

First Presbyterian Church
February 28th, 2021

Greeting

One: The Lord be with you
MANY: And also with you.

Announcements and Prayer Concerns

Prelude Michael Rorex

Mission Statement:

Called as individuals to be a community, we are created by God, saved by Jesus Christ, and led by the Holy Spirit to serve in this place at this time.

Silent Prayers for guidance concerning the future of our church

Call to Worship: (from Psalm 22:23)

ONE: You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;

MANY: stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
TOGETHER: as the body of Christ, let us worship the Lord God.

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession:

We begin our prayer with a time of silent confession

Let us pray together:

God of overflowing grace, we confess that we have failed to live according to your way of faithfulness and steadfast love. You call us to live in faith but we continue to live in fear. You set us free from the power of evil but we are still captivated by sin. You lead us into a new way of life but we remain in the ways of death. Forgive us, loving God. Open our hearts to the gift of your grace, transform our lives by your Holy Spirit, and teach us to love one another, even as you have loved us; through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

ONE: Friends, forgiveness comes from God, who does not count our sin against us. For God has reconciled us through Christ, and entrusts to us the message of reconciliation. Believe the gospel! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

MANY: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Special Music Michael Rorex

Prayer of Illumination

THE WORD

First Reading Genesis 17: 1-7; 15-17 O.T. pg. 13

Second Reading Romans 4:13; 19-21 N.T. pg. 147

Third Reading Mark 8: 31-38 N.T. pg. 41

Sermon *Kite-Eating Trees and Crosses* Donna Rose

*Affirmation of Faith: (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of the People Ed Evans

Dedication of the Offering

*Charge and Benediction

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WEEK AT A GLANCE Feb. 28th – March 7th

Sunday	11:00 AM	Worship
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	11:30AM	Lunch On Us
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday	11:00A.M.	Worship & the Lord's Supper

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week's Helper

Prayers of the People – Link Hall

Tithes and Offerings

February:

Tithes and Offerings: \$4,488.11

PRAYER LIST

Barbara Akin, Joanna Allison, May Below, Terri Boswell, Tommy Boswell, Dana Bradley, Mary Brister, the family of Bill Bryant, Larry Burke, Pam Caldwell, Kathlean Cathey, Jerry Chastain, Darlene & David Cloud, James Cohl, Tanya Conlay, Rev. Tommy Curry, Susan Dollar, Beverly Durham, Kay Freeland, Peggy Gilbert, Cinda Green, Diane Gunter, the Rev. Hale Family, John Harling, Carolyn Harrington, Marianne Harvey, Robbie & Horace Herrington, Barbara Hopper, Richard Jennings, Pam Jones, Camille Killough, Delphine Lloyd, Brenda Maechling, Betty Marshall, Jennifer McDowell, Cheryl & Don Meredith, Debra Mishkel, Kathy Muder, Mary Ann Nicholas, Sydney & Mark Peterson, Melba Rorex, Sallye Starks, Patricia Todd, Frederick Toussaint, Bennett Williams, Davis Wilson, Elaine Zachariason, Russell Zachariason

In the Military: Trevor Bates, Gene Bentley, Ann Brown, Jon and Katie Cooper, Aaron Foster, John Hatley, Vincent Maggio, Eric Maxwell, Casey Oden

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