

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

✦ **HYMN 722** - *Lord, speak to Me, That I May Speak*

CANONBURY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Concluding with the Lord's Prayer using "debts" and "debtors," *Hymnal*, page 35.)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERINGS

God provides us with gifts that often go unrecognized.
With open and joyful hearts, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY - *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee*

J. S. Bach

✦ DOXOLOGY

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ all creatures here below;
praise Holy Spirit ever more; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.***

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, bless our offerings with healing
that comes from your work and our hands.
We give with joy and thanks for what we have,
in the name of Jesus, the Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

✦ **HYMN 69** - *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

HERE I AM

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - *I Will Arise and Go to Jesus*

arr. Don Hustad

Lisa Rzepka, Transitional Pastor

Heather Shortlidge, Associate Pastor

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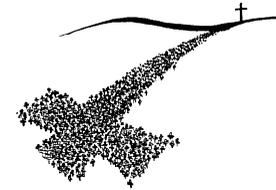
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First Presbyterian Church, Annapolis, Maryland

March 24, 2019 – 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship

Third Sunday in Lent



PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

✦ Please rise in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE - *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

arr. Phillip Keveren

SILENT REFLECTION

"In the Dark Wood, even those who are lost themselves can be gift-bearers to others seeking their way in the dark" (*Gifts of the Dark Wood*, p. 101)."

We like our paths well lit and clearly marked. Yet, the path of life is rarely clear or straightforward. We find ourselves lost in a sort of Dark Wood, unclear which direction to go, perhaps having strayed from the path we thought we were on. It is at these times that there may be a gift in getting lost. It is at these times that we awaken and begin to pay more attention than we usually do. Our Lenten journey invites us to get quiet and open wide our senses.

You are invited to reflect on the above meditation during the prelude. As you reflect, you are invited to use a marker to write a word of encouragement on a rock for someone who may cross a path where you have already been. What would you say to someone who has "found" him or herself feeling utterly lost? What would God say to them? Cairns, or piles of stacked rocks, have historically been used to mark pathways. As you leave worship today, you are invited to take with you a random rock. It may apply to your path now or in the future.

Rocks Collected (8:30) - Ushers will collect rocks during the offertory.

Rocks Collected (11:00) - Children will collect rocks during Time with Children.

NOTICES OF CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

(Please complete and pass the greeter pad down the pew and back.)

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00) - *O Word of God Incarnate*

MUNICH

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Permeating Love, enter our lives and open us
to the gifts residing deep within the Holy Darkness of our lives.

**When we feel overwhelmed
by the twists and turns of life, quiet us, open us,
heighten our senses to perceive your nudge toward life.**

In your many names, we pray.

Amen.

✦ **HYMN 475** - *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

For plunging ahead without listening to You,

Forgive and restore us, O God.

For not recognizing Your still small voice within us,

Forgive and restore us, O God.

For forgetting to ask for assurance—your greatest gift,

Forgive and restore us, O God. (Silence.)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Hear these words of assurance:

Lost is not lost to God. You are not lost to God.

God is with you, forgiving and restoring you to wholeheartedness.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

RESPONSE OF PRAISE - *Behold I Make All Things New*

Behold, behold, I make all things new, beginning with you and starting from today.

Behold, behold, I make all things new, my promise is true, for I am Christ the way.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN (11:00)

(Pre-k to 1st grade children may attend Children's Discovery after the message.

Older children remain in worship; activity bags available from ushers.)

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER (11:00) - *Open My Eyes*

OPEN MY EYES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of light,
let your Holy Spirit come into our shadows
and open our hearts,
that your word may show us
the blessings you intend for all creation. **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE - Psalm 46 (responsive)

From the *Iona Abbey Worship Book*

God is our refuge and strength, our ever-present help in distress.

Though the earth trembles, and mountains slide into the sea, we have no fear.

Waters foam and roar, and mountains shake at their surging;

but the God of hosts is with us -- our stronghold, the God of the faithful people.

**There is a river whose streams give joy to the city of God,
the holy dwelling of the Most High.**

God is in its midst; it stands firm. God will aid it at the break of day.

Even if nations are in chaos, and kingdoms fall,

God's voice resounds; the earth melts away.

God is with us; the God of the faithful people is our stronghold.

Come! See the deeds of the Most High, the marvelous things God has done on earth;

All over the world, God has stopped wars --

breaking bows, splintering spears, burning the shields with fire.

