

OPENING PRAYER:

Loving God, I ask that this day afford me opportunities to celebrate and share with others the abundance of your grace and love. Help me to be open to all people you bring my way, for you yourself make no distinctions but are Lord of all. In Christ's name, I pray. **Amen.**

PRELUDE: **A Quiet Moment with "Amazing Grace"** **McDonald**
Matthew Rupcich, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Rev. Mark Juengel**

PRESENT THE COLORS: **Cub-Scouts Pack #401**

WELCOME: **Cub-Scout Pack #401** **Rev. Mark Juengel**

INTROIT: **Lord Jesus, Think on Me**
Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** **Grace Laird**

Leader: Even as we enter the wilderness of Lent,

People: We rest in the shelter of the Most High;

Leader: We abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

People: We find refuge under the wings of our Holy Parent.

Leader: We trust that the angels of God,

People: the words of God,

Leader: the people of God,

People: the hands of God

Leader: Will somehow bear us up.

People: And so, we come to call on God who has promised to answer.

***HYMN #65: "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"**

REMOVAL OF THE ALLELUIA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Grace Laird**

O God, our refuge and fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust you. We fall to temptations; we are swayed by false words; we speak false words of our own. We choose our ease and comfort over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world. In turning from you, we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend. Forgive us, we pray. Do not let us be put to shame, O God. Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

KYRIE: **Hear, our prayer, O Lord,**
Hear, our prayer, O Lord,
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace

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.

CUB-SCOUTS PACK #401 – This morning we welcome Pack 401 and their families to our worship service. The Pack has been using our social hall for the past year to express their thanks for the church's hospitality.

Palm Sunday Service – April 13th at 10am
Maundy Thursday Service – April 17th at 7pm
Easter Sunday Service– April 20th at 10am

ASL INTERPRETER SCHEDULE - Our ASL or American Sign Language Interpreter, will be available for worship on **Sundays, March 23rd, Sunday April 6th and Sunday May 18th.** If you are aware of anyone who might benefit from this service, please let them know and invite them to worship with us!

WOMEN'S RETREAT - Coming Alive! Cultivating Presence. The Christian Education will be hosting the Women's Retreat on **Saturday, April 5th from 9:00am - 4:00pm.** If you would like to join us, please see the Sign-Up Sheet on the table in the Narthex.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY SERIES - Streams of Living Water: Essential Practices from 6 Great Traditions of Christian Faith. **Wednesday at 6:30pm and Thursday 11:00am.**

TAGS AND TREASURES - May 31st - The Tags and Treasures team will start receiving your donations on Sunday mornings beginning on **March 9th.** Please leave your items in front of the folding door partition in Blough Hall. If you have items to be picked up please arrange a date and time with **Bill Rockafellow.** Thank you!

NEWSLETTER - Our next monthly Newsletter will be in **April 2025.** Newsletter articles need to be turned into the office by **Wednesday, March 19th.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Please sign up in the vestibule to be an **Usher** and to host **Coffee Hour** and **Good News Café.** For **Liturgists** see **Adele Harrison** and to help with **Communion** see **Ann Marie Grilk.**

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Monday, March 10th 11:00am – Staff Meeting 11:00am – Small Group Monday 12:00pm: AA Meeting Tuesday, March 11th 10:00am: Handbell Choir 11:00am: Chancel Choir 12:15pm: Worship & Music 8:00pm: NA Wednesday, March 12th 12:00pm: AA Meeting 5pm-8pm: Cub Scouts 6:30pm: Bible Study		Thursday, March 13th 9:00am: Admin & Finance Mtg. 11:00am: Bible Study Saturday, March 15th 10:00am: Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowling Sunday, March 16th 10:00am: Worship Service Missions Mtg. Christian Ed Committee Mtg.	
<u>Liturgist Schedule:</u> 03/09: Grace Laird 03/16: Joe Jauss 03/23: Jill Juengel 03/30: Sherry Milliken	<u>Usher Schedule:</u> 03/09: Kika Dyson & Dave Smith 03/16: Pat G. & Becky Lee 03/23: Eileen & Jim Brewington 03/30: TBD	<u>April 2025 Communion (April 6th)</u> Set Up & Clean Up: Beth Crowley Servers: Beth Crowley Kathy Smith Janet Stiefel Robert Pinkney Bill Chicoski	

JOYS and CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF 3/9/25

- *Prayers for Michelle W.
- *Prayers for Pat S.
- *Prayers for Steve, Nancy V.'s husband.
- *Prayers for Ann, Sherry M.'s sister-in-law & Tommy her nephew.
- *Prayers for Patrick, Kathleen R.'s brother
- *Prayers for Jane J.
- *Prayers for Bob B.
- *Prayers for Beth G.
- *Prayers for John K.
- *Prayers for Melanie T.
- *Prayers for Chris B.
- *Prayers for Sue B.
- *Prayers for John M.
- *Prayers for Karen, Bill R.'s cousin.
- *Prayers for Ken, Ann Marie's brother-in-law.
- *Prayers for Cindy, sister of Beth C.
- *Prayers for Kevin M.
- *Prayers for Tara Dalton, friend of Virginia Romaine, who is battling cancer.
- *Prayers for April, daughter of Laura, friend of Virginia Romaine.
- *Prayers for Jennifer T., daughter of Ron Dutton who lives in Philly and is battling breast cancer.
- *Prayers for John E.'s sister-in-law Stacy, who is having cognitive issues with a frontal lobe disease.
- *Prayers for Natalie, Ruth C.'s granddaughter.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

Grace Laird

Scripture declares, The Lord is generous to all who call on God's name. Friends, believe the good news: God does not turn away from us, but desires to bring us into the glorious freedom offered in Jesus Christ. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. **Praise the Lord. Amen.**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - HYMN #708:**

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Rev. Mark Juengel

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Grace Laird

Bring your word near to us, O God. May it rest not only on our lips but also reside in our hearts. By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to respond to your word with our whole lives until you become our dwell-ing place; through Jesus Christ, we pray, **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON:

Luke 4:1-13

Grace Laird

SECOND LESSON:

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

Rev. Mark Juengel

MUSIC MEDITATION:

**Trust and Obey God's Word
Chancel Choir**

Shafferman

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

SERMON:

"Security Systems"

Rev. Mark Juengel

***HYMN #168:**

"Within Your Shelter, Loving God"

INVITATION TO OFFERTORY

**OFFERTORY: Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah arr. Waltz & Hughes
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

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(using debts and debtors)

***HYMN #291:**

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE:

**Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now
As We Leave This Place
Matthew Rupcich, piano**

Manz

*Please stand if you are able.

First Presbyterian Church of Hawley

"Come to Grow in Love, Spirit, and Faith"



March 9, 2025

10 AM

*First Sunday of Lent &
Scouts Sunday*

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Web: fpchawley.org

*"When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in
trouble; I will rescue them and honor them."
Psalm 91:15*

*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's to 'being the church's as we worship
together.*