

**HEARING AIDS, LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & BIBLES AVAILABLE FROM USHERS.
SANCTUARY EQUIPPED WITH A T-LOOP; SET HEARING AID TO "T" POSITION.**

The Confession and Assurance are from *Before the Amen*, Tirabassi & Tirabassi, editors.

THOSE ASSISTING THIS MORNING - Preacher: Lisa Rzepka; Liturgists: John Burroughs (8:30), Martha Boudreau (11:00); Time with Children: Miss Good (11:00); Ushers: Jo Fleming, Betsy Stewart (8:30), Paul & Marjorie Murphy, Leanne & George Kreis (11:00); Acolyte: Drew Shallcross (11:00); Discovery: Britt Griswold (11:00); Safety: Linda Hanifin Bonner, Leanne Kreis (11:00).

STAFF NEWS - Rev. Rzepka is away March 2-8.

SERVICE FOR ROB SMITH - A celebration of life will be held in our sanctuary with Rev. Rzepka on Saturday, March 14, at 11:00 am. Also, the Parole Rotary is holding a blood drive in Rob's honor on March 24, 7:00 am-2:00 pm, at the Double Tree Hotel on Riva Road.

LOOKING AHEAD IN LENT

The Way: You Don't Choose a Life, You Live a Life

Lent is a time of reflection and there's nothing like a pilgrimage to conjure that up. Inspired by passages in the scriptures that talk about the journeys, roads and pathways of life, we will make our "way" together through this poignant season. Sometimes things happen in our lives that cause us to be awakened to a new perspective and we begin to reassess the life road we are following, the directions we are going. Ash Wednesday is a time in the church where we talk of "repentance" which literally means to turn around and head in a new direction. We hope you will join us in worship along *The Way*.

March 8 - Second Sunday of Lent, Daylight Savings ("fall back, spring forward")



Guest preacher, Richard Jones, will preach "The Love God Does" from Genesis 12:1-4 and John 3:1-17. The Cuba Partnership will offer a minute for mission. Rev Rzepka is on vacation. Turn clocks ahead one hour!
NOTE: St. Patrick's Parade starting at West Circle begins at 1:00 pm.

Wednesday, March 11 - Taizé Worship, Sanctuary, 7:30 pm

A monthly service of prayer, scripture and chant co-hosted with St. Mary's parish, this month held in our sanctuary. Free parking available behind St. Mary's church.

First Presbyterian Church, Annapolis, Maryland

March 1, 2020 – 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship

First Sunday in Lent



PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

✠ Please rise in body or in spirit. **Bold** in unison.

SILENT REFLECTION

by J.R.R. Tolkien, from *The Lord of the Rings*

"The Road goes ever on and on down from the door where it began.
Now far ahead the Road has gone, and I must follow, if I can..."

Certainly it reminds me very much of Bilbo in the last years, before he went away. He used often to say there was only one Road; that it was like a great river: its springs were at every doorstep, and every path was its tributary. 'It's a dangerous business, Frodo, going out of your door,' he used to say. 'You step into the Road, and if you don't keep your feet, there is no knowing where you might be swept off to.' "

NOTICES OF CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

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

PRELUDE - *I Need Thee Every Hour*

arr. Mark Hayes

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00) - *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

ST. FLAVIAN

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

We do not live by bread alone,
so we gather to feast on God's sustaining Word.
We come at the Spirit's leading
to offer ourselves in service to Christ.
Come, find strength for the journey.
Let us worship the one, true God.

✠ **HYMN 36** - *For the Fruit of All Creation*

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CALL TO CONFESSION

God is faithful, leading us into freedom, but we are conditioned to the slavery of sin. Comfortable with the way things are, we lose sight of the way God intends them to be.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, your steadfast love and mercy give us courage to face the wrongs that we have done. We confess that we have broken our communities; we have turned away the stranger; we have forgotten to love the land. We have pushed your priorities aside and refused to let your commandments question what we do. Forgive us, we pray. Restore us to our rightful minds, that we may walk with you in caring for your world and all its creatures, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Let your heart be washed anew in the healing waters of God's love, for the steadfast love of God endures forever.

**God, forgive us of all our failures
and through the Holy Spirit nourishes us into life. Amen.**

HYMN 434, VS. 1, 2 - *Restore In Us, O God*

BAYLOR

***Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.
O Spirit, wake in us the wonder of your power;
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives like springtime bud and flower.***

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN (11:00)

(Pre-k to 1st grade children may attend Discovery;
2nd-5th grades remain in worship. Worship Bags and Red Wagon available at rear.
Complete and return questionnaire to the Activity Room for a surprise!)

