

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

GATHERING

*O Lord, you share your inheritance with us so we might be blessed.
You know the famine of our spirits and fill it with your hope.*

WELCOME AND NEWS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" Spiritual/Zabel

INTROIT "The Cross Was His Own" Dengler

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

All: Happy are those to whom the Lord assigns no injustice, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

One: "I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go," says the Lord.

All: We have come to learn from the Spirit, and to worship the Holy One in this place.

One: Together, let us worship this Sovereign God!

All: We worship with joy, for God is with us!

One: Together, let us worship this magnificent God!

All: It is glorious that at this moment, and every moment, God is with us!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #68 NETTLETON
"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

CALL TO CONFESSION

We know our faults -- the way we have treated others, our isolation from God, our unwillingness to be faithful people. We will not hide our sin or remain silent, but confess to the One who surrounds us with steadfast love. Let us confess our sin, both individually and corporately, using the words in the bulletin, and then make our personal confessions silently to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

On this very day, Patient God, we admit all the lengths to which we go so we might avoid you. You offer us that kingdom of joy and wonder, yet we hide in places where temptation waits. You invite us to feast on your grace and your peace, but we stubbornly refuse, because you also welcome those whom we call 'outsiders.' We are quick to see all the mistakes that others make, but hope you will ignore those that we make. Celebrating God, before we come to our senses, we find you running towards us, sweeping us up in your arms, tears of grace mingling with our cries of confession, a mighty river washing away our sinful ways to restore us to new life. In Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we find no limits on your grace, no reservations about your love,

but instead a feast that overflows with wonder, a place we can finally call home. Please forgive us again, and grant us your grace. Amen. (A time of silence for personal confession and prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God rolls away everything that stands in our way—our past, our sin, our stubbornness, our confusion, and reshapes us into new people living in the new creation. What wonderful grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Broken, we are made whole, Lost, we are brought home. Empty, we are filled with songs of joy. We celebrate and give thanks to this God of mercy. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #734 Gloria Patri

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS Bill Biggart, Sharon Kenney, and Juanita Frazor

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 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.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Loving God, open your ancient words to us so that, like Abraham, we may believe in your promises to us. *Amen.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 32: 1-5, 9-11
Pew Bible page 623

Leader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM "And No Bird Sang" Wagner

Calm was the wind and dark was the sky,

When our Lord came to die;

Lone, on the cross for our sins He did hang,

And no bird sang.

Women and men with anguish and fear,

Then to His cross drew near, drew near;

Hushed then to feel the bitter, bitter pang,

No bird sang.

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison,

Lord have mercy, God's will be, will be done, eleison.

No bird sang in the sky,

When Christ did come to die.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 15:11-32
Pew Bible Page 95

Leader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God**

SERMON "The Lost Son" Rev. Candice Klein

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"We believe that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. We believe that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged. We believe that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interest and thus control and harm others." This we believe. Amen.

(Adapted from the Confession of Belhar)

*HYMN#371 "Our Father, We Have Wandered" PASSION CHORALE

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Meditation on 'Deep River'" Spiritual/Raney

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Doxology OLD 100th

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*HYMN#67 "Come We that Love the Lord" ST. THOMAS

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION "Blessing" Dengler/Dengler

Walk in the light of Jesus, piercing the darkness of the night.

Follow the radiant morning star that shines so clear and bright.

Walk in the light of Jesus; giving you hope to travel on,

Shedding its rays upon the path that leads you to the dawn.

Walk in the light. Walk in the light. Amen. Amen.

POSTLUDE "Trumpet Flourish" Nelson

HOME: Brim Stone

KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS: Andy Anderson (Jennifer Anderson's father-in-law); Ned Douglass; Maggie Gillogly; Carter MacFarland; Julia MacFarland; Harry Marsh; Mildred Stanley (Tommy Boze's mother)

NHC Gallatin: Joe Blackshear; David Potts (Shelli DeGraff's father);

THE HEARTH: Anna Gasser; Norma Jones, Ann Cowan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE SIGN the "Attendance Register" so that we may have a record of your presence with us.

