

✠ THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - APOSTLES' CREED (*unison*)

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OUR JOYFUL RESPONSE - TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

What God Ordains is Always Good

Servus Gastorius/Dan Forrest

✠RESPONSE

Doxology (*hymnal p. 606*)

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

✠HYMN 193

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

UNSER HERRSCHER

✠BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Festive Voluntary

Flor Peeters

Please feel free to exit the sanctuary during the playing of the postlude, letting the melody carry you out into the world to love and serve the Lord.

✠ *Those who are able to stand comfortably may do so*

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP THIS MORNING:

Rev. Dr. Martin R. Ankrum, Pastor/Head of Staff; Dr. W. Jeffrey Jones, Minister of Music/Organist; Mr. Edgar B. Highberger, Minister of Music, Emeritus; Mrs. Peg Taylor, Lector; Chancel Choir; Members of the Kirk Ringers; Ms. Gloria Christofano, Flutist; Mr. Michael Pascarella, Video Technician.

Music for this morning's service has been made possible, in part, by Edgar and Joanne Highberger and by gifts to the Dr. Edgar S. Highberger Music Fund.

FIRST NEWS: The News of FPC

PRAYER LIST: Ben Addis, Charlie Andrews, Jeret Baker, Lisa Bulger, Art Caramella, Juan Carlos, George Chambers, Sandy Cole, Dan & Ginger Collier, Tracy Confer, Beverly Courtney, William Courtney, Edna Mary Cox, Kaitlyn Daniels, Diane Demorest, Chris Dieck, Lorelai Difonso, Bob Dittman, Karen Dubosky, Michael Felice, Richard Gracik, Heather H., Edgar and Joanne Highberger, Gretchen Highberger, Lucas James, Lee Jamison, Don Kemerer, Jennifer Kubit, Paige Lucas, Karen M., Marge Machesney, Kelsey Magness, George Maser, Joanne McIlhattan, Rick & Jan McNerny, Janet Metzela, Keenan Miller, Gretchen Nelson, John Noel, Dan P., Nancy Pallitta, Kathleen Piekut, Gerry Pricer, Jamie R., Colton Reid, Judy Rugh, Ron Russell, Julia Saul, Gene Sember, Barbara Sill and family, Christina Sinddorf, Nancy Skrot, Mary Smith, Bob & Nancy Stahl, Eileen Stefl, Molly Stienbiser, Crystal Stone, Scott Sucke, Isabelle Taylor, Lynda Turin, Linda & Tom Turin, Matthew J. Washil, Don Whipkey, Sue Woodward and Marsha Zoruba.

VISITING IN WORSHIP TODAY? If you are visiting in worship today or have been for a while, please sign the Visitor Card found in the pew racks and place in the offering plate or hand to an usher. We would love to be able to contact you and answer any questions you may have about FPC. Please take a moment to greet Dr. Ankrum at the end of the service; he would love to get to know you and welcome you to our faith community.

NURSERY OPEN DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP – Children, Birth – PreK : Drop off care is available Sunday mornings with Ms. Gali! Pack your child's drinks and snacks and drop them off for the fun! Gali is looking forward to meeting you and your children!

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED SPONSORING A FELLOWSHIP HOUR? Provide 6 dozen baked goods **or** \$35 donation to cover the cost. Use the sign-up sheet on the Dining Room bulletin board. Your contributions and participation are greatly appreciated. Fellowship Hours are held usually on the first and third Sundays of every month in the Dining Room. Coffee is provided by the Millers of 19 Coffee.

ADULT FORUM ON SUNDAY MORNING meets on **Sundays at 9 a.m.** in the PW Lounge on the first floor of the CE Wing. We are reading and discussing a wonderful book written by the late Rev. Peter Gomes: ***The Good Book: Reading the Bible with Mind and Heart***. Gomes unpacks the scriptures for his reader, covering how the Bible is often misunderstood by Christians and others alike.

