

*The First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin*  
*Second Sunday in Lent – Youth Sunday*  
*February 28, 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 scriptures for today: 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. (The sermon today is based on Psalm 51 and Psalm 139)*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** *“O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, forever and ever. Amen.”*

### THE GATHERING

#### WELCOME

#### LITANY

LEADER: Let us speak with confidence:  
PEOPLE: **we will see God's goodness all around us.**  
LEADER: We need to wait on God – to discover what God wants us to do.  
PEOPLE: **As we wait, our confidence will be strong and we will trust God.**

#### SCRIPTURE

LEADER: We extinguish the second Lenten candle – reminding us of the things of the world that entice us away from God. May we keep our eyes on God, who has shown us His love through His Son, Jesus Christ.

**Philippians 3:17-4:1**

#### \*OPENING SENTENCES

LEADER: The Lord is our light and our salvation;  
PEOPLE: **whom then shall we fear?**  
LEADER: The Lord is the strength of our lives;  
PEOPLE: **of whom shall we be afraid?**  
LEADER: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.  
PEOPLE: **Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your hearts take courage.**  
**Wait for the Lord.**  
ALL: **Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN #356

**“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

Nettleton

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LEADER: The proof of God's amazing love for us is this: while we were sinners, Christ died for us.  
PEOPLE: **Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.**  
LEADER: Let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.  
ALL: **Loving God, You have formed a covenant with us, committing yourself to us and inviting us to walk with you. Yet we have resisted, preferring to go in different ways, seeking other companions, thinking we know best. Now we find ourselves far from life, farther still from you. Can you help us find our way back? Have mercy on our waywardness, stir us to accept what you have to offer, gift us with faith so that we can hold the hand you have extended to us in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.  
PEOPLE: **Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.**  
LEADER: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
ALL: **And also with you.**

#### HYMN #280

**“Amazing Grace”**

Amazing Grace

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

Eric Houghton

#### THE WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*The Word of the Lord!*  
**Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm 51 and Psalm 139**

#### GOSPEL READING

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

**Luke 9:28-36**

#### SERMON

**“Forgiveness”**

**Drama**

#### THE RESPONSE

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We are not alone. We live in God’s world; we believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus to reconcile and to make all things new. We trust God, who calls us to be the church, to love and serve others, to seek justice and to resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified, dead and risen; our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

**OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS**

**\*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 (Sing the Faith #2088)** “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” Lift Your Name on High

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHARGE**

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

**NEXT SUNDAY, March 7, 2010 will be the Third Sunday in Lent and the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper.** *The scripture readings will be: Psalm 63:1-8 (Pew Bible page 458); Isaiah 55:1-9 (page 598) Promises of pardon for all who return to the Lord. 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 (pages 931-932) Promise that God does not test beyond our strength; provides a way to endure. Luke 13:1-9 (page 848) Parable of the fig tree that did not produce fruit.*

**PRAYER FOR PEACE – DISAGREEMENTS** One of the Ministries of the General Assembly Council of the PC (USA) is the Self-Development of People. In 1992, the 204<sup>th</sup> General Assembly adopted SDP guidelines for acting during times of disagreement. They are memorable and worth repeating. Here are the first five guidelines: In times of disagreement, we will ACT in a spirit of truth and love; RESPECT each other, believing that all desire to be faithful to Jesus Christ; LEARN about the various positions on the topic; RESPOND after stating what we have heard and asking for any clarifications; and INDICATE where we agree as well as disagree. It’s always hard to hear, particularly when we are impatient to accomplish a task. We don’t like to take the time to re-state what we heard, to get it right. We just want to do the job (our way). Sometimes, we can learn from others and the job might be done even better with more people pitching in; but that only happens when people feel they are part of a team. *God, please help us to respect those who are different from ourselves, whether the difference is in lifestyle, language, or political bent, give us the patience and the courage to listen and to understand. Life is short, and we serve you when we take the time to care about others in Your Name. 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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, John Ralph, Marge Ralph, Margie Skinner