Be still! And know that I am God,

exalted among the nations, exalted upon the earth.

The Most High is with us; our stronghold is the God of the faithful people.

ANTHEM (11:00) - *Sun of My Soul*

Tom Fettke

Sun of my soul, Savior dear, it is not night if you be near. O may no earthborn cloud arise
to hide Thee from Thy servant's eyes. Abide with me from morn till eve, for without
Thee I cannot live. Abide with me when night is nigh, for without Thee I dare not die.
Come near and bless us when we wake, e're through the world our way we take. Till, in
the ocean of Thy love, we lose ourselves in heaven above.

SECOND SCRIPTURE - I Samuel 3:1-9

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SERMON

"The Gift of Being Lost"

Liturgy from Marcia McFee, www.worshipdesignstudio.com;
Lenten series based on *Gifts of the Dark Wood* by Eric Elnes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOSE ASSISTING THIS MORNING - Preacher: Lisa Rzepka; **Liturgists:** Jim Nelson (8:30), Paul Murphy (11:00); **Greeter:** Elizabeth Cassidy (8:30); **Ushers:** Dave, Jeannie, Jake, Noah & Matthew Heimann (8:30), Martha Boudreau, Bill Hatchl, Allyson & John Lastowski (11:00); **Acolytes:** Chloe Vowell, Mary Hayes Cobbum (11:00); **Time with Children:** Miss Good; **Discovery:** Sharon Wiegand, Noor Khaleel (11:00).

STAFF NEWS - Thank you to Mary Marie Quigley, guest organist, and Doug Jackson, choir director, while Bob Muckenfuss is on vacation today. Heather Shortlidge will return from her paid leave of absence on April 15.

JIM BOTLUK - who joined the church in 1990, died suddenly March 14. Jim served as elder (1994), liturgist, superintendent of Sunday School, Guppy Group helper, and member of the Czech Committee. A service was held yesterday in our sanctuary with Rev. Rzepka followed by a reception hosted by the PWC.

CHANCEL FLOWERS - are lovingly provided by the Bowen & Mumford families in honor of Elaine Mumford and Bob Bowen to celebrate their birthdays and also their life-long dedication to their families and the church community.

BAPTISM - offered May 12 and June 16. Contact the church office if interested.

SIGN UP FOR PASTOR'S WEEKLY CONGREGATIONAL EMAIL - Visit www.annapolis-presbyterian.com/congregational-email and complete the very short form.

LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP IN LENT **Gifts of the Dark Wood Worship Series**

Sunday, March 31 - Fourth Sunday in Lent, Youth Sunday

A youth-led and created service from Luke 6:41-42. Come hear what they have to say!

Sunday, April 7 - Fifth Sunday in Lent

Guest preacher, The Rev. Dr. Petr Slama, is a pastor within the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren (ECCB) and Professor of Old Testament at Charles University in Prague. Communion will be served and Caleb Dunham will be baptized at 11:00 am.

YOUTH:

- + Fellowship Tonight - 5:00-7:00 pm. Youth Sunday planning continues, this is the last Sunday to prepare and we need all hands on-deck! Dinner provided by Chamberlins.
- + Youth Sunday March 31 - Join us at 8:30 and 11:00 am worship which will be led by our talented youth, who have been working since December to prepare the liturgy, music, and visual arts. Come see and hear what the youth want to share with our church family.

CAMPUS CARE UPDATE: Save the Saturdays - March 30 and April 6, 8:30 am. It's time for FPC's special, spring clean-up for the campus grounds, sanctuary interior, and exterior of the ZW House. Updates will be provided with work items dependent on the weather.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - Volunteer construction has resumed on the house at 123 Clay Street that we are sponsoring with eleven other Anne Arundel County churches. There are volunteer opportunities Fridays and Saturdays through May for volunteers 16 and older. To sign up or for more information, contact Dick Shakeshaft at shakeshaft@verizon.net.

CZECH FRIENDS - Veronika Pomikalkova will visit Annapolis March 28-31, before the ECCB-PC(USA) Conference (April 1-5, Atlanta). The Czech Committee is planning a potluck supper on March 29, 6:30 pm, at the Hargrove's home (2 Tolson Street, West Annapolis). Veronika will be in church March 31. Please be in touch with Kristie Lilly (kristie_l@hotmail.com) to schedule a visit with Veronika. **Petr & Marta Slama** will be in Annapolis April 6-7. A potluck is planned (to be announced). Reach out to Betty (cobe@comcast.net) for details.