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER (11:00) - "Live in Charity" (*Ubi Caritas*)

UBI CARITAS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bring your word near to us, O God.
May it rest not only on our lips, but also reside in our hearts.
By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to respond to your word with our whole lives until you become our dwelling place; through Christ Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE - Luke 4:1-13

ANTHEM (11:00) - *Ubi Caritas Pastoralis*, Phyllis Crossen-Richardson, clarinet Craig Courtney
*Where charity and love are, there God is. The love of Christ has gathered us into one.
Let us be joyful. Together may we see gloriously the countenance of Christ our God,
an infinite joy, for ages and ages. Amen.*

SECOND SCRIPTURE - Luke 10:1-12

SERMON

"The Wandering Way"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

✦ **HYMN 543** - *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

GREEN TYLER

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 OFFERING

Christ has given his life for us. Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY - *Litany*

Franz Schubert

✦ 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

O God, we have beheld your goodness to us. Accept the offering of the work of our hands, and use us for the sake of Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

✦ **HYMN 546** - *Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

SICILIAN MARINERS

✦ BLESSING

POSTLUDE - *Fugue in e minor*

J. S. Bach

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Church	Community
Sun 3/1	FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT	
	8:30	Worship (sanctuary)
	9:30	Education Hour
	9:30	CLAMS (The Conduit)
	10:00	Musical Meeting (Activity room)
	10:30	Coffee Hour (FH)
	11:00	Worship (sanctuary)
	3:00	Lenten Circle - <i>Spirituality of Parenting</i> (The Conduit)
	5:00	Youth Fellowship (youth)
	5:00	Lenten Circle Kick-Off Potluck (see insert)
Mon 3/2		12:00 Noon AA (FH)
	7:00	Cuba Partnership (KC1a)
		7:15 ACOA (Music)
		8:00 Monday Night AA (FH)
Tues 3/3	6:00	IAPSC (KC1a)
	7:00	Mission (KC4a)
		12:00 Noon AA (FH)
		7:00 AA Board (KC5a)
Wed 3/4	12:00	Staff (KC1a)
	4:00	Bible Study with former intern, Sarah Wilson (KC1a)
	6:30	Stewardship (KC1a)
	6:30	Czech Partnership (KC4a)
	7:00	Family Ministry (youth rooms)
Thurs 3/5	9:00	Archives Project (KC6a)
	9:30	PWC Board (ZW House)
	7:00	IAPSC (KC1a)
	7:30	Choir Rehearsal (Music)
Fri 3/6	OFFICE CLOSED (every other Friday)	
		12:00 Noon AA (FH)
Sat 3/7		8:00 Evening AA (FH)
Sun 3/8	SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT; DAYLIGHT SAVINGS	
	8:30	Worship (sanctuary)
	9:30	Education Hour; Transportation Listening Session (FH)
	10:30	Coffee Hour (FH)
	11:00	Worship (sanctuary)
	5:00	Youth Fellowship (Youth)
	5:00	Celtic Lenten Circle (sanctuary)
		9:30 CPT Worship (chapel)

2020 LENTEN CIRCLE OFFERINGS

Join us **this evening, 5:00-7:00 pm for a potluck dinner** to kick off Lent and to hear about the available Lenten Circle groups for this year. Bring your favorite main or side dish to share. After dinner, select the group that you are interested in joining and then coordinate future group meetings with your fellow participants. Here are some brief descriptions of the available Lenten Circle groups being offered. Circles convene four times before Easter.

- 2020: The 400th Anniversary of the Landing of the Mayflower.** OVERVIEW: The New England Historic and Genealogical Society, through AmericanAncestry.com, posted a timeline of some of the major events leading up to and following, the 1620 Mayflower voyage. The timeline starts with the Protestant Reformation and its impact on religion in England, the establishment of the Anglican Church and various other Protestant sects, the religious turmoil caused by various kings and queens of England, the threats and impacts of abolishing Parliament, and the settling of New England through the Great Migration, with most, but not all, seeking religious freedom. Christine West, while not an historical scholar, enjoys studying the settlement of colonial New England as a hobby. She is prepared to provide this timeline presentation and lead a discussion of the goals, challenges, struggles, successes and outcomes surrounding the Mayflower adventure.
- Women's Book Group.** OVERVIEW: Come join in fellowship to explore the formation of an ongoing book group for the women of the church. During the Lenten season, we will explore books that will form a reading list for the rest of the year. Organizational details and future meeting times will be decided upon at the first meeting. Here is an opportunity to make new friends, engage in interesting conversations, and investigate new topics under the facilitation of Julie Carlson.
- Celtic Worship.** OVERVIEW: This service pays tribute to our faith in God and is drawn from the liturgical traditions of Iona and North Umbria through prayers, community engagement and music. The music at these services are both contemplative and lively. The prayers are earthy, holy and inclusive. The service combines the meditative silence, the simplicity of utterance, and the faithful commitment to care for the earth and those within it. This program will be conducted by Pat Foye and Linda Hanifin Bonner who have participated in the Iona program and are ordained elders. The program includes weekly prayers and music – no sermon – and focuses on reflections of worshipers. Each week has a special theme: (a) healing (b) justice and peace (c) acts of commitment (d) leaving (e) creation, and (f) service of communion. The book of psalms is used in the services. The format includes Celtic music, reflection, program and opening prayers, bible reading, song and joint prayer and additional reflection.

