

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 792 - *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

BALM IN GILEAD

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND WHOLENESS

Intercession for Healing - (see insert)

Piano Solo

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY - *Sarabande*

Gerald Near

✦ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND DEDICATION OF PRAYER SHAWLS**

✦ HYMN 793 - *O Christ the Healer*

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✦ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE - *Vivace*

William Boyce

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

The Call to Worship and Confession are from the *Iona Abbey Worship Book*.

THOSE ASSISTING THIS MORNING - **Preacher:** Lisa Rzepka; **Liturgists:** Bernie Wulff (8:30), Gordon Duvall (11:00); **Ushers:** Jim & Ellen Reinig (8:30), Lisa & Jim Allison, Chuck & Deborah Dixon (11:00); **Acolyte:** Sophia Richardson (11:00); **Time with Children:** Miss Good; **Discovery:** Britt Griswold, I'kea Pope (11:00); **Safety:** Stacy Skalski, Mike McDermott (11:00); **Minute:** Bill Hatchl.

OUR PRAYERS - with family of Phyllis Richardson, who died March 10. Visitation at Hardesty Funeral Home today. Phyllis and husband Doug joined FPC 30 years ago, April 1989.

STAFF NEWS - Congratulations to Lisa Rzepka on the birth of her granddaughter, Lyla Bethany Rzepka on March 11. As approved by Session in February, please be reminded that Lisa is on ¾ time (Tuesday-Thursday, Sunday) as our pastor until she retires May 15.

SERVICE FOR ROB SMITH - who died Feb. 4, held yesterday in sanctuary with Rev. Rzepka.

First Presbyterian Church, Annapolis, Maryland
March 15, 2020 – 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship
Service of Healing & Wholeness

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE OF MARYLAND,
ALL CHURCH ACTIVITIES ARE SUSPENDED 3/15/20-3/27/20.**



PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

✦ Please rise in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE - *Flute Voluntary*

Samuel Wesley

NOTICES OF CONGREGATIONAL LIFE: Minute for Blood Drive

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

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00) - *You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

HANOVER

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER (11:00) - *Fairest Lord Jesus*

CRUSADERS' HYMN

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather in your presence, God,
in our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.
We come to you, for you come to us in Christ Jesus,
and you know by experience what human life is like.
We come with our faith and with our doubts;
we come with our hopes and with our fears.
We come as we are, because you have invited us;
and you have promised never to turn us away.

✠ **HYMN 320** - *The Church of Christ in Every Age*

WAREHAM

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you gather us in spirit where many have come before us
seeking your healing, strength, and love. You know us, God:
**you understand who we are, you know what troubles and puzzles us,
what makes us smile and what makes us sad.**
You listen to our questions and our prayers.
You know the people we love, God, and the people with which we struggle.
Sometimes we hurt others; sometimes we hurt ourselves.
So, we bring our own hurt asking for your healing;
and we bring the hurt we have caused others asking for forgiveness. (Silence)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Listen to these words of Jesus, words that we can trust:
Don't be afraid. I love you. Your sins are forgiven. I will be with you always.
Write these words in our hearts, loving God, let them take root in our living. Amen.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE - *Come, Bring Your Burdens to God* WOZA NOMTHWALO WAKHO
***Come, bring your burdens to God; come, bring you burdens to God;
come, bring your burdens to God, for Jesus will never say no.***

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.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE - Psalm 91 (responsive)

Iona Abbey Worship Book

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who live in the shadow of the Almighty.
you can say to God: My refuge, my fortress, my God in whom I trust.
God will rescue you from the hunter's snare and save you from the deadly plague.
**God will cover you like a nesting bird whose pinions conceal you,
whose wings give you refuge, shielding you, protecting you.**
You will not fear the terrors of night nor the arrow that flies by day;
the scourges of darkness and noontime.
**A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand close at hand;
but you will be safe from harm.**
God will put angels in charge of you to protect you wherever you go.
With their hands they will support you so your feet will not strike any stone.
You will tread on asp and cobra;
you will trample on serpent and snake.
**Says God: Those who love me I shall deliver;
I shall raise those who know my name.**
Those who call on me I shall answer; I shall be with them in times of trouble.
**I shall rescue and give them honor, fulfill the years of their lives,
and show them my salvation.**
Amen.

