

Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

March 17, 2019

Second Sunday in Lent

CHURCH SESSION

Class of 2019

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Class of 2020

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Grace Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA),
Presbytery of the Mid-South, Synod of Living Waters.

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 92

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

St. Christopher

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

Philippians 3:17-4:1

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 488

The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

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**.)
God of mercy, as your chosen servant Abraham was given faith to obey your call and go out into the unknown, so may your church be granted such faith that we may follow you with courage for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 come to the Baptismal Font for a

Time for Young Christians

Old Testament

Genesis 15:1-18

Psalm 27:1-9a,10,13-14

Unison

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When evil doers assail me to devour my flesh – my adversaries and my foes –
they shall stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

For God will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

God will conceal me under the cover of his tent and set me high on a rock.

Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy.

I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me.

Come, my heart says, seek God's face.

Your face, O Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me.

If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord;

be strong and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord.

Anthem There Is a Balm in Gilead Spiritual; arr. by Robert Lau, 2002

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus and say He died for all.

Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

Sermon

Fright Night

Mike Krech

“As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.”

Genesis 15:12

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 84

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Rathbun

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

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

Benediction

Recessional Hymn 371

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Today is the second Sunday in the season of Lent, which began with Ash Wednesday March 6, 2019, and extends 40 days (excluding Sundays), concluding with Holy Saturday, April 20, 2019.

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. This second Sunday in Lent might be called Abraham Sunday because each year the Old Testament lesson describes some portion of Abraham's call from God, and God's covenant with Abraham. (Genesis, chapters 12, 15, 17) JMK