



First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We're glad that you are here.

To all who need comfort; all who need friendship;

all who are lonely and need companionship;

all who want sheltering love, all who sin

and need a Savior; and whosoever will

—we open wide our doors and say, "Come; let us worship together."

10:15am Sunday Worship February 18, 2024

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Jiwon Yim

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FIRST WORD FROM THE CROSS Luke 23:34

"Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

Crucifixion is one of the most cruel forms of punishment....

"and father, forgive those who have wronged us. Amen."

A rugged cross has always been a powerful Lenten symbol.

This wooden cross can help us remember that God is with us

in all of life ... from birth to death to life again.

*CALL TO WORSHIP Jason Moore

L: Come all who are lost and in pain. God calls to you.

P: Lord, lift us from our fears and sorrows; bring us close to you.

L: Come all who have lost hope, who feel that there is nothing worth living for.

P: Lord, clear away our blindness that we may see the light of your love.

L: Come, do not despair. God is calling your name.

P: We want to be ready for this journey. Help us, Lord. Make us ready to trust you. Amen.

*HYMN #144 "This is My Father's World"

*OPENING PRAYER Jason Moore

Lord and Shepherd of our journeys in the desert, we come to you during this Lenten season as servants of Jesus Christ. We remember how you liberated Moses and the Israelites; we remember also how you liberated the prophet Elijah in his journey to escape from a corrupt king. Now, in our Lenten journey, we implore your direction, your patience, and your spiritual support. As you sent your angels to care for the Israelites, to the prophet Elijah in his journey, and to Jesus

during his forty days in the desert, send them also to us in our earthly journeys. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED #881 Jason Moore

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME Molly Andersen

SCRIPTURE Genesis 9:8-17 (CEB) Jason Moore

*GOSPEL Mark 1:9-15 (CEB) Pastor Dave Yim

L: The Word of God for the people of God.

A: Thanks be to God!

HYMN #2112 "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

MESSAGE "Lean into the Spirit" Pastor Dave Yim

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS (Text Pastor Dave, 224-600-0446)

PRAYER FOR 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING OURSELVES Pastor Dave Yim

*DOXOLOGY #95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy God of compassion and mercy; help us enter this holy season with the hearts you desire and with the sacrifices that please you – more than our letting go of bad habits. As we bring our tithes and offerings, may they be given not for the praise of

others, but from our hearts to yours. In this season of denial and repentance, help us take on what brings you joy: sharing with the hungry, offering shelter and clothing to the homeless and poor, and showing compassion to all we meet for carrying life's unshared burdens. In doing so, may light arise in the darkness. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN #2167 "More Like You"

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD Vivian Eaton

In Our Prayers

Emilee Derrer, Rhonda Harlock Smith, John Irons, Gi-Tae Yim, Sandy Froehlich, Barb McFadden, Glen White, Pastor Bill Landis, Shirley Hastings, Alice Riffe-Torrison (Ronda's mom), Dale Wurster, Owen Davies (Bonnie's son), Curtis Pilgrim (Kris Yingling's friend), Steve Runge (Ronda's friend), Connie Zink, Pastor Lee (Pastor Dave's friend), Don & Judy Greenfield, Sandy Pratt, Shirley Fritz, Lexi Tsoukalas (Molly's great niece), Alyssa Volkers (Burt & Peg Dauphin's granddaughter), Debbie Bilik (Janet Morlock's friend), Tim Cavanagh, Louise Brouillard (Ronda's friend), Scarlett Huebner, Chrissy Sullivan, Miles Purchis (Max & Martha Purchis' grandson), Dee Helle, Dan Zemma, John & Linda Jachino, Paul Mayer, Angie (Paula's friend), Rod & Roger Furrow, Kurtis (Susan Michelle's friend), Eli (Bob & Lavona's grandson), Paula Mayer, Janis Wilt, Young-Ho (Bang-Wool's father), Tinslee, Sally Ritchie, Chris Falk's father, the family of Bob Rogers, the family of Lisa Hubble, the family of Ancil Guilinger, the residents of Pinnacle Place, our Confirmands (Jon, Aidan, Jiho, Asia, Caleb, and Lexi), and WC staff & students.

