

# Welcome to

27 March 2022

Fourth Sunday in Lent

*May God who gathers us around Himself in the Word and Sacrament to bless us with His forgiveness this morning be your source of comfort, strength and renewal as you worship today. In the Name of Christ, we are all called to come and hear that the Lord is Good!*

Prelude – *Preparing our Souls through silence, reading and reflection*

Announcements and Prayer Concerns– *Sharing our life together*

Congregational Prayer

Invocation and Confession – *Entering into the Presence of the Lord*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
(Matthew 28:19) **C: Amen**

P: Make us to know your ways, O Lord, and teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for whom we wait. (Psalm 25:4-5) **C: Amen**

P: If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:6-7)

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

**C: According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen** (Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12)

P: Let it be known to you, that through Jesus Christ, the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. (1 John 1:6-7) He commanded us to preach and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:42-43) **C: Amen**

## Announcements and Schedule

### Studies this Week:

Sunday Morning Worship Service – 10:00am

Wednesday – 7:00pm – Women’s Group – 169 Buxton Dr

7:00pm – Men’s Group – 169 Buxton Dr

Thursday – 10:30am – Bible Study – 1517 Thomas Jefferson Rd

*We have prayer cards for you to mail to anyone you lifted up at the Altar during Communion. Feel free to bless others with these.*

We are singing from the hymnals now! Please begin picking one up in the Narthex when you get your bulletin and, please return the hymnal as you leave after the Service. Thank you.

Lent is almost here! Lent is the time of preparation that begins on Ash Wednesday (March 2) and ends with Maundy Thursday (April 14). It is the traditional six weeks that prepares believers around the world for Good Friday (April 15) and Easter Resurrection (April 17). We invite you to adopt something “different” for this period. You can choose to eliminate something good (“fasting” to teach us how Christ gave up so much for us), add something to focus on (reading through a devotional book, studying a particular scripture, learning a new hymn, etc.), or give offerings above your normal giving (we are supporting SoSA this year). Here are the dates we have for Lent and Easter. Please join us:

Good Friday – April 15 – 7:00pm

Easter Sunrise – April 17 – 7:00am

Resurrection Sunday – April 17 – 10:00am

We are adding back our evening bible study’s. We will meet on Thursday night’s at 7:00pm at 19 George St. It will begin 7 April. The morning and evening classes are on the same track so you can pick and choose each week which time is best. We will kick off the study with a Q & A session. Come with the questions you may have and we will look together to find some answers!

Please post as many flyers as you can of the upcoming Prayer Retreat. Please plan to attend, bring a friend and bathe the time in prayer.

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Call to Worship – Psalm 32

\*Hymn # 386 “Brethren, We have Met to Worship”

First Lesson – Isaiah 12.1–6

Call to Prayer # 363 “Let Others See Jesus in You”

Pastoral Prayer (followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison)

Second Lesson – II Corinthians 5.16-21

Offertory -

(Please place your offering in one of the plates)

\*Doxology – #668

\*Gospel – Luke 15.1-3, 11-32

Our response is, “**Praise be to thee, O Christ**”

Sermon – “The Only was to J.O.Y”

\*The Apostles’ Creed

Communion

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 Unending Hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the Highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the Highest.**

The Mystery of Faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is Risen; Christ will come again.**

Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ

\*Hymn # 658 “Soldiers of Christ, Arise”

\*Benediction

\*Dismissal and Recessional

### Prayer List

Tom Langford, Bill Warman, Carolyn Ashwell, Liz Griffin, Harry Burns, Larry Shepley, Betty Mann, Katie Epley, Yvette Clark, Darby Atkins, Mike Toney, Terrell Salmon, Jean Moriety, Fred Greene, Starke Camden, Jean McCormick, Cyndy Williams and persecuted Christians around the world.

Let us pray for all our elected Officials and our Country.

The situation in the Ukraine, the people of Moldova, esp. Dimitri, Stella and Lorina, friends of Andy’s.

Elgene Van Horn, Gail’s mom, testing after passing out and falling  
Gwen Miller at VBH

Hunter, Judy Wimmer’s great grandson

Sherry Marsh, starting dialysis, and her family

Debbie Reeves, cancer

Kevin Thomas Mele, on dialysis

David Dibble, Lisa’s brother in law

Tom Langford’s Bella

Gail Everett, knee replacement needed

Betsy Hoefer, friend of Agnes

Vaughn Driskill, friend of the Kinzer’s

Kristen Frasse, friend of Carey

Clark Pettyjohn, friend of Pr. Tom and Sherry

Nancy Turner, recuperating from surgery, friend of Martha’s

Jeff Anderson, friend of Carey’s, acute myeloid leukemia

Margaret Kihnley, sister of Sue Rossiter

Betty Smith, going on dialysis, friend of Carolyn’s

Lexi, 10 year old with cancer, daughter of a friend of Sara Dietrich’s

Lydia Behnke, Andy’s mom, fractured back

Friend of Dave Gardner recovering from stomach surgery

Stephanie Garrett, friend of Web’s, cancer

Bob and Vivienne, friends of the Dietrich’s, health issues of Bob

Sally, friend of Jen’s, with cancer

Sylvia, Yvette’s daughter, Multiple Myeloma cancer

Elijah, Yvette Clarks’ great grandson, with seizures

Elwood Hutchins and his wife, with dementia, friends of Martha

Olivia Rowsey, Maggie’s friend, 16 yo with Leukemia

Lynn Ruppe, Gail’s sister, back issues

Camden Clark, Yvette’s grandson,

Dr. Jim and Sue Henry, Mona's parents

Melody Henry, Mona's sister a nurse and all health care givers

Betty Shepherd, friend of Martha Mahanes

Erik Blaum, PTSD, Dot Flanik's son

Sharon Powell, cancer, and Lisa Reynolds, Requested by the Harveys