



We often forget
that God wants
the best for us.

— ANTHONY GUCCIARDI

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Sunday Worship

March 20, 2022

Draw near to God
for God is waiting for you.

* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able
italic type is spoken by the liturgist – bold is spoken by the congregation

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Only the hungry search for bread. Only the thirsty look for water.
This is a place for those who are hungry and thirsty in spirit.*

*Only those who ache for meaning will pursue it. Only those who yearn for a deeper life will seek it.
This is a place for those who ache and yearn for something more.*

We come here today with our hunger and thirst, our unsatisfied longings, our heart-felt yearnings. Here the God of life will satisfy our souls.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Good and gracious God, we seek you. We thirst for you. Without your presence, we are as a dry and weary land with no water. Together, we lift up our spirits and call on your name that you might abide with us. Bless this our worship of you, that we might sing for joy under the shadow of your wings. Amen.

***HYMN #442 Just as I Am, Without One Plea**

1. Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me some to thee, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!
2. Just as I am, thou tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!
3. Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!
4. Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down; now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENNESS

This is the season of turning. We are called on this journey to turn our lives to you Lord, to turn away from all those things which have harmed us and others; to separate ourselves from actions and attitudes that demean and destroy. It is far too easy for us to sink into the mire of self-pity and self-serving attitudes, wondering why everything isn't coming our way. We want comfort, contentment, no stress, no struggle. Yet our lives are filled with stress and discontent. We hurt, Lord. We hurt in our bodies and our souls. We hurt in our relationships with others. How we must try your patience! We don't want to be like this - we want to feel the warmth of your love, the freedom of your spirit, the joy of serving you. Forgive us for our selfishness and stupidity. Heal us. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING

... Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.

****GLORIA PATRI***

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 10:1-17

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

****HYMN #441*** Hear the Good News of Salvation

1. Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.

Refrain: Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

2. All the sins I have committed, to my Savior now I bring.
I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing: *Refrain*

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 13:1-9

SERMON Does God Like Me?

STATEMENT OF FAITH The Apostle's 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; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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.

RECOGNITION OF THE OFFERING

****DOXOLOGY***

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

****PRAYER OF DEDICATION***

God of all, we give our offerings in gratitude, rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us. We give our offerings in faith, trusting that you will provide for our needs. We give our offerings in hope, knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world. And with our offerings, we give ourselves; May we live with generous hearts, with open hands. Amen.

BLESSING THE BLANKETS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF 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.

***HYMN #800** Sometime a Light Surprises

1. Sometimes a light surprises the child of God who sings; it is the Lord who rises with healing in his wings; when comforts are declining, he grants the soul again a season of clear shining to cheer it after rain.
2. In holy contemplation we sweetly then pursue the theme of God's salvation and find it ever new; set free from present sorrow, we cheerfully can say, "Let the unknown tomorrow bring with it what it may."
3. It can bring with it nothing but he will bear us through; who gives the lilies clothing will clothe his people too beneath the spreading heavens no creature but is fed; and he who feeds the ravens will give his children bread.
4. Thou vine nor fig tree neither their longed-for fruit should bear, though all the fields should wither, nor flocks nor herds be there, yet God the same abiding, his praise shall tune my voice; for while in him confiding, I cannot but rejoice.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS: March 20, 2022

This week's carillon is in memory of Martin Klair.

NEW MAILING ADDRESS FOR THE CHURCH: Due to changes at the Forest Grove Post Office, the church is now receiving home delivery and giving up the PO Box. Our new mailing address is:

Forest Grove Presbyterian Church
1856 Forest Grove Rd.
Furlong, PA 18925

Youth Group Tonight: The Youth Group will be traveling together to First Presbyterian Church for an informational meeting on this year's Triennium event. The group will meet at the church at 3:00 and return by 7:00.

One Great Hour of Sharing: During Lent we will be collecting donations to directly support families affected by the crisis in Ukraine. The donations will be sent weekly to the Synod of the Trinity who will match our funds. Envelopes can be found in in the pews. Online donations can also be made or checks can be mailed to the church with "Refugees" in the memo line. This offering will continue through Lent and end on Easter Sunday.

Midweek Lenten Communion Service: Join us each Wednesday throughout Lent for a brief service at 11:30am in the sanctuary and on Zoom.

Thursday Night Bible Study and Fellowship: March 24, 7:00pm on Zoom. A discussion on the message of justice and grace found in *Les Miserable*. All are welcome.

Lenten Food Collection Mission Project: All are invited to form a "Food Team" and then collect food over the next six weeks that will then be donated to the Doylestown Food Pantry. The Youth Group will serve as "judges" as prizes will be given for certain categories: "Heaviest," "Most Green," "Tallest," "Most items found in the Bible," "Most items using all the letters of the alphabet," etc. Start gathering your "team" now and come up with a name. All food items are to be brought to the church the Sunday after Easter, April 24.

Friday Night Fellowship Potluck: 6:00 – 8:00, April 1 we are going to have a time to gather together for some fellowship, dinner and a mission projects – like we used to do for Friday Night Fellowship. The church will provide ham for dinner but are asking the congregation to bring a side or dessert. There will be a mission project and of course, fun and games. It's been a long time so let's have some fun! Sign up in Fellowship Hall on the Card Ministry table or call the church office.

Sanctuary Flowers: If you would like to provide an arrangement for our worship on any Sunday in memory or prayer of someone special, please either call the church office or sign up on our Flower Chart located on the door as you enter the church kitchen.

Sunday Coffee and Conversation is back in full swing: We are looking for volunteers to help with providing food, such as cookies, and clean-up. If we each take one or two Sundays a year we will be able to provide this special time together. Please call the church office to sign up.

<u>Calendar:</u>	March 20	10:00am	Worship Service. Sunday school. Coffee and Conversation – Fellowship Hall.
		3:00pm	Youth Group-Triennium mtg.
	March 21	7:00pm	Boy Scouts, Bell Choir rehearsal in Church.
	March 22	7:00pm	Session.
	March 23	11:30am	Lent Communion Service in Church and Zoom.
		12:00pm	Wednesday Lunch.
		12:30pm	Knitting/Crocheting Group.
	March 24	7:00pm	Bible Study on Zoom. https://zoom.us/j/127591875

Elder of the Month: Terry Holton Deacon of the Month: Marilyn Cook

In our thoughts and prayers:

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Bill Wark, Raymond Tinari,
Dick Wright, Jim Turner, Peggy Cosner



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