Our shut-ins: Mary Ann Larsen, Sylvia Reuterfors, Dorothy Taylor, Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison, Joy Turner, Steve Yenney, Brenda Hamm, Janice Wilt, Mary Ellen Dreger, Herb, Sandy & Ben Pratt, Florence Bevins-Powell, and Shirley Fritz.

Our country & government, Military Personnel & their families, the safety of Ukrainians & end of wars, Syria, Israel, the Gaza Strip, peace in the Middle East, and the victims of everyday violence and their families.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

February 19 – Lexi Piercy, Enoch Green
 20 – Tim McCombie
 23 – Susan Michelle Jepsen, Christy Clemmons
 24 – Jeff Andersen

CALENDAR

Monday, February 19

Telstar items due
 1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies

Tuesday, February 20

Office will be closed
 5:30 pm – UM Men meeting

Wednesday, February 21

6:30 pm – Lenten Service (First Presbyterian Church)

Thursday, February 22

1:30 pm – Senior Service
 4:30 pm – Lenten Bible Study
 7 pm – Zoom Prayer meeting

Friday, February 23

6 pm – Girl Scouts

Sunday, February 25

8:45 am – Adult Sunday School
 9:30 am – Children & Youth Sunday School
 10:15 am – Worship
 11:15 am – Kids Kards
 1:30 pm – Confirmation mission work

WORSHIP HELPERS

	February 25	March 3
Acolyte	Pearl Michels	Boyd Law
Liturgist	Joe Michels	LaVona Grissinger
Counter	Lori Miller	Vivian Eaton
Verifier	Linda Stubbe	Karen Hoffman

Last Week's Attendance: 70

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessing Basket – We are in need of laundry soap, dish soap, and men's body wash. We always need paper products. Your support is greatly appreciated!

The Women's Group is asking you to bring clean and dry plastic bags. The group will make sleeping mats out of them for homeless people. You can drop them off in a box in the

sewing room at church.

Weekly Zoom Prayer Meetings – will be every Thursday, @ 7 pm. Pastor Dave will email you a link each week.

Sunday School Wish List – Crayola crayons, Crayola 8 pack markers, Elmers white glue, glue sticks, scissors.

Rice Meal Packing – will be April 20th! Baskets will be out for raising funds. Once again, 4 churches will go together to do this mission project.

Pictures for Church Directory – Sign up sheets for picture times are in the Narthex! Please sign up! Really want everyone in the directory!!! See Ronda if you have any questions or concerns.

Telstar Info Due – Monday, Feb 19th.

Church office closed – Tuesday, Feb 20th.

UW Men – meeting Tuesday, Feb 20 @ 5:30 pm.

Lenten Services – on Ash Wednesday, February 21st @ 6:30 pm at First Presbyterian Church. See bulletin boards for following services.

Soup & Lenten Bible Study – will be on Thursday, Feb 22nd @ 4:30 pm. “Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith” by Adam Hamilton.

Kids Kards – Sunday, Feb 25th @ 11:15 am

Confirmation Mission Work – Sunday, Feb 25th @ 1:30 pm

Please make sure the doors are closed & locked – when you come to the building after hours!

Nursery Room Usage – per NIC Safe Sanctuary policies, no child/children are to be in there without an adult (18 or older) present.

For Your Safety – once church starts, all doors will be locked except the handicapped doors. So please use those if you are running late.

New Sewing Ministry – We invite all sewers to get involved in our sewing ministry by getting a kit in the sewing room. Several are available. (Pattern & material) Check out this ministry in the sewing room after church or ask any member of United Women in Faith. This gives those who cannot come Monday afternoons to sew a chance to be part of this important ministry by sewing at home at your convenience. Check this out!!!



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Sunday, 10:15 am February 18th, 2024

Vision 2024 – “Stay in Love and Peace with God”

Focus on making Jesus' Disciples
to transform lives and the world!

Strong in Worship, Strong in Mission, Strong in Education

“Meanwhile, the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was built up. Living in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.” (Acts 9:31)

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