

## PRELUDE

**BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**                  Acolyte Team

**WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**  
**LA IGLESIA DA LA MAS CORDIAL BIENVENIDA Y LAS NOTICIAS DE LA CONGREGACION COMO FAMILIA**

**INTROIT #399 “God Welcomes All”** *(Please remain seated)*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

God’s promise is for all generations;

**God’s covenant is with every living thing.**

Jesus calls us to be his disciples.

**We take up the cross to follow him.**

**\*HYMN #403 “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”**

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Are you thirsty for grace? Are you hungry for mercy? God is calling; come to the waters. Trusting in grace, let us confess our sin.

### RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Because you made the world, and intended it to be a good place, and called its people your children; because when things seemed at their worst, you came in Christ to bring out the best in us; so gracious God, we gladly say:

**Goodness is stronger than evil, love is stronger than hate, light is stronger than darkness, truth is stronger than lies.**

Because confusion can reign inside us, despite our faith; because anger, tension, bitterness and envy distort our vision; because our minds sometimes worry small things out of all proportion; because we do not always get it right, we want to believe:

**Goodness is stronger than evil, love is stronger than hate, light is stronger than darkness, truth is stronger than lies.**

Because you have promised to hear us, and are able to change us, and are willing to make our hearts your home, we ask you to confront, control, forgive and encourage us, as you know best.

*Pause for silent, personal confession.*

Then let us cherish in our hearts that which we proclaim with our lips:

**Goodness is stronger than evil, love is stronger than hate, light is stronger than darkness, truth is stronger than lies.**

Lord, hear our prayer, and change our lives until we illustrate the grace of the God who makes all things new. **Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE AND MERCY

Listen, so that you may live: the steadfast love of the Lord never fails.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*SONG OF ASSURANCE #437 “You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!”**

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy!**

**You are the Christ, giver of mercy!**

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy!**     *(Sing twice)*

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*COMPARTIENDO LA PAZ**

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. To this peace we were called as members of a single body. The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us share the peace of Christ with those around us.

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us by your Word, through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be restored and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 56:6-8

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

### RESPONSE

We live not by bread alone, but by every word that comes from God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM “Children of the Heavenly Father”**

Handbells

### DISCOVERY TIME

### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 11:15-19

Then they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling and those who were buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves; and he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. He was teaching and saying,

“Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations’? But you have made it a den of robbers.” And when the chief priests and the scribes heard it, they kept looking for a way to kill him; for they were afraid of him, because the whole crowd was spellbound by his teaching. And when evening came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city.

### RESPONSE

All of this is from God, who entrusts us with the message of reconciliation.

**Thanks be to God.**

**LENTEN SERMON SERIES \***

The Rev. Dr. Laurie Brubaker Davis

“Entering the Passion of Jesus: To Jerusalem and Beyond”

*Temple Turmoil: What is He Doing? Risking Righteous Anger*

### TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

*Please let the bell tone help in your meditation and reflection. This is an ancient Christian monastic and Eastern meditation practice aid.*

**\*HYMN #468 “In My Life”**

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

We pray to the Lord...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER (p. 35)

### A TIME FOR GENEROSITY

All that we seek to accomplish, all that we strive to achieve, all that we claim to possess—all of this amounts to nothing without the grace of Christ. Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

### OFFERTORY

**\*DOXOLOGY #607**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; We praise you God, whom we adore. Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**God of compassion, we are overwhelmed by your love, which goes to the cross for us, endures the grave, and leads us to new life. By your Spirit, strengthen our souls to be brave and bold in Christ’s service. Take our offerings, and use them and us for your purposes, in the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.**

**\* HYMN #769 “For Everyone Born”**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES WITH US**

(We carry the Christ Candle out of the sanctuary as a reminder that God’s love is with us, even as we go out in peace, guided by the Spirit to bring healing and hope to a broken, hurting, and grieving world.)

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE #765 “Song of Hope”**

**PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING’S WORSHIP SERVICE**

Pastor	The Rev. Dr. Laurie Brubaker Davis
Choir Director	Greg Reiersen
Handbell Choir	Kathy Phillips, Aly Brunson, Tracy Olson, Beth Walsh, Mika Brunson, Nici Luchterhand, Henry Johnson, Charlotte Johnson, Dave Wagner, Richard Gui, Beth Kayhart, Jan Olson
Organist	Mika Brunson
Lector	Gerri Toyama
Deacons	Kathy Phillips, Tracy Olson, Adele Heller
Greeters	Clay & Terry Bernick
Sound System	Ron Rank
Nursery Attendant	Therese Brooks

\*This Five-week Lenten Sermon series is based on Amy-Jill Levine’s book titled *“Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner’s Guide to Holy Week”*

**ADULT FORUM TODAY:** Today we will be discussing the 6th segment “Imagine a Future” of Painting the Stars. Looking at what we may imagine as a future for the church.

