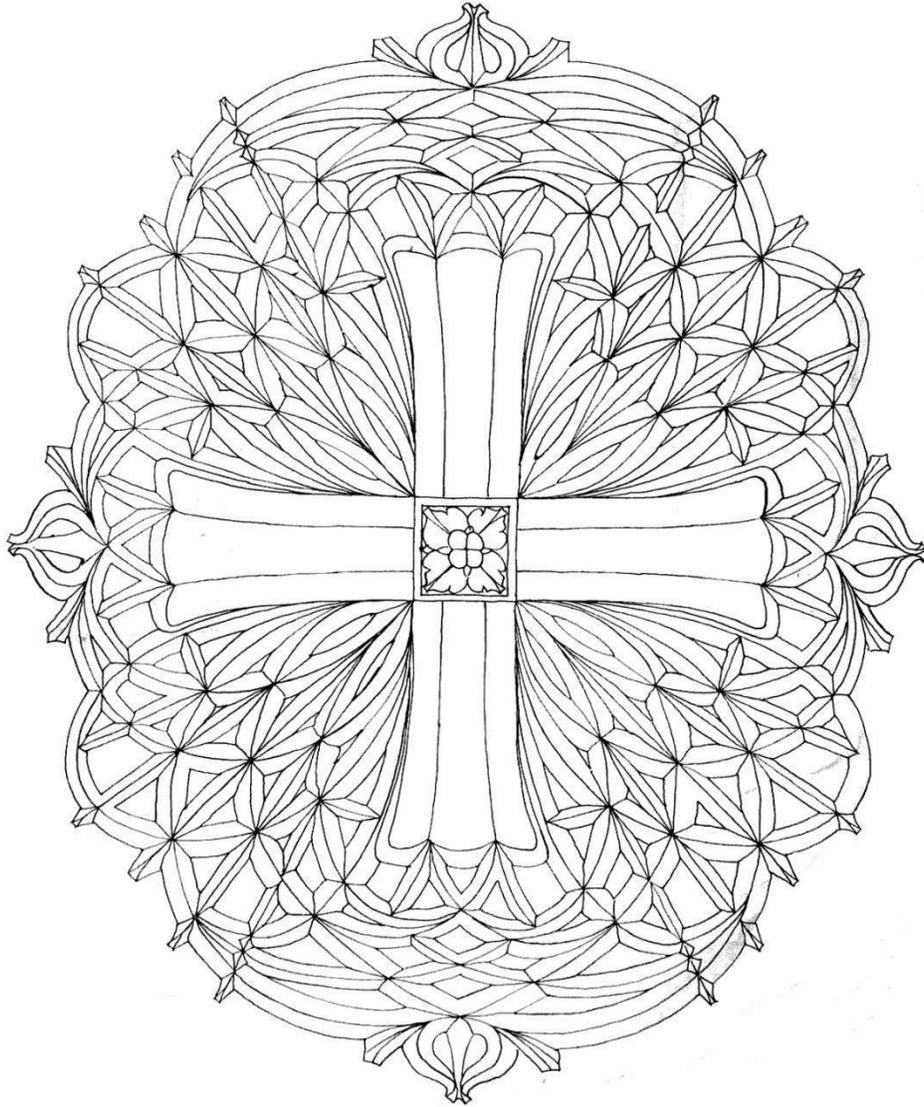


# First Presbyterian Church

March 7, 2021

Third Sunday in Lent



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*Serving Christ from the heart of the city to the ends  
of the earth with love, faith and action.*

## We Gather in God's Presence

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Piano Prelude

*"Abide With Me"*

arr. Mark Hayes

Call to Worship

Be merciful to us, O God, be merciful to us, for in your presence we take our refuge!

**In the shadow of your wings we find our security, and in your strength, our hope!**

Let us worship our steadfast and faithful God!

Hymn

["Make a Joyful Noise to God!"](#)

No. 54

Prayer of Confession

Laurie Taylor Weicher

We confess, O God, that we have pushed against your commandments, for we have wanted to live our own lives on our own terms. We value our freedom above almost everything else, and we resist any constraints that seek to rein us in. But what we fail to see is that you set a hedge around us for our own safety and well-being, and to create the possibility of community. And so help us to see in your commandments an expression of love. Help us to feel the gentleness of your guiding hand, that instead of rebelling against you, which leads us to peril, we find joy in the shelter of your divine care, shown so perfectly in the love of Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray, in one voice, and now in silence...

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

Assurance of Pardon

Response to Pardon

Friends in Christ, in response to this gift of God's grace, how then shall we live?

**With gratitude, following after the Lord Jesus Christ, who calls us to love  
God with heart, soul, mind, and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves.**

This is the way of Jesus, in whom we find life!

## We Celebrate our Life Together

Moment for Mission | The Green Chair Project

Jackie Craig, Executive Director and Co-Founder

Joys and Concerns of the Church Family

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession and 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.**

## We Listen to God's Word

Moment for Children

Katy Schafer

Scripture Readings

Exodus 20:1-17; Mark 12:28-31

Sermon

“Living Beyond the Law“

Ed McLeod

## We Respond to God's Word

Hymn

[“How Happy Are the Saints of God”](#)

No. 457

Affirmation of Faith | The Apostles' Creed

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; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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.

An Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

“*Panis Angelicus*”  
Owen Beal, violin

Cesar Franck

Prayer of Dedication

## We Bear God's Word into the World

Hymn

[“Be Thou My Vision”](#)

No. 450

Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response

Go with us Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,  
that in Your Spirit, strong and true, our lives may be our gift to you.

Postlude

“*Presto in D minor*”  
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George Frideric Handel

Today's acolytes are Ballard Baker and Davis Baker.

The Chancel flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and  
are given in loving memory of Clarence Frizzell by his wife, Janice Frizzell.