ADULT EDUCATION - Beginning the first Sunday after Easter, April 28, Debbie Mitchell and Martha Johnson will co-lead discussions of Carlos Wilton's excellent work *Principles of Presbyterian Polity* for those interested in further understanding what differentiates us as Presbyterians. We will emphasize those sections relating directly to transitions and leadership in the church. KC4a at 9:30 am; books available via Amazon.

I LOVE CHURCH SOFTBALL - For men, women and youth. To be added to the team roster, email sharonelise@gmail.com. Practices begin in April; 8 games in June/July on Monday or Wednesdays evenings, 6:30 pm, at the fields behind Annapolis Middle School. Even if you can only play at one game, we want you on the roster! The team will be led this year by church member, Coach Alan Meyer, father of VIP shortstop, Scott Meyer, along with Assistant Coaches Todd Pikel, Russ Good, Beth Hiltabidle, Fred Taylor, and Bruce Chance. If you do not already have a team jersey (\$25) and want one, stop by the office weekdays.

COMMUNITY

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INTERFAITH VIGIL, CONVERSATION AND TEACH-IN

*Honor the victims of the New Zealand Mosque attack
and gather together against hatred, violence and fear
and join in support of peace, mutual respect
and understanding.*

Sunday, 3/24/19, 3:00 p.m.
Come & meet your Muslim Neighbors
Makkah Learning Center
814 Brandy Farms Lane
Gambrills, MD

Sponsored by the Anne Arundel Muslim Council

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FAITH WORKSHOP - March 30, 9:00 am-3:00 pm, Catonsville Presbyterian Church, one-day training to equip leaders of faith communities including pastors, paid and unpaid church workers, and those passionate about ministering to those who are desperate due to any type of experience with suicide. The training includes the creation of worship resources, training congregation members in awareness and basic conversation skills, and the invitation to those who have been suicidal in the past to share their stories. \$15 includes workshop & lunch. For a link to register, email office@annapolis-presbyterian.com.



**Join the ACT
Affordable
Housing RAT in a
Door-Knocking
Action!**

**Saturday,
March 30
11 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Meet at one of these locations:
Annapolis: St. Philip's Episcopal
Church
County: Ark & Dove, Odenton
Childcare available.
RSVP Required.

**DOOR KNOCKING WITH ACT:
Affordable Housing -**
March 30, 11:00 am-3:00 pm,
St Philip's Episcopal Church
for training and door-knocking.
RSVP to ladsmom@gmail.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Church	Community
Sun 3/24	THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT	
	8:30 Worship (sanctuary)	
	9:30 Education Hour	9:30 Comunidad Presbiteriana La Trinidad (chapel)
	10:30 Coffee Hour (FH)	
	11:00 Worship (sanctuary)	3:00 Makkah Learning Center (see announcement)
	5:00 Youth Fellowship (Youth room)	
Mon 3/25		12:00 Noon AA (FH)
	7:00 Nominating Committee (KC1a)	7:15 ACOA (Music)
		8:00 Monday Night AA (FH)
Tues 3/26		12:00 Noon AA (FH)
	7:00 Session (KC4a)	8:30 WAE (FH)
Wed 3/27		12:00 Noon AA (FH)
	12:00 Staff Meeting (KC1a)	
	4:00 Bible Study (KC1a)	
Thurs 3/28		12:00 Noon AA (FH)
	9:00 Archives (KC6a)	
	7:30 Choir Rehearsal (music)	
Fri 3/29		12:00 Noon AA (FH)
	6:30 Czech Potluck (Hargroves)	
Sat 3/30		11:00 ACT Door-Knocking (see announcement)
	8:30 Spring Clean-Up	
	4:00 Youth Sunday (sanctuary) - <i>Mandatory Youth Rehearsal</i>	8:00 Evening AA (FH)
Sun 3/31	FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT	
	8:30 Worship (sanctuary) - <i>Youth Sunday</i>	
	9:30 Youth Reception (FH)	
	9:30 Education Hour	9:30 Comunidad Presbiteriana La Trinidad (chapel)
	10:30 Coffee Hour (FH)	
	11:00 Worship (sanctuary) - <i>Youth Sunday</i>	

**HEARING AIDS, LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & BIBLES AVAILABLE FROM USHERS.
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