**A NEW CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY IS COMING SOON!** Mark your calendars for April 23rd- 27th. There will be a photographer from Lifetouch here to take fabulous pictures of you and your loved ones right here at church. You will receive a free 8x10 just for smiling pretty! Is one of your loved ones a pet? Well-behaved leashed or crated pets are welcome to join you for your sitting. Please use this link to sign up for a sitting time, <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yvx06xxy/>

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Do you enjoy hanging out and having brief conversations with old and new friends alike? Great! We need a few volunteers to help the process run smoothly. We will be asking for two people at a time to sign up for 2 - 2 1/2 hour shifts during the photography sessions to check in people and keep things moving. This is a great time to sign up with a friend (or spouse) and catch up while helping out! The sign-up sheet will be in the narthex.

**GREEN TIP:** Save glass jars and containers to use for leftovers in lieu of using plastic wrap or aluminum foil.

**The Green Team** is celebrating Earth Day during the entire month of April. Please mark your calendars and join us at our upcoming forums. On **Sunday April 7**, the Interfaith Community for the Earth will present a puppet show in the Fellowship Hall. Join us as three friends learn to live in harmony with mother nature. On **Sunday April 14**, Jeff Zillich, from Advanced Disposal, will present on Recycling 101. Come and have your recycling questions answered. on **Sunday April 28**, Dr. Crispin Pierce, Professor at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, will discuss measuring air quality around frac sand operations. His team has been meeting with community groups, the DNR and industry representatives over the last nine years. Their aim is to serve Wisconsin with objective information about potential health risks so that communities and decision-makers are well-informed. Our Green Team is partnering with the Alliance for a Greener Marshfield and Everette Roehl Marshfield Public Library all month long to educate and encourage our community to adapt more sustainable Earth care practices. Visit the library to see our display and gather resources. Additional books about Earth care can be checked out from our church library as well. A few select books will be highlighted but feel free to browse!

**SCRIP PROGRAM:** The Finance Committee is seeking a volunteer or volunteers to take over this Scrip program. If you would be interested in investigating this possibility, please the church office or Ruth Voss, Gerri Toyama, Scott Winch, Phil Phillips or Bruce Lautenschlager.

**EASTER FLOWER ORDERS:** Order forms are available in the Narthex by the office. Order forms to need to be turned in to the office by April 8, 2019.

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Lisa Carroll, Jennifer Wierzbicki, Aria Rens, James Burt. To give us a name for this prayer list, please contact the church office at 715-384-2484 or email [fpcmsecretary@frontier.com](mailto:fpcmsecretary@frontier.com). Names will be kept on this bulletin prayer list for two months unless requested otherwise.

**HOME BOUND MEMBERS:** Each week we list one of our members or friends and encourage you to send a card or note. On this week's list is, Evelyn Rustad, 601 S. Cedar Ave #124, Marshfield, WI. 54449.

**Lenten Supper Services - Food for Body and Soul**

**Five Wednesdays: March 27 - April 10, 5:15-6:30 p.m.**

*Arrive when you can--Food will be available throughout.*

Join us around the tables for a light supper, simple meditative songs led by our live, acoustic, multi-generational Taizé Band, Scripture, Spiritual Message, prayer practices, responsive art projects, and relaxed table fellowship. Each week will emphasize a different color/aspect of Jesus' passion, building on the previous Sunday’s Sermon. This Wednesday’s (March 27) color is **orange**. These interactive series are designed for a multi-generational group. All are invited: bring your friends of all ages.



**Welcome to First Presbyterian Church  
March 24, 2019  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

*Do we celebrate the gifts of God only when it is time to do so in the worship service, or do we celebrate these gifts morning to night? Is the church just a building, or is the church the community who gathers in Jesus’ name, who acts as Jesus taught, who lives the good news?  
--Amy-Jill Levine*

**THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPING WITH US!** After worship, everyone is invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall for juice, coffee and fellowship. Invite our guests to join in this fellowship time.

**PLEASE FILL IN THE “FRIENDSHIP PAD”** as it is passed down the pew; return it noting the names of people you may greet and welcome. We especially invite guests to sign.

**WELCOME TO FAMILIES** with children and infants for worship. The staffed nursery is available for infants through three years old. Worship Bags, on a stand at the entrance to the sanctuary, are available to enhance kids’ worship experience.



**HEARING & VISUAL ASSISTANCE Ask an Usher for help:**

- Switch hearing aid to T-Coil Loop Listeners
- Magnifiers are available

**Our Mission Statement...**"First Presbyterian Church, Marshfield, Wisconsin seeks to welcome all to join us on our journey of faith, denying no one, based upon his or her particular human condition, participation in the life of the church. We want to be a safe place, a sanctuary where people are accepted, included, and cared for as they are. We will be agents of God's transforming power, aligning ourselves with the Holy Spirit as we pray, worship, learn, share fellowship and serve together. By attending to the love of Jesus Christ in our midst, we discover a deepening faith that makes a difference in our lives. As a community based on God's love, we strive to be of service to our neighbors and to the world."