ANTHEM (11:00) - *I to the Hills Lift Up Mine Eyes*

Jean Berger

*I to the hills lift up mine eyes, from where shall come mine aid? Mine help doth from
Jehovah come, which heaven and earth hath made. He will not let thy foot be moved,
nor slumber that thee keeps. Lo he that keepeth Israel, he slumb'reth not nor sleeps. The
Lord thy keeper is, the Lord on thy right hand the shade. The sun by day, nor moon by
night, shall thee by stroke invade. The Lord shall keep thee from all ill thy soul he keeps
always, thy going out, and thy income, the Lord keeps now and aye. Amen.*

SECOND SCRIPTURE - Luke 16:19-31

SERMON

"The High Way"

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Church	Community
Sun 3/15	THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT; NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	
	8:30 Worship (sanctuary)	9:30 CPT Worship
	9:30 Education Hour	(Hunting Ridge Pres. Church)
	10:30 Coffee Hour & Cuba VBS Presentation (FH)	
	11:00 Worship (sanctuary)	
	12:15 Session Pandemic Planning (sanctuary)	
	3:00 Spirituality of Parenting (The Conduit)	
	5:00 Youth Fellowship (youth rooms) / Celtic Circle (sanctuary)	
Mon 3/16		12:00 Noon AA (FH)
		3:00 TeenPact (FH, music)
		7:15 ACOA (music)
		8:00 Monday Night AA (FH)
Tues 3/17	7:00 PNC (KC1a)	12:00 Noon AA (FH)
	7:00 Staff Committee (KC5a)	3:00 TeenPact (FH, music)
	7:00 Trustees (KC4a)	
Wed 3/18	9:30 CLAMS (Panera's)	
	12:00 Staff (KC1a)	12:00 Noon AA (FH)
	4:00 Bible Study (KC1a)	3:00 TeenPact (FH, music)
	7:00 Film Lenten Circle (ZW House)	
Thurs 3/19	9:00 Archives Project (KC6a)	12:00 Noon AA (FH)
	1:00 Grief Lenten Circle (ZW House)	3:00 TeenPact (FH)
	7:30 Choir Rehearsal (Music)	
Fri 3/20	OFFICE CLOSED (every other Friday in spring)	
		12:00 Noon AA (FH)
Sat 3/21	8:30 Campus Care - <i>with Youth</i>	8:00 Evening AA (FH)
Sun 3/22	FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT	
	8:30 Worship (sanctuary)	
	9:30 Education Hour	9:30 CPT Worship (chapel)
	10:30 Coffee Hour	
	11:00 Worship (sanctuary)	
	12:15 400 th Anniversary of Mayflower (FH)	
	3:00 Spirituality of Parenting (The Conduit)	
	5:00 Youth Fellowship (youth rooms) / Celtic Circle (sanctuary)	
	5:45 ACT: Training on Power (FH)	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER SHAWLS - on the communion table have been lovingly made by a mission group under the Presbyterian Women in the Congregation (PWC), CLAMS (Creative Ladies Aiding MissionS/Creative Ladies and Men Stitching). Items are created with our prayers that those who use them will find peace, wholeness, and healing. You are invited to take a pocket shawl from the baskets on the usher tables at rear. They are to keep or to give to someone who could benefit from the comfort they provide. Request a larger shawl by contacting a pastor, deacon, CLAMS member, or Judy Dryden (Judycdryden@gmail.com).

YOU GIVE GENEROUSLY OF YOUR TIME, TALENTS, AND RESOURCES - so that we are safe, warm, protected, and cared for physically and spiritually throughout the year. Here is a glimpse of First Presbyterian by the numbers.