SERVING AT WORSHIP: Head Usher: Kenneth Thomson; Liturgist: Bob Blakey; Nursery: Shirley Arrendale and Sharon Sides

THE FLOWERS this morning are dedicated to the glory of God and given in memory of Sara Moffatt by Charles Moffatt.

NEW MEMBERS: We welcome Bill Biggart and Sharon Kenney who join our church this morning by Letter of Transfer from Greenwood United Methodist Church in Greenwood, Arkansas and Juanita Frazor who joins by Letter of Transfer from Sumner Christian Fellowship.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT TOGETHER DINNERS: Dinner will be served at 5:30 and the cost is \$8. Please see your insert for the menu and reservation form. Reservations are required. The deadline to turn in your reservations is Monday by noon.

LENTEN STUDY: Our Lenten study, "Thank God It's Thursday: Encountering Jesus at the Lord's Table As If for the Last Time" by William H. Willimon, will continue following dinner on Wednesday evening April 3 at 6:15pm. Rev. Klein will lead the study. Books are available in the church office for \$15.

FIVE-CENTS-A-MEAL: This morning is the fifth Sunday, the Five Cents a Meal Sunday. One-third of this money goes to the Presbytery Hunger Program and, guess what, two-thirds goes to OUR Meals on Wheels Program, right here at FPC and Gallatin! The Meals on Wheels Program has been active for a long time. In fact, this church was very instrumental in getting this program started in Gallatin. A simple calculation: count the number of days since the last fifth Sunday, multiply this by three (three meals per day), and then multiply this by 5 cents = the total amount. This is not a lot, but could mean food for someone who is hungry. Please bring your 5-cent offering to the front of the sanctuary during the last hymn.

EASTER FLOWERS: We will once again be offering Easter flower dedications. The forms are an insert in this bulletin. Please be sure and include a check for the correct amount, made out to the church. There is one dedication per flower and please be sure to sign your form.

MOVIE SUNDAY: Today at 2pm we will be showing *Romancing the Stone* starring Michael Douglas, Kathleen Turner, and Danny DeVito in Fellowship Hall. A dowdy romantic-adventure writer is hurled into a real-life adventure in the Colombian jungle in order to save her sister, who will be killed if a treasure map is not delivered to her captors. She is helped out by a brash mercenary, and together they search for the priceless gem located in the map.

GROCERY CARTS: The month of April we are collecting for

Gallatin CARES: Tuna, ramen noodles, chili, dried beans, cereal bars, oatmeal packages; **HomeSafe:** Cleaning products, laundry detergent, toilet paper, paper towels, diapers (sizes 4, 5, & 6). Please bring your items and put them in the grocery carts in the downstairs lobby.

SESSION

Class of 2019	Class of 2020	Class of 2021
Robert Blakey	Chuck Deck	Jennifer Anderson
Carrie Mabrey	Sharon Sides	Liz Ferrell
Kenneth Thomson	Bill Hamby	Ann Thurman
Bob Young		

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

9:00am	Sunday School
10:00	Worship
2:00pm	Afternoon Movie

MONDAY, APRIL 1

10:30am	Meals on Wheels
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TUESDAY, APRIL 2

10:00am	Bible Study
10:30	Meals on Wheels
5:30pm	HomeSafe
6:30	Cub Scouts

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

5:30pm	Wednesday Night Dinner
6:15	Wednesday Night Dinner Program
7:00	Choir Rehearsal
7:30	Concert Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

10:30am	Meals on Wheels
6:00pm	HomeSafe
6:30	Boy Scouts

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

10:30am	Meals on Wheels
	Church Office Closes at 1pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

5:00pm	Eagle Scout Ceremony
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CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	The Rev. Candice L. Klein
Pastor Emeritus	The Rev. Dr. Charles L. Moffatt
Administrator	Carol Stewart
Organist/Choirmaster	Robert Thurman
Bookkeeper	Marie Hintemeyer
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God through worship, fellowship, and ministering to
our community and the world.*

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 31, 2019 - 10:00 A.M.