



First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God

February 18, 2024

The First Sunday in Lent

**Indicates an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit as you are able.*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

TOWER BELLS

PRELUDE

O Lamb of God, Most Holy (Hymn 82)

J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 25

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Make me to know your way, O Lord;

teach me in your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me.

For you are the God of my salvation;

for you I wait all the day long.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness;

for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

Come, let us worship God.

*HYMN 457 (V.1-4)

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, we do proclaim that you are King of mercy and grace, and that you will give us strength in every trying hour. So we pray this morning that during these forty days of Lent that you will be especially close and particularly strong in your love for us, as we reflect on our lives and consider what we must change to be deserving of your mercy and grace. For if we are truthful with ourselves, with each other and with you, we acknowledge that too often we have strayed afar from the path that you wish us to follow. Send your Spirit, O Lord, to provide us the courage to accept our missteps and to guide us faithfully in your ways. In Jesus' name we pray.

Silent prayer

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

No misstep is too large, nor is our mind too much in denial of our true selves, for God to abandon us. In his mercy and grace through our Lord, Jesus Christ, God is always present in our lives today and for all eternity. Praise be to God. Amen.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

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.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 9:8-17

Mark 1:9-15

SERMON

I Do

Rev. Larry Van Hise

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Humbled by God's generosity, let us offer our gifts to God and God's ministries through Christ's church.

*Please leave your offering in the boxes at the front and rear of the sanctuary
or make your gifts online or via mail.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, you meet our needs and transform us for service. Accept these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our commitment to witness to Christ's ministry in your world. Amen.

*RESPONSE

Doxology

**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. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN 370 (V.1-4)

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

John Rutter
The Chancel Choir

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days (Hymn 81)

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Worship Leaders

Rev. Larry Van Hise

Gloria Snyder, Organist

Elizabeth Campbell, Chancel Choir Director

The Chancel Choir

Peter Becker, Liturgist

Linda and Bud Martin, Coffee Hour Hosts

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