\$10,826 – Twice a month, salaries paid

\$1,798 – Monthly HVAC maintenance fee

\$4,702 – Quarterly insurance fee

\$1,647 – Yearly alarm system inspection fee

\$20,000 – Per Capita. Do you know what this is? Stay tuned!

“Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and truth.” 1 John 18

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

PRESENTATION ON CUBA VBS TODAY! 10:30 am, Fellowship Hall. See first-hand the experience leading VBS in Caibarién. Ask question of those who participated. Deadline for application for the July 21-29 trip is APRIL 15. Apply online (<https://www.annapolis-presbyterian.com/application-for-vbs-cuba>). Contact alisonwhitacre@comcast.net.

SPIRITUALITY OF PARENTING CIRCLE - This afternoon, in The Conduit, 3:00-5:00 pm. If parking on campus, please pull *all the way forward* and leave cell # and name in windshield.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP - Tonight 5:00-7:00 pm. Dinner provided by the Ford family - thank you! Come share fellowship and fun while we continue to prepare for Youth Sunday. REMINDER: Youth Campus Care, Saturday, March 21, 9:00 am-noon, courtyard.

FISH BANKS - available in the volunteer office and 3rd floor of the main church building in the activity room. Reach out to Miss Good for information. Banks collected on Palm Sunday.

FROM THE TRUSTEES

(ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT'D)

~~**CELTIC SERVICE ON HEALING THIS EVENING** — 5:00-5:45 pm in the sanctuary. Join us in a community based service as we offer reflections, prayers and support for those in our lives and world in the many forms of healing needed. Participants share in expressing their concerns and joys and providing scripture messages and reflections. This is a special Lenten Service open to all — visitors and friends — spread the word.~~

400TH ANNIVERSARY OF MAYFLOWER LANDING - The New England Historical and Genealogical Society has a timeline of events leading to the 1620 voyage of the Mayflower, beginning with the Protestant Reformation and its impact on religion on England, the establishment of the Anglican Church and Protestant sects, religious turmoil caused by kings and queens of England, the threats and impact of abolishing Parliament, and the settling of New England through the Great Migration. Christine West, while not an historical scholar, enjoys studying the settlement of New England. Same presentation/discussion offered twice: Sunday, March 22, 12:15 pm, Fellowship Hall, and again on April 26, 9:30 am.

BLOOD DRIVE IN MEMORY OF ROB SMITH - The Parole Rotary Club is conducting this drive on Tuesday, March 24, 7:00-11:00 am at the Double Tree (210 Holiday Court, off Riva Road). At wife Sherrie's suggestion, the drive is conducted with Anne Arundel Medical Center's Blood Mobile van. Signup online: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084caba92ea5fb6-parole>. Questions to Bill Hatchl (410.269.0409).



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - FPC will co-host with St. Anne's. Registration is online: <https://preschoolforthearts.wufoo.com/forms/very-big-story-camp/>. Questions to Miss Good, Family Ministry Director, miss@annapolis-presbyterian.com.

Lisa Rzepka, Transitional Pastor

Bob Muckenfuss, Music Director & Organist / Miss Good, Family Ministry Director

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Covenant Church with the Haiti Restoration Partnership

~~**CAMPUS CARE** — Saturday, March 21, 8:30 am-1:00 pm in courtyard. Breakfast refreshments and directions/assignments. Please BRING GLOVES and wear suitable shoes. Overall campus spring clean up in the gardens and building exterior: pruning, weeding, mulching, new spring plants, exterior windows clean. We also need 3-4 people to work at manse (Franklin Street) to remove roof from side porch (weather dependent and age appropriate volunteers). Then, on Saturday, March 28 (8:30 am-1:00 pm), meet in courtyard for breakfast, directions and assignments. Work to be announced.~~

EMERGENCY PROCEDURE TRAINING - Watch for a date of training (first aid, active shooter, tours of facilities to know where equipment and response mechanisms located). It is particularly important that ushers and child care givers participate and understand the precautions. Identified groups for training include congregation members, staff and key volunteer leaders, and church officers. Read FPC's Emergency Action Plan or COVID19 plan: www.annapolis-presbyterian.com/library/public/documents/aboutus/campus/EAP.pdf and www.annapolis-presbyterian.com/library/public/documents/aboutus/Safety/COVID19.pdf.

