



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Second Sunday of Lent

Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison, pastor
Eric Fischer, liturgist
February 25, 2024

Prelude

David Pérez, organist

Welcome and Announcements

Friendship Pads: Please help us maintain good communication with all our members and guests by completing the Friendship Register as it is passed from the end of each pew. Please include your email address if you wish. We invite you to note the names of those sitting near you and greet them before leaving today.

Cards of Encouragement: Blue cards found in the pew rack ~ please put in offering plate.

Introit

Come, Thou Fount: Rescue Me from Danger

DAVID PÉREZ, arr.

*Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.*

Chancel Choir
Angela Pérez, director
David Pérez, piano

Call to Worship

One: God welcomes the dreamers and the doubters,

All: the courageous and the fearful,

One: the hungry and the hopeful,

All: the impatient and the reserved.

One: God welcomes the young and the old,

All: the poets and the prophets,

One: the faithful and the tired,

All: the curious and the convicted.

One: Wherever you are on your journey, wherever your boat is at sea,

All: there is room for all to gather here.

One: This is God's house.

All: Let us worship the one whom even the seas obey.

* **Hymn of Praise**

My Song Is Love Unknown (vs.1,2,5)
LOVE UNKNOWN

Glory to God #209

* **Call To Confession**

Eric Fischer, liturgist

One: In our scripture passage for today, Peter is out on a boat with the disciples when a storm hits. Instead of cowering in fear, Peter spots Jesus on the water and bravely crawls out of the boat to move closer to Christ.

Friends, I think the prayer of confession is one way that we do the same; it's one way that we can crawl out of our boats.

And here's what I mean: In the prayer of confession, we are honest about the storms that rage within and around us. In this prayer, we speak with honesty in an effort to move closer to God.

This is our moment to crawl out of the boat. So friends, let's be like Peter. Join me in being courageous. Join me in truth-telling. Join me in prayer. It's time to get our feet wet. Let us pray together:

* **Prayer of Confession** (unison)

Eric Fischer, liturgist

Gracious God, there are days that threaten to swallow us, days when the storms of life feel too big. In those moments, we often cling to the sides of our ships in fear, spending more energy hiding from storms than looking for you.

Forgive us for doubting ourselves. Forgive us for doubting you. Rescue us from the storms of today and from the fears that trap us. With hope in our hearts we pray,

* **Silent Prayers of Confession**

* **Pouring the Water**

* **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Eric Fischer, liturgist

One: Family of faith, you could get out of the boat and walk on water like Peter, or fall to your knees and stay in one place. No matter what you do, Christ's love for you is unchanging. Fearful or brave, faithful or doubting, Christ is always walking toward you. So hear and believe this good news: God's love is stronger than any storms. On our best days, and on our worst days, we are seen, forgiven, and loved. God is always walking toward you. Thanks be to God! Amen.

* **Passing the Peace**

Eric Fischer, liturgist

One: Knowing the grace and mercy of the Lord, we share it with one another.
The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

(Please greet one another and exchange signs of peace and reconciliation.)

* **Hymn**

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

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

Children's Moment

David Dutcher

Prayer of Illumination

Eric Fischer, liturgist

Holy God, there are days where the wind is loud. There are days where the rain tears through the trees and the storms of life beg for our attention. So just as you stilled the wind and the sea, still our wandering hearts. Quiet our restless minds. Reach out your hand to us and pull us into your Word so that we might hear, really hear, your message to us today. With one foot out of the boat, we pray, amen.

Psalter Reading

Psalms 22:23-31

Eric Fischer, liturgist

Special Music

God of the Deep
DAN FORREST

Jay Van Blaricum, soloist
David Pérez, piano

Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

Glory to God #834

Sermon

"Rescue Me from Danger"

Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison

Hymn

Precious Lord, Take My Hand
PRECIOUS LORD

Glory to God #834

Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer

(as translated by the Maori people)

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.**

**In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.**

From trial too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

Call To Offering

Offering

With Heart and Hands
JOHN RUTTER

Chancel Choir
Angela Pérez, director
David Pérez, organist

* Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Glory to God #606

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heav'nly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost*

* Prayer of Dedication

* Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in a God who moves toward us when storms rage.
We believe in a God who invites us to be brave.
We believe in a God whom the wind and waves obey.
We believe in a God who knows our names.
We believe in a God of love.
We are not afraid. Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Help Us Accept Each Other
BARONITA

Glory to God #754

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

David Pérez, organist

* Stand as you are able – in spirit or in body

Welcome!

