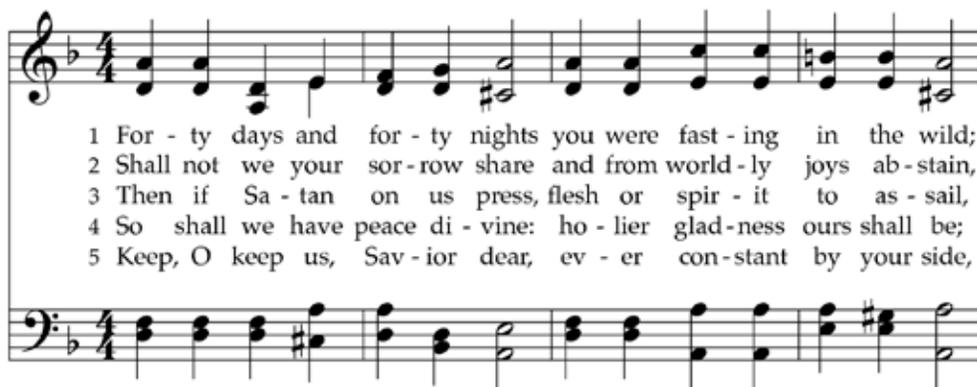
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SOUND: Frank Counts

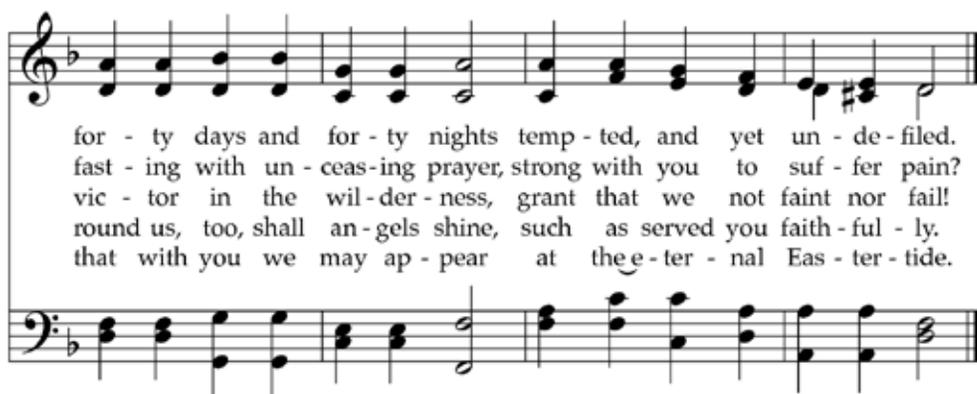
QUINTET: Lindsey Neumann, Alexis Vellis, soprano; Danielle Alexander, alto; Daemyung Hyun, tenor; Colin Hall, bass

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to John, Laura, and Andrew Netardus upon the passing of John's mother, Mary L. Netardus, who joined the Church Triumphant on February 14, 2021. A service will be held in Slidell, LA.

167 Forty Days and Forty Nights



1 For - ty days and for - ty nights you were fast - ing in the wild;
 2 Shall not we your sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
 3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, flesh or spir - it to as - sail,
 4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
 5 Keep, O keep us, Sav - ior dear, ev - er con - stant by your side,



for - ty days and for - ty nights temp - ted, and yet un - de - filed.
 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with you to suf - fer pain?
 vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant that we not faint nor fail!
 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as served you faith - ful - ly.
 that with you we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

This text, given sharper focus by being reduced from nine stanzas to five, reflects both on Christ's temptation in the wilderness and on the purpose and goal of Lent as preparation for Easter. It pairs well with a 17th-century German chorale setting for Psalm 130.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:9-15 (NRSV)

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." ¹² And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. ¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Lord Jesus, Think on Me 417

1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin. From
 2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, a - mid the bat - tle's strife. In
 3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray. Through
 4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when this life is past, I

earth-born pas - sions set me free, and make me pure with - in.
 all my pain and mis - er - y be thou my health and life.
 dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point thou the heaven - ly way.
 may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see, and share thy joy at last.

This text is among the oldest hymns in this book; its original Greek version dates from around the beginning of the 5th century. The stanzas used here come from a 19th-century paraphrase, whose simplicity and directness are well complemented by a 16th-century psalm tune.

TEXT: Synesius of Cyrene, 5th cent.; trans. Allen W. Chatfield, 1876, alt.
 MUSIC: Daman's *Psalmes*, 1579, alt.

SOUTHWELL
 SM

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 25:1-11 (NRSV)

Of David. ¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. ² O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. ³ Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. ⁴ Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. ⁵ Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. ⁶ Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. ⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord! ⁸ Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. ⁹ He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. ¹⁰ All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees. ¹¹ For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Fight the Good Fight

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1 Fight the good fight with all thy might.
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
 3 Cast care a - side; lean on thy guide.
 4 Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.

Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
 lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.
 God's bound-less mer - cy will pro - vide.
 God chang - eth not, and thou art dear.

Lay hold on life, and it shall be
 Life with its way be - fore us lies;
 Trust, and thy trust - ing soul shall prove
 On - ly be - lieve, and thou shalt see

thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
 Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
 that Christ is all in all to thee.

The opening phrase here (based on 1 Timothy 6:12) is not a military image but an athletic one, from a Greek verb meaning "struggle" or "grapple" or "wrestle." The sports context continues in later stanzas reflecting the experience of a runner (recalling Hebrews 12:1-2).