THE 2024 CONFIRMATION CLASS FORMING IN FEBRUARY- Each year, FPC is pleased to assist the young people of our church become confirmed members of the congregations. Typically, those in the Confirmation Class are in the seventh or eighth grade, though any child of a member of the church who is in Middle School or High School would be eligible. The class will meet on the fourth Sunday of February, March and April, and the third Sunday of May from 1 – 2:30 p.m. The class will be received into membership on the first Sunday of June. Dr. Ankrum teaches the Confirmation Class ... please call the church office for more information.

HELP US PROMOTE THE FPC PRESCHOOL by placing a sign advertising our great preschool in your front yard. Yard signs and the brackets that hold them can be found in the Main Street Narthex. Please take as many as you will use!



DO YOU WISH TO GIVE ONLINE? To set up your own recurring donations, either visit the church website or scan the QR code with your smart phone, or contact the church office for help. Your support of Christ's church in this place is greatly appreciated!

www.firstpresbyteriangreensburg.com.



ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 14 – 7:00 PM.

Our Lenten journey always begins with our Ash Wednesday evening service. Held in the main sanctuary of the church and through Simulcast, YouTube and the church's website. Join us to begin this season of repentance and hope.

SUNDAYS IN LENT ...

Lent 1 – February 18 – 10:00 a.m.

Lent 2 – February 25 – 10:00 a.m.

Lent 3 - March 3 – 10:00 a.m. - COMMUNION SERVICE

Lent 4 – March 10 – 10:00 a.m.

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 10

Lent 5 – March 17 – 10:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday - March 24 - 10:00 a.m.

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES: WEDNESDAYS IN LENT – 7:00 P.M.

During the Wednesdays in Lent, we will gather for a thirty-minute service of prayer, meditation, music and a homily. These services will be held in the sanctuary and simulcast as well. Wednesdays, February 21, 28, March 6, 13, and 20.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN - “Praying Through Holy Week” Save the Date! Join your friends at church on Good Friday, March 29, for the children's program, Praying Through Holy Week. Participate in art, science, and food activities and learn new ways to pray throughout the Easter season. Call the church to sign-up or see Wendy McCann.

EASTER LILIES – The Worship Committee will once again be taking orders for Easter Lilies in the coming months. The lilies will be \$15.00 each and may be placed “In Memory Of” and/or “In Honor Of” your loved ones. Please watch the bulletins and March First News for the order sheet. Lilies may be picked up following the Easter Sunday Service.



GAMES WITH RICK, Sunday, February 18 from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the youth room. The kids play characters and interact with the Eberon game world, guided by Rick Crowe.

“THE CHOSEN” – Join us on Saturday, February 10 at 3:00 p.m. for Season 4, Episodes 1-3 and then again on Saturday, February 24 at 3 p.m. for Episodes 4-6. We'll meet at AMC Theatre at Westmoreland Mall. Please RSVP to Jennifer Slater by February 7 for Episodes 1-3 and by February 21 for Episodes 4-6, at 724-217-3448.



THE GATHERING – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024: 11:30 A.M. – 1 P.M.: THE BOULEVARD RESTAURANT

On the second Tuesday of each month, we reserve space at The Boulevard, a local restaurant and invite those who are available to join us for lunch, conversation and a bit of education. We'll hear from folks that you already know and folks that you haven't yet met. The topics will be informative and helpful to our faith and some will be just fun and allow us to learn a bit more about each other. **We'll hear from Jerry Cumer, our Church Librarian, who will speak on 'The History of Calligraphy.'** **Contact the church office by noon Monday, February 12 to reserve your space.**

OLD-FASHIONED POTLUCK: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 - AFTER WORSHIP- The Stewardship Committee is at it again, bringing back a bit of nostalgia with our all-church after worship potluck. Like all good potlucks, we need your help. Please consider signing up in advance and giving us a 'heads up' as to what you will be contributing ... the categories include: Casserole, Salad, Side-dish, or Dessert. The drinks will be provided as well as the table service. We'll gather immediately following worship on Sunday, February 25 in the Fletcher Room. Potlucks are a lot like congregations in general; we are all called to contribute something from our gifts and talents so that all may be filled. **SIGN UP TODAY** – Dr. Ankrum will have the sign-up sheets in the Narthex immediately following worship today or sign up next week during Fellowship Hour. You can also sign up by calling the church office or emailing us at fpcgreensburg@comcast.net.