We encourage everyone to come as you are, be who you are, and be in community with us! Whether you are joining us virtually or in-person; as a long-time member or a first-time guest, we are happy to have you with us. **Please be sure to sign the Friendship Pad if you are worshipping with us in person.** If you join us on-line, live, or recorded - **please send us an email letting us know you joined us in worship.**

Prayer List

Cares, Concerns and Celebrations

- **Gwen Larson** died on February 16 at Brandon Woods. Her services were held at FPC on Saturday, February 24. Prayers for Jill Bradney and the rest of their family as they grieve.
- **Linda Almon** will have surgery March 1st at Olathe Medical Center
- **Tonja and Adam Rounds** ask for our prayers as Tonja recovers from brain surgery. The MRI

showed that they removed all the tumor and we are grateful for that good news!

- **Allison Clunn-McPlin and family**, friends of Dave and Lois Dutcher. Allison was diagnosed with an aggressive form of ALS 6 days after the birth of baby girl, Mary.
- **Remember our Friends joining us on-line** so that they feel included.
- **George Crump** is asking for prayers in support of his health and well-being.
- **Kristi McAlister**, FPC member and daughter of Pat McAlister, who is facing some serious health challenges.

Sunday Helpers

Ushers: Heather Soper, Marin and Cherie Hoover

Greeters: Oertel Family

Securing the Offering: Linda Watts

Friendship Pad Collector: Petra Peterson

Mugger: Kathryn Roblee

Care

Deacon Family Groups - 2024

A-Ca	Charles Tuttle	N-Q	Peggy Southard
Ce-Do	Janet Adams	Mc-Mz	Becky May
Dr-F	Diana Schoneweis	R-Si	Linda Longino
G-Ha	Larry Schlosser	SI-T	Russ Heikes
He-Ko	Mary Warren	U-Z	Allen Macfarlane
Kr-Ma	Lois Dutcher		

Birthdays in the Congregation

February 26

Bob Silipigni

February 27

Joyce Rankin

March 2

Marilyn Heikes

Kathy Clausing-Willis

Calendar

February 25

9:00 am Sunday Nursery Open
9:15 am Sunday School for Children and Youth
9:15 am Apostles and Discipleship Class
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Annual Meeting of the Congregation
5:30 pm Youth Dinner at Pastor Helen's

February 26

9:00 am First 5 Years Classes
1:15 pm Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Pastor Helen's Class

6:00 pm Cub Scout Den Meeting – Schwaller
6:00 pm Westminster Ringers Rehearsal
7:00 pm First 5 Years Board Meeting

February 27

9:00 am First 5 Years Classes
1:00 pm Small World Classes

February 28

9:00 am First 5 Years Classes
5:30 pm Lent Dinner – Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm Lent Worship – Chapel
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 59 Meeting
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

February 29

9:00 am First 5 Years Classes
1:00 pm Small World Classes

March 1

10:00 am Men's Group

March 2

9:30 am Justice Matters Research Meeting
1:00 pm Boy Scout Leadership Training

March 3

9:00 am Sunday Nursery Open
9:15 am Sunday School for Children and Youth
9:15 am Apostles and Discipleship Class
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Presby Pickers Rehearsal

Children and Youth

- All ages meet first in the Chapel for music and stories. Then they move to their classrooms for lessons and more. Check at the Welcome Center or come to the Chapel for more information. All children are welcome to join anytime!

Adult Sunday School Classes

- The Apostles and Discipleship** – Continues through March 24th in the Fireside Room with Pastor Helen. She is focusing on the ministry of Peter in worship and offers this option to compare and contrast the various ministries of the Apostles. All are welcome to join the class and discussion.

Adult Offerings during the week

- Pastor Helen's Class meets on Mondays at 2:00 pm in the Fireside Room**
Come hear Helen talk about her trip to Greece last fall as she leads the group on *The Second and Third Missionary Journeys of Paul*.
- The Men's Group** meets on Friday morning at 10:00 am in the Fireside Room for a time of fellowship (pun intended). Come join the discussion which can cover almost anything! Contact Charles Tuttle for more information at cftuttle@gmail.com



Easter Lilies – Forms to order an Easter Lily in memory of or in honor of special people in your life are on the table in the Narthex. Suggested gifts are \$15.00 for each lily requested. You may take them after Easter Worship on March 31 or after 9 am on Tuesday, April 2. Thank you for making our Sanctuary beautiful for Easter!