

OPENING PRAYER:
Come, Holy Spirit, and stir up unrest in our hearts for all those places in the world where water is unsafe to drink and where people go hungry for lack of food. Inspire us to do something that makes a difference. Come, Holy Spirit, bring peace to a broken world. Come, Holy Spirit, comfort those who mourn, heal those who are ill, bring light to those in darkness. We pray, trusting in your promise of new life in Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen**

PRELUDE
“Amazing Grace” (with Handel’s “Largo” McConnell
Adele Harrison, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Mark Juengel

INTROIT Just as I Am, Without One Plea
Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP Brad Kiesendahl**
Leader: For once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.
People: May Christ give us the light, that we may awaken to his truth.
Leader: Walk as children of light as you pursue what is good, right and true.
People: May Christ give us the light, that we may awaken to his truth.
Leader: Take no part in works of darkness, but try to learn what is pleasing to God.
People: May Christ give us the light, that we may awaken to his truth. Amen.

***Hymn #451: “Open My Eyes That I May See”**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Brad Kiesendahl
Almighty God, source of all the good that we can ever know, forgive us. We are ashamed to discover in ourselves the seeds of meanness, envy, hatred and prejudice. Prepare us for the healing that you offer our troubled spirits. Grant that we may also find the seeds of kindness, love, fellowship and peace within ourselves. May we faithfully strive to understand your Word in order to nurture the good that is latent within us. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Please sign the **Friendship Attendance Pad** at the end of the pews. This allows the church to be in touch with you and for you to greet your neighbor by name during the passing of peace during the service.

Installation of Officers – March 26th

Palm Sunday Service at 10am – April 2nd
Maundy Thursday Service– April 6th at 7pm.
Easter Sunday Service– April 9th at 10am

Palm Sunday Brunch & Easter Egg Coloring
On **April 2nd** we will be hosting the Easter Egg coloring at the Palm Sunday Brunch for children and adults who wish to participate.

Easter Egg Hunt
There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on **April 9th** immediately following the church service on Easter Sunday for children and adults who wish to participate.

Newsletter
Our next Monthly Newsletter will be in **May**. Newsletter articles need to be turned into the office by **Wednesday, April 19th**. Newsletter via Email, please contact the Church Office with your current mailing and/or E-Mail address.

Tags and Treasures
This year's Tags and Treasures sale is scheduled for **Friday, June 2nd and Saturday, June 3rd**. We are looking forward to another successful event. Please spread the word to family and friends that we are looking for items to be donated. In addition to household items, we will have specialty areas such as jewelry, collectibles, Christmas decor, furniture, bikes, etc. If you are unable to store your items on your premises until June, they can be placed in the Sunday School room. Please contact Bill Rockafellow to let him know and he will ensure that they are secured under lock and key. Please keep in mind that we are not accepting clothing or electronics. If you are interested in volunteering for this event please see Bill Rockafellow, Pat Bartleson or Karen Lutz. Thanks in advance for your support.

One Great Hour of Sharing
This year’s theme is “You shall be called Repairers of the breach” and is taken from Isaiah 58. You will be hearing more about the ministry this special offering supports throughout the Lenten Season. On Palm Sunday, **April 2nd** we will take up a collection for One Great Hour of Sharing. There will be special envelopes available. Thank you for your support.

Book Table
There is a table full of books in the Social Hall. Please feel free to take them home. The leftovers will be recycled.

Bible Study/Lenten Study – Soul Feast
Every Thursday at **11:00am**.
Evening classes **every Wednesday from March 1st-May 3rd at 6:30pm.**

Please sign up in the vestibule to be an **Usher** and to **host coffee hour**.
Liturgists see Adele Harrison
Help with Communion – See Ann Marie

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK		
Monday, March 20th 11:00am – Staff Meeting 12:00pm – AA 2:pm-8pm Wayne Highlands Quilters Tuesday, March 21st 10:00am – Handbell Choir 11:00am - Chancel Choir 6:00pm - Session 8:00pm – NA Wednesday, March 22nd 12:00pm – AA Meeting 6:30pm - Lenten Study/Soul Feast	Thursday, March 23rd 11:00am – Lenten Study/Soul Feast 12:00pm – Worship & Music Saturday, March 25th 11:30 -1pm – Good News Café Sunday, March 26th 10:00am Worship Service 11:00 – Coffee Hour	<u>April Communion - April 2nd</u> Set Up: Chris C. Servers: Kathleen R., Pat B., Chris C., Kida D., Bill C. Clean Up: Chris C. <u>Maundy Thursday – April 6th</u> Set Up: Nancy V. Servers: Ann Marie G., Nancy V, Michelle W., Heather C. Clean Up: Nancy V.
<u>Liturgist Schedule:</u> 3/19 – Brad Kiesendahl 3/26 – Sherry Milliken	<u>Usher Schedule:</u> 3/19 – Jim & Eileen Brewington 3/26 – Kika Dyson & Pat G.	

JOYS and CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF 03/19/23

New Joys and Concerns:
*Prayers for Joan V. who is in re-hab.
*Prayers for Joe R. who has health issues.
*Prayers for Bette W. for a successful recovery from recent medical issues.
*Prayers for Norm B. who had knee surgery.
*Prayers for Sue P who is having heart issues.
*Prayers for Aisha, friend of Jill J.
*Prayers for Brandon, grandson of Pat G.’s friend.
*Prayers for Bethany Presbyterian Church in Pastoral Transition
*Prayers for J. Campbell’s 3 year old nephew who is quite ill and in the hospital
*Prayers for Ann Marie’s friend, Lynn, who was recently diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer
*Prayers for Kathy Burton’s granddaughter, Kinsley
*Prayers for Ruth Ann Carlson
*Prayers for Megan, Joan’s D.’s daughter-in-law.
*Prayers for Brenda, who is suffering from substance abuse.

Kyrie
Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Brad Kiesendahl
Leader: You are the Rock, in which there is great refuge. You are the Rock,
from which forgiveness flows.
People: O Lord, you are our Rock, the cornerstone of our faith and
foundation of our hope. Praise be to God! Thanks be to God!
Amen.

*Congregational Response, Hymn #610,
“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of God's grace!

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Rev. Mark Juengel

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Brad Kiesendahl
Christ has come among us, opening the eyes of the blind, bringing
light to those who have walked in darkness. The miracle of Christ's
transforming presence is offered to you this day. Receive the gift. Walk in
the light. Let the brightness of God's love shine through you. ALL: Amen.

First Lesson: John 9:1-23 Brad Kiesendahl

Second Lesson: John 9:24-41 Rev. Mark Juengel

Music Meditation
“Is There Room for a Sinner?” Choplin
Chancel Choir

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

SERMON “Stumbling in the Dark”
Rev. Mark Juengel

Hymn #649: “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

INVITATION TO OFFERTORY

Offertory “God So Loved the World” arr. Thygerson
Matthew Rupcich, piano

*Doxology, “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

MINUTE FOR MISSION Alesia Burton

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER
(using debts and debtors)

*Hymn #182: “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Marching to Zion” Lowry (arr. Smith)
Adele Harrison, organ

*Please stand if you are able.

First Presbyterian Church
of Hawley

“Come to Grow in Love, Spirit, and Faith”



March 19, 2023
10 AM

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But
now that you say, We see, your sin remains.”
John 9:41

Please take time to prepare for worship through meditation and prayer during the
prelude. As the prelude begins, quiet your voice and soul. With music and prayer
let us move from ‘getting to church’ to ‘being the church’ as we worship together.