BOOK DISCUSSION SPONSORED BY LGBTQ INTERFAITH NETWORK: Sunday, Feb. 25 – 6 p.m. in the Dining Room - Please join us for a discussion of the Westmoreland Reads 2024 Book selection; *How the Word is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America* by Clint Smith. *How the Word Is Passed* explores the legacy of slavery and its imprint on American history. Smith visits historical sites and landmarks connected to the transatlantic slave trade, such as Monticello Plantation, the Whitney Plantation, and downtown Manhattan. He reveals how slavery was not a marginal phenomenon, but a central force that shaped the nation's founding and present. He also examines how the word is passed down through generations, and how we can learn from our past to create a better future. Clint Smith was the winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award for Nonfiction, the Hillman Prize for Book Journalism, the Stowe Prize, the Dayton Literary Peace Prize, and selected by the New York Times as one of the 10 Best Books of 2021. Join us for a thoughtful discussion of a thought-provoking book!

THE LAST TUESDAY BOOK CLUB will meet Tuesday, February 27 at 7 p.m. in the PW Lounge on the first floor of the CE Wing. This year, all the stories will be taken from *The World's Greatest Short Stories*, Dover Thrift Edition. In February we will read and discuss the following: Rainer Maria Rilke – How Old Timofei Died with a Song; Virginia Woolf – The Mark on the Wall and Franz Kafka – The Hunger Artist.

THRU THE BIBLE CLASS will meet Monday, February 26 at 7 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the church building. We have been working our way through the Bible from cover to cover and will be discussing Paul's Letter to the Colossians. The class lasts just an hour and is led by Dr. Ankrum. Please join us for a lively discussion!

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D/F#) (A7) (D)
 Eb Ab Eb/G Bb7 Eb

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) (D) (G) (A)
 Bb Eb Ab Bb

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) (D) (F#m7) (G) (A)
 Ab Eb Gm7 Ab Bb

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) (D/F#) (G) (D)
 Cm Eb/G Ab Eb

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd 274

Capo 5: (Am) (F) (C) (Em) (Am) (A7)
 Dm B \flat F Am Dm D7

1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep-herd. You, Lord, are both
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun-tain, stripped of might up -
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us, sit in pow - er
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus! Wor - thy is our

(Dm) (G) (C) (F) (Em) (Dm) (Am)
 Gm C F B \flat Am Gm Dm

prince and slave. You, peace-mak - er and sword-bring - er
 on the cross, shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
 at God's side. You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
 cos - mic Christ! Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - tory;

(B \flat) (F) (E) (A/C \sharp) (Dm)
 E \flat B \flat A D/F \sharp Gm

of the way you took and gave. You, the ev - er - last - ing
 beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss, you, the ev - er - last - ing
 have a love that reach - es wide. You, the ev - er - last - ing
 wor - thy still your peace and strife. You, the ev - er - last - ing

(Am) (G) (Am) (Dm) (Em) (Am)
 Dm C Dm Gm Am Dm

in - stant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.
 in - stant; you who are both gift and cost.
 in - stant; you, who are our pil - grim guide.
 in - stant; you, who are our death and life.

When it was first published, the author called this text "Christus Paradox," because so many attributes of Christ stand in tension with each other. Mindful of the works of Søren Kierkegaard, she drafted it on a commuter bus after "a particularly bad day" of prison ministry.

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1 Je - sus, take us to the moun - tain, where, with Pe - ter,
 