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FPC Weekly Figures

Weekly Budget Requirement		\$34,418
Received Week of 2/14/2021		\$11,053
Weekly Offering	\$6,453	
Designated Offerings	\$605	
Other Revenue	--	
Preschool	\$3,995	
YTD Budget Requirements		\$1,135,794
YTD Received		\$788,393
YTD Expenses		\$931,711

We have changed the weekly figures printed in the worship guide in an effort to present a more accurate picture of our finances to the congregation.

The top portion of the chart deals with income. Our budget (which runs from July through June) requires \$34,418 of income a week. The second figure shows the total received for the week with a breakdown of where that money come from.

The bottom portion of the chart deals with the year-to-date budget, receipts, and expenses.

Spending is limited to necessities at this time.

When our expenses are greater than our income (as they are this week), we must draw funds from our investment account.

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GLORIFY GOD

Love Offering: The Reverend Dr. Eriberto Soto was a Parish Associate here at First Presbyterian Church in 2013-2014. Eddie played a key role in forming the partnership which facilitated the opening of the seminary in Estelí. Following his passing with COVID, we are collecting a love offering for his wife, Marcia. If you would like to contribute, during February place donations in the offering plate, mail checks to the church (Attn: Trudy Bonerba) and note "*Soto Love Offering*" in the memo, or give online with [Pushpay](#) at the church website. Any questions should be directed to the church office.

MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

Children's Worship Guides: Print and Digital versions of our children's worship guides are available for your use as you participate in worship. Links to the digital version can be found in the Weekly Invite emails from the church. We encourage your family to discuss worship together - even if you don't use the guide.

Weekly Dose of Digital Discipleship: Stay informed and connected to the ministries of our church through this Sunday morning email which provides weekly devotionals, reflective readings, mission opportunities, and other helpful information for ways to stay connected during this time of social distancing as an act of loving our neighbors. Want to join the email list? Please contact Vicki Sumner at children@1stpc.org.

Connections: During this Lenten season we invite our children and youth to walk through Holy Week with us on our journey to Easter. This week we give an introduction that includes Ash Wednesday and learn about Palm Sunday. *Connections* will be led by Ms. Vicki, Mr. Scott, Dr. Coffey, Mr. Mitch. Join us to see what it's all about!

Unplug with Youth Connection at #DigitalDecompress: Our sixth through twelfth grade students are invited to attend this in-person ministry event on Sunday, February 28 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the church parking lot. We will follow strict social distancing protocol which will be sent out to all who plan to attend. Join hosts from the Youth Connection Committee for fellowship, Bible study, and games as we gather safely and spend time together this month. Please RSVP to Vicki Sumner at children@1stpc.org by Thursday, February 25 at 5 p.m.

College Trajectory Bible Study is meeting on Zoom. For more information, please email Scott Stuart at college@1stpc.org.

Young Adult Ministry: We are meeting regularly via Zoom - currently on Tuesday nights from 8:30-9:30 p.m. For more information on Young Adult Ministry or specifically on these meetings, please email Fred Lundy at youngadult@1stpc.org.

The Gordon Hoover Class is Zooming on Sundays at a new time of 9:00 a.m. Connect by phone or computer. Everyone is welcome! This Sunday is Luke 8. If you are interested in joining, please contact Perry Foote at palbertfoote@gmail.com.

You can retire with dignity. But it won't happen until you take control of your money. Join our virtual Financial Peace University class. Together, we can learn how to make a plan for the future. Visit fpu.com/1132220 to sign up for the class and start your 14-day free trial of Financial Peace. Class starts Wednesday, February 24, 2021. Questions? Contact Mitch Rorick at 614-530-0217 or music2@1stpc.org.

MEET HUMAN NEEDS

Let Us Remember in Prayer and Correspondence: Marilyn Ast, Melda Bassett, Jayne Fox, Emily Hoyer, Elizabeth Miller, and Theral Moore. Our men and women in the services: Ashley Dace, Trinity Gilkey, Brian Hill, Matt Roland, and Dan Williams; and first responders: Nick Gonzalez, Joe Mueller, and Paul Samala. Essential worker: Bill Clark.

Support our Mission and Ministries: Every gift makes a difference and directly funds our mission. Online contributions can be made through your computer or smart phone. Go to 1stpc.org and click the red Pushpay icon. Give to the General Budget or specify the designated ministry in the memo section. Text contributions, bill pay through your bank, and electronic funds transfers are also options. Contact Trudy Bonerba at business@1stpc.org if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued generosity to our church, especially during the pandemic.

40 Days of Food: During the 40 days of Lent, the Local Missions Committee encourages you to collect food for Gainesville Community Ministry. The collection day will be on Palm Sunday. Do not look away. If you are tired of collecting food, then flip your thoughts to remember those around us who are tired of being hungry. Let us be the GIVING CHURCH. We are suggesting two easy ways. 1) Every time you go to the store, buy extra non-perishable food and leave it in your trunk for collection day OR 2) give online to our Virtual Food Drive at yougivegoods.com/40daysoffood2021 and the food goes directly to GCM. We will have slogans during Lent to help you remember: *Love is The Way. And Food is Love.*

Family Promise: If you recently donated a money order to Family Promise, please contact the church office. They are in need of additional information to be able to cash the money orders. Thank you.