CHURCH SPRING FIRE DRILL - Just as school students go through drills, so also must we, particularly for us all to understand how to help children, the elderly, and those with limited disabilities to evacuate safely. This is another core education need for our congregation. We will publish the evacuation information in advance (April newsletter and bulletin) and are working with the City of Annapolis and staff on a coordinated process.

HAVE EXTRA GUESTS? Need a lovely location for a small meeting, dinner or reception? The ZW house (first floor and apartment) is available. For non-church related use, contact Cynthia Miller, Facility Liaison (cynthiawmiller@comcast.net / 410.212.2887). Congregation members have priority for use with a donation made to FPC.



FPC MISSION STATEMENT: WE ARE CALLED TO DO JUSTICE, LOVE KINDNESS AND WALK HUMBLLY WITH GOD. Micah 6:8

INTERCESSION FOR HEALING

(At each pause, names may be spoken out loud.)

O Christ our Lord, as in times past, not all the sick and suffering found their way to your side, but had to have their hands taken, or their bodies carried, or their names mentioned. So we, confident of your goodness, bring our prayers for ourselves and others to you.

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

We name before you those whose problem is psychological; those haunted by the nightmares of their past or the specters of their future; those whose minds are shackled to neuroses, depression or fears, who do not know what is wrong or what to pray...

Lord Jesus Christ,
bring healing, bring peace.

We name before you those in whose experience light has turned to darkness, as the end of a life or the breaking of a relationship leaves them stunned in their souls and silent in their conversation, not knowing where to turn, to whom to turn, or whether life has a purpose anymore...

Lord Jesus Christ,
bring healing, bring peace.

And others whose troubles we do not know or whose names we would not say aloud, we mention now in the silence which you understand...

Lord Jesus Christ,
bring healing, bring peace.

On all who tend the sick, counsel the distressed, sit with the dying, or advance medical research we ask your blessing...

Lord Jesus Christ,
hear our prayer.

(INTERCESSION FOR HEALING CONT'D)

For those who administer the agencies of health and welfare, we ask your guidance that in all they do human worth may be valued, and the service of human need be fully resourced...

Lord Jesus Christ,
hear our prayer.

Lord God, you alone are skilled to know the cure for every sickness and every soul. If, by our lives, your grace may be known in us, through us, and, if need be, despite us...

Lord Jesus Christ,
let your kingdom come. Amen.

These prayers for healing are adapted from
A Wee Worship Book, Iona Community.

LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

Sunday, March 22 – 4th Sunday in Lent; Dedication of Memorials

~~Rev. Rzepka will preach "The Free Way" from Luke 18:31-19:10. 2019 memorial gifts will be dedicated.~~

Sunday, March 29 – 5th Sunday in Lent; Youth Sunday

~~Led by Jenn McDermott and Miss Good, Director of Family Ministry, and the Youth Leadership Team, First Presbyterian Church teenagers in grades six through 12 will prepare and lead worship at both services.~~

LOOKING AHEAD TO HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Palm Sunday - April 5, 8:30 and 11:00 am; EGGstravaganza at 10:00 am

Maundy Thursday - April 9, with Communion, 7:00 pm

Good Friday - April 10, 12:00-12:30 pm, in the Shaw Chapel

Easter Sunday - April 12, 9:00 and 11:00 am; nursery care provided 9:00 am to noon. Coffee hour 10:00-11:00 am. NOTE: Sunrise service not offered. Children's Discovery, 11:00 am.