

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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2nd Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025

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Meditation

*“To forgive is to move past the boundaries of self and the wrongs we have suffered,
and to reach toward the wholeness that love offers.” ~ Madeleine L’Engle*

PRELUDE

Ben Marti

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Eric Garner

CHORAL INTROIT

Ben Marti and Dr. Andrew Kendall

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 103:1-3, 10-12

Pastor Eric Garner

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all God’s benefits -- who forgives all your iniquity.

God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God’s steadfast love towards us.

As far as the east is from the west,

So far God removes our transgressions from us.

HYMN

What Wondrous Love Is This

GTG 215

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Eric Garner

Holy Lord,

With you are the words of life.

You direct us in the ways of righteousness and justice.

Yet we frequently shut our ears to your guidance

And close our eyes to our neighbors’ needs.

We follow after our own benefit and power,

Forsaking your blessing of all the earth.

Lead us back to your path, Lord.

Correct our waywardness so that we will not get lost again.

Teach us to trust in your guidance,

So that together,

We can serve as light to the world.

Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Eric Garner

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

In the name of Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

GLORIA

Gloria

GTG 581

Musical score for Gloria, GTG 581. The score is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. It consists of two systems of piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men." The score includes a piano (p) dynamic marking and a fermata at the end.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Ben Marti and Dr. Andrew Kendall

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Eric Garner

CHILDREN'S TIME

Danielle Mansfield

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GTG 288

Musical score for Sung Prayer for Illumination, GTG 288. The score is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. It consists of two systems of piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me." The score includes a piano (p) dynamic marking and a fermata at the end.

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 2:5-10

Karen Anderson

5 But if anyone has caused grief, he has caused it not to me but to some extent—not to exaggerate it—to all of you. **6** This punishment by the majority is enough for such a person; **7** so now instead you should forgive and console him, so that he may not be overwhelmed by even worse grief. **8** So I urge you to reaffirm your love for him. **9** I wrote for this reason: to test you and to know whether you are obedient in everything. **10** Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. In fact, what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

21 Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" 22 Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Multiplication Problems

Pastor Eric Garner

HYMN

You Are My Refuge, Faithful God

GTG 214

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Eric Garner

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.

CALL FOR OFFERING AND DOXOLOGY

GTG 607

The image shows a musical score for a piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the last two lines. The music is a simple, hymn-like accompaniment.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God all crea-tures here be low; praise
 God, a-bove ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Pastor Eric Garner

POSTLUDE

Ben Marti



Thank you, Mary Topp, for sponsoring this Sunday's worship flowers

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CALENDAR

- Sunday, March 16: 10:20 a.m.
Kidz Club
FPC Kids Room
- Sunday, March 16: 11:30 a.m.
WiredWord Adult Sunday School
FPC Library
- Sunday, March 16: 11:15 a.m.
Deacons Meeting
FPC Multipurpose Room
- Wednesday, March 19: 9:30 a.m.
Presbyterian Women Circle Meeting
FPC Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday, March 19: 6:00 p.m.
Session Meeting
FPC Multipurpose Room
- Thursday, March 20: 6:00 p.m.
Theology on Tap!
LocAle Brewery
226 Poplar Street, Mankato
- Sunday, March 23: After Worship Service
Families Connect!
FPC Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, March 30: After Worship Service
Annual Congregational Meeting
FPC Fellowship Hall

Eric Garner, Pastor and Head of Staff

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