

*The First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin
The First Sunday in Lent
February, 21, 2010
10:30 a.m.*

Enter the church in silence. Through silence speak to God and let God speak to you.

PREPARATION: *The following are the scripture texts for this morning: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (Pew Bible pages 477-478); Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (pages 158-159) The command to return the first fruits of the ground to the Lord. Romans 10:8-13 (page 921) Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Luke 4:1-13 (page 835) Jesus' forty days in the wilderness; Jesus tempted by the devil. (Lenten Sermon Series on Forgiveness begins with Luke 15:11-32)*

PRAYER FOR THE DAY: *Help us to remember the importance of recognizing from whence we have come and remembering the times you have forgiven us. Forgive us when we pull in instead of reaching out. Amen.*

THE GATHERING

**BELL PEAL
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME**

PRELUDE "Beautiful Savior" **Johnson**

SERVICE OF LENTEN CANDLES

INTROIT (Hymn #309) "Of the Father's Love Begotten" **Divinum Mysterium**

SOLO: Of the Father's love begotten, Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been, And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore.

CHOIR: O Ye Heights of heaven adore Him, Angel hosts, His praises sing;
Powers, dominions, bow before Him, And extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent, Every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore.

LITANY

LEADER: All those who find their protection from God

PEOPLE: will find rest and assurance.

LEADER: All those who love God and call upon God for help

PEOPLE: will be answered and rescued.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 4:1-13 (Pew Bible page 835)

LEADER: As we extinguish the first Lenten candle, we recall how we vainly try to save ourselves, believing that we are God. May we be reminded of our shortsightedness, so that we may truly believe in the one and only true God who can save us – the One who sent his Son, Jesus Christ – our Redeemer.

UNISON PRAYER

O God, we give you thanks, praise, and glory for your love and kindness shown through your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us this Lenten season to truly prepare our hearts for fellowship with you. Amen.

***ALL: (Hymn #309) "Of the Father's Love Begotten" Divinum Mysterium**
Christ, to Thee with God the Father, And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving And unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion, And eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore. Amen.

***OPENING SENTENCES**

LEADER: O Lord, where can I go from your spirit?

PEOPLE: **Where can we flee from your presence?**

LEADER: If I ascend to heaven, you are there;

PEOPLE: **if we make our bed in Sheol, you are there.**

LEADER: If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits

PEOPLE: **even there your hand shall lead us, and your right hand shall hold us.**

ALL: **Let us worship God!**

***HYMN #394 "There Is a Balm in Gilead" Balm in Gilead**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LEADER: As we pilgrim through this land, we are constantly reminded of our weaknesses – of our fears, our wounds, and our death. Remember that Jesus Christ can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then humbly approach the throne of grace; that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

ALL: **As Lent unfolds before us, great God, we see how far we have to go to Jerusalem. The road is long, our sins are heavy, and our burdens hold us down. We can't imagine new life – Easter life – because our current lives are filled with bad choices and failed efforts. Our transgressions are ever before us. Meet us in our weakness. Take up our sins. Ease our burdens. Carry us on the way. Bring us to Jerusalem at last. Show us a love that is stronger than death, a love no tomb can hold. Amen.**

RESPONSE (Hymnal #573) “Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us” Kyrie
Cantor: Lord, have mercy. **ALL: Lord, have mercy.**
Cantor: Christ, have mercy. **ALL: Christ, have mercy.**
Cantor: Lord, have mercy **ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God is the Great Jehovah, the bread of heaven and strong deliverer for all who journey through life; one whose mercy stretches from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

ALL: Amen.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

(At this time the children may leave for Sonshine Mountain.)

Eric Houghton

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING

The Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

Romans 10:8-13

ANTHEM

“The Lord Is Beautiful”
(Percussion: Spencer Friend, Brice Ehmgig, Cameron Ehmgig)

arr. Burkhardt

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel of the Lord!
Praise to You, O Christ!

Luke 15:11-32

SERMON

“Learning Forgiveness”

Rev. Victoria ByRode

THE RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

“Prayer”

Guilmant

***DOXOLOGY (Hymnal #591) “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**

THE SENDING

***HYMN #388**

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

Angel’s Story

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE (Hymnal #599)**

“Jesus, Remember Me”

Taize

**ALL: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.**

***CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE**

“Toccata (Homage to Widor)”

Young

**The congregation stands. If standing is difficult for you, please feel free to remain seated.*

NEXT SUNDAY, February 28, 2010 will be the Second Sunday in Lent. The scripture readings will be: Psalm 27 (Pew Bible pages 437-438); Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 (pages 10-11) God’s covenant with Abraham. Philippians 3:17-4:1 (pages 954-955) Appeal to the Philippians to stand firm in the Lord’s way, their humiliation will be transformed by Christ. Luke 9:28-36 (page 843) Jesus goes up on the mountain to pray, Moses and Elijah appear.

PRAYER FOR PEACE Children in War More than half of the children in the world live in a situation of war. The saddest thing about starving children is that they don’t cry. They are too weak to cry. For every child who is starving, there are many many more who are undernourished. There are 44 million children with permanent mental impairment due to poor nutrition. Poor nutrition causes anemia, cognitive impairment, maternal mortality and other life-threatening problems. The UN’s goal to end hunger, because of the world recession, is now being pushed back seven more years. The tragedy is that weak and hungry people are susceptible to threat and coercion. They are the ones enticed by just a little kindness into the folds of anarchists and terrorists, people who have no genuine hope or plan for these children except to use them as instruments of war. *God, please help us. Children in war is way bigger than any of us can resolve. We acknowledge that we have spent many years wearing blinders, not caring about our neighbors and not listening to their pleas for help. Give us the courage to begin to listen, to care genuinely about the safety and future of the world and all of its inhabitants. Amen.*

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME and are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin, please indicate your desire to Pastor ByRoade so we can arrange a gathering of our Session.