LITURGIST: Kathy Schultz

**TODAY’S OPPORTUNITIES**

8:45 a.m. – Worship Café

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School/Fellowship

10:30 a.m. – Traditional Worship – Youth Sunday

11:30 a.m. – Coffee and Conversation

**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

Monday (1 <sup>st</sup> )	10:00 a.m.	Strong for Life
Tuesday (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	6:30 p.m.	Youth
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Education
	7:00 p.m.	Mission Outreach
Wednesday (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	10:00 a.m.	Strong for Life
	6:00 p.m.	Potluck Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (Doyle)
	7:00 p.m.	Handbells
	7:00 p.m.	Video Club
	7:00 p.m.	First Samaritans
	8:00 p.m.	Worship Café Rehearsal
Thursday (4 <sup>th</sup> )	7:00 p.m.	Congregational Care
	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Friday (5 <sup>th</sup> )	<i>(WORLD DAY OF PRAYER)</i>	
	10:00 a.m.	Finance Committee
	11:45 a.m.	First Friday Conversations

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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”.

**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 14 between services for a brief overview of this new ministry. Contact Ann [ataesabo@aol.com](mailto:ataesabo@aol.com) for more information.

**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)

**NEWS OF HAITI** On Sunday, March 14 we welcome representatives of the Haiti Nursing Foundation, based in Ann Arbor, Michigan. President of the Board Rosemarie Rowney will address both worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 and also the adult Sunday school class at 9:30. At 6 p.m. we welcome both Ms. Rowney and HFN Executive Director Marcia Lane for a potluck dinner in Hager Hall, followed by their presentation at 7 p.m.

**MEMBERSHIP/DEVELOPMENT UPCOMING EVENTS** Please join us for a special Wednesday night dinner on March 17<sup>th</sup>, for a traditional corned beef and cabbage buffet. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults and \$4.00 for children 12 and under with a family maximum of \$22.00. Easter Brunch is coming! Membership/Development is sponsoring a spectacular all-you-can-eat Easter brunch buffet on Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be two seatings; between 9:30-11:00 and the second at 11:30am after the traditional service. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.50 for children 12 and under. *Tickets for both of these special events will be available at the welcome table on February 28<sup>th</sup>.*

**FIRST FRIDAY STEERING COMMITTEE** The once-a-month Friday fellowship program, “First Friday Conversations” has a new Steering Committee who will plan the topics for the 2010-2011 series. They welcome your suggestions and ideas about discussion topics, guest speakers, local points of interest or whatever programs you’d find interesting. Please let them know what you’d like to see on the FFC calendar for the coming year! Gayle Hill (417-3722); Karen McNulty (725-3082); Joyce Swan (599-6813); Beverly Weese (725-9460)

**FIRST SAMARITANS** Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. following the pot luck dinner. Come and learn about who they are and what they do. You will also get some helpful hints on visiting and listening – techniques that are also applicable to your every day lives.

**GROWTH TASK FORCE WELCOMES RICHARD CLOSSON** who will represent the Worship/Music committee on the GTF. If you have ideas about the growth goals for the Worship Committee, contact Rich at 736-6892.

**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.)

- *Family and friends of Rita McGregor who died February 21*
- *Joe Tilney at home*
- *Frank Lisberg and Jim LeFebvre, friends of Beverly Weese, for improved health*
- David Eichenberger following hip replacement surgery
- Jack Gardner, father of Pastor ByRoade, with multiple health concerns
- Lillian McKibben at Manor Care Rehab
- Robert W. Harvie at Mease Manor, for renewed health and strength
- Anne Trahan, mother of Betsi Lewis-Knapp, under Hospice care
- For improved health: Mary Greenlee-Krull, Scott Miller, Cathy Davide, John Keller, Thelma Powell, Betsy Perkins, Bill Vilsoet, Marge 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 finance

**First Church Financial Status on: February 24, 2010**

<i>Operating Funds</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Surplus (Deficit)</i>
Church	\$ 87,370	\$ 62,284	\$ 25,086
Pre-School	\$ 36,022	\$ 26,961	\$ 9,061
Totals:	\$ 123,392	\$ 89,245	\$ 34,147

**PASTOR BYROADE** is in Delaware and will return to the office on Wednesday, March 3

**DUNEDIN COMMUNITY CHORUS** “Footlite Follies – “Best of Broadway, Plus!” this afternoon, Sunday, February 28 at 3:00 p.m. at the Dunedin Community Center on Pinehurst Road. Free admission – donations accepted. (Eight members of our sanctuary choir perform with this group!)

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