4. **Spirituality of Parenting.** OVERVIEW: Believing that parenting is a divine offer for spiritual growth, this Circle offers the opportunity to come together with other families in the same stage of parenting in order to make connections, share and discuss ideas surrounding children and spirituality while also engaging in fellowship. The focus for this group is parents with a child or children under five years old with Rev. Lisa and Miss Good facilitating. Will meet in The Conduit from 3:00 to 5:00 pm on March 1.
5. **Lent in Plain Sight: A Devotion through Ten Objects.** OVERVIEW: God is often at work through ordinary people, ordinary objects, and ordinary grace. Through the ordinary, God communicates epiphanies, salvation, revelation, and reconciliation. Through the mundane we hear God's voice. Jill J. Duffield draws readers' attention to ten ordinary objects that Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem: dust, bread, the cross, coins, shoes, oil, coats, towels, thorns, and stones. In each object, readers will find meaning in the biblical account of Jesus' final days. Each week, readers encounter a new object to consider through Scripture, prayer, and reflection. From Ash Wednesday to Easter, Lent in Plain Sight reminds Christians to open ourselves to the kingdom of God.
6. **Grief: Loss of a Loved One.** OVERVIEW: With the loss of a loved one there is a great deal of busyness as arrangements are made, friends and family coming together, gifts of food and flowers, tears, and hugs. What happens after the services are over and friends and relatives return to *their* normal lives? We are left to enter a new way of living without that person whose presence gave meaning. Over time we will find our way to happiness in what was shared and to look forward to a future blessed by memories of those we love. Facilitated by Marion Schilder, please join in the journey to hope and peace.
7. **Introduction / Reintroduction to ACT.** OVERVIEW: Interested in getting more involved with the community or perhaps just to have a better understanding on what the top issues are in our area then this is the Lenten Circle for you. Learn about ACT (Anne Arundel Connecting Together), its work, and develop relationships with members you may not know. There will be trainings on relational meetings, listening sessions, power, and an overview of the various ACT teams (e.g., education, housing, etc.). Come and learn how ACT builds power to transform the world as it is into the world as it should be. Led by Becky Hagee and Cathy Schultz.
8. **Film Circle.** OVERVIEW: *Do you prefer to stretch your imagination via film?* Well, this is the group for you! Use this time to review four movies that challenge your view of life, people or ideas. Come together with other movie lovers to use film as the vehicle to explore your spirituality and humanity this season. Possible resources:
 - "This Movie Changed Me," a podcast produced by On Being Studios. There are two seasons of movies and commentaries to choose from.
 - Netflix offers "The Story of God" featuring actor Morgan Freeman who explores

various cultures and religions, and their take on religion-related topics, particularly about their belief in a God or a higher power; and/or "The Case for Christ," an investigative journalist and self-proclaimed atheist sets out to disprove the existence of God after his wife becomes a Christian.

- <https://www.complex.com/popculture/2020/01/21st-century-movies-for-social-justice/> lists the "Best Social Justice Movies and Documentaries"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNION UPDATE - Due to the increasing intensity of the flu virus, Session decided to postpone the celebration of the Lord's Supper this month. According to the PC(USA) Book of Order, the Lord's Supper is required on a quarterly basis. At First Presbyterian, the practice is to celebrate communion monthly. As concerns of the virus rise, the Session is developing a plan to address worship and day-day operational practices should a pandemic occur.

MARCH NEWSLETTER - at rear and online www.annapolis-presbyterian.com/newsletter.

ADULT CE CLASS - studying the Old Testament in KC4a will take a brief break, reconvening Sunday, March 22. Class will conclude on Palm Sunday.

FISH BANKS - will be distributed today during Time with Children message and collected on Palm Sunday, April 5. Proceeds will support the Presbyterian Disaster Relief Program.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP - tonight, 5:00-7:00 pm. Dinner provided by the Goshorn family. Thank you! We continue preparations for Youth Sunday. Come lend your voice & helping hands.

ACT: TRANSPORTATION LISTENING SESSION - Enrique Peñalosa, former mayor of Bogotá, Colombia, said "an advanced city is not a place where the poor move about in cars, rather it's where even the rich use public transportation." What is the current system of transportation costing you? Is it time with your family because of the amount of time spent commuting? Are you missing out on church functions or other social activities because you do not feel comfortable driving at night? What would you change about the current transportation system to make life better? Share your stories, March 8, 9:30 am. Contact Julie Carlson (ladsmom@gmail.com / 571.239.2622).

VBS IN CUBA: JULY 22-29 - Apply to assist with vacation bible school as part of our Cuba Partnership mission sub-committee. Anticipated cost: \$1,300 (scholarship assistance available). Spanish speaking not required but beneficial. **April 15 is the deadline** to submit your online application: <https://www.annapolis-presbyterian.com/application-for-vbs-cuba>. Contact Alison Whitacre with questions (alisonwhitacre@comcast.net / 410.507.2331).