

CHURCH SESSION

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Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

March 1, 2020

First Sunday in Lent

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

The congregation stands

Silent Procession by choir and pastor

The congregation sits

Introit by the Choir Christ, We Do All Adore Thee Theodore Dubois, 1899

Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever,
for on the holy cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed.

Prayer to the Lamb of God

After each section of the prayer, the congregation joins the pastor, saying: **Lord, have mercy.**

Hymn 80 Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley Lonesome Valley

Prayer of Confession

Unison

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.

We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way.

**We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,
and great when we are small.**

We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.

Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ our Savior ...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Kyrie by the Choir

David N. Johnson, 1972

Concluding Prayer by the Pastor

Assurance of Pardon – Epistle

Romans 5:12-19

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 457 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art Toulon

Opening Sentences

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen**.)
Almighty God, your Son fasted forty days in the wilderness and was tempted as we are but did not sin. Give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

Welcome and Announcements

The children bring their ringing offering and come to the **Baptismal Font** for a

Time for Young Christians

Old Testament Genesis 2:15-17;3:1-7

Psalm 32 Unison

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I kept silence, my body wasted away
through all my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

Do not be like a horse or mule, without understanding, whose temper
must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

Many are the torments of the wicked
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Anthem My Savior and My God Jay Althouse, 2014

My life, my love I give to Thee; Thou Lamb of God who died for me.

O may I ever faithful be, my Savior and my God.

Thou who died on Calvary to save my soul and set me free,

I'll dedicate my life to Thee. I'll live for Him who died for me.

How richer then my life will be. I'll bow to Him on bended knee, my Savior and my God

(-- Ralph E. Hudson, 1882; alt.; Jay Althouse)

Gospel Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon Resisting Temptation Mike Krech

"Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil." Matthew 4:1

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 281 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah Cwm Rhondda

Apostles' Creed Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional

Gloria Patri 579 Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Be Thou But Near J.S. Bach

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Recessional Hymn 260 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Ein' Feste Berg

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church. Today is the first Sunday in the season of Lent, which began with Ash Wednesday on February 26, and extends for 40 days (excluding Sundays), concluding with Holy Saturday, April 11. Our order of service seeks to reflect the penitential nature of this season, as we in heart and mind join Jesus in his 40 days in the wilderness, described in today's Gospel reading.