WE WELCOME ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE TODAY – Coffee is available in Hager Hall following both services. Coloring pages for children to use during the worship hour are available from the ushers. Before “THE WORD”, girls and boys PK4 through 5th grade are invited to attend Sunday school on “Sonshine Mountain”. Our nursery, for infants through age 3, is in the Christian Education Building, downstairs in Room 103. Large print bulletins and large print hymnals are available from the ushers. Hearing devices are also available. Please ask for one at the sound booth.

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

USHERS: Don Shaffer, Ron Curvelo, Judith Curvelo, Margie Skinner

LITURGIST: Sally King

ACOLYTE: Jonathan Gibbs

SANCTUARY FLOWERS THIS WEEK ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY

Sally King in memory of her parents James and Alice King

Gail Taylor in memory of her parents Thomas and Evelyn Taylor

TODAY’S OPPORTUNITIES

8:45 a.m. – Worship Café

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School/Fellowship

10:30 a.m. – Traditional Worship

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Monday (22 nd)	10:00 a.m.	Strong for Life
Tuesday (23 rd)	7:00 p.m.	Session
Wednesday (24 th)	10:00 a.m.	Strong for Life
	6:00 p.m.	Dinner (Youth)
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (Doyle)
	7:00 p.m.	Video Club
	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
Thursday (25 th)	8:00 p.m.	Worship Café Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SESSION MEMBERS please remember to pick up the Session Docket in your mailbox. Session meets Tuesday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m.

3 CENTS A MEAL will be received today. Thank you for sharing your abundance with others as Christ has challenged all of us to do. If each member at FPC gave 3 cents a meal for one year, their individual contribution would be \$32.85 – what a positive impact that would be for helping others! Make this part of your overall mission support.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY DINNER this week the youth will cook. The cost is \$6.50 per adult; \$4.00 12-18; \$3.00 2-12; \$18.00 max per family with children under 12. We eat at 6:15, so please come a little early to pay. Sign up today on the Friendship Register.

FIRST SUNDAY BOOKS March 7 from 7-8:15 p.m. in the church library. Still Alice by Lisa Genova. Heartbreakingly real novel portrays the Alzheimer’s journey, written with compassion from Grace’s perspective. Discussion leaders: Anita Johnson and Laura Surrell

LENT: SPIRITUAL PRACTICES Friday, March 5 at 11:45 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in East Hager Hall. Join us for a brown bag lunch discussion about the spiritual practices of Lent led by Rev. Victoria ByRoade (Program coordinator: Joyce Swan)

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday, March 5 – St. Mark Village Chapel – 2655 Nebraska Ave., Palm Harbor – Registration 9:30 a.m. – Program 10:00 a.m. World Day of Prayer is an ecumenical movement of women who come together each year on the first Friday in March. Each year a different country serves as the writer of the worship service – this year they invite you to “Africa in miniature”.

JOIN THE STEEPLE STOMPERS and help cure cancer. After each service today Jeff Iosa or Linda Frazer will be in Hager Hall to sign you up on the computer to join our Relay for Life team. Only those who sign up online will get a free Relay T-shirt. Join our team for a fun time and a great cause!

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE TO BEGIN! This is an exciting opportunity to promote the great things that are happening at First Church. Do you have a talent towards writing, photography, or graphic design? Can you hang posters, distribute materials to various locations, etc? Interested persons are invited to join Committee Chair Ann Sabo on Sunday, March 7 between services for a brief overview of this new ministry. Contact Ann ataesabo@aol.com for more information.

PASTOR BYROADE WILL BE AWAY in Delaware visiting her parents from Wednesday, February 24 until Tuesday, March 2

PRAYER REQUESTS - the names of people who have requested prayer are listed in italics the first week of their request and any time there are changes in their condition or place of recuperation. A complete listing of the people for whom we need to lift our prayers will also be provided for you in each edition of THE VOICE. (Please call the church office if you have a prayer concern.)

- *David Eichenberger following hip replacement surgery on February 16 at Town and Country Hospital in Tampa*
- *Rita McGregor under Hospice care*
- *Joe Tilney at Morton Plant*
- *Jack Gardner, father of Pastor ByRoade, with multiple health concerns*
- *Lillian McKibben at Manor Care Rehab*
- *Mary Greenlee-Krull, mother of Joanne Maddux, at home*
- *Robert W. Harvie at Mease Manor, for renewed health and strength*
- *Anne Trahan, mother of Betsi Lewis-Knapp, under Hospice care*
- *Marge Vilsoet undergoing cancer treatments*
- *For improved health: Scott Miller, Cathy Davide, John Keller, Thelma Powell, Betsy Perkins, Bill Vilsoet, Sharyn Ramirez, Lois Krebs, Dotsie Dauble, Peg Harvie, Dee Faust, Dave Dauble, Eva Marcantel*
- All our members who reside in skilled nursing homes
- The Missio Dei Community (formerly the Transfiguration Faith Community of St. Petersburg), a new church development in the Presbytery of Tampa Bay
- First Presbyterian Church in our desire to be responsible stewards of our talents and finances

First Church Financial Status on: February 17, 2010

<i>Operating Funds</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Surplus (Deficit)</i>
Church	\$ 58,316	\$ 56,451	\$ 1,865
Pre-School	\$ 31,329	\$ 26,462	\$ 4,868
Totals:	\$ 89,645	\$ 82,913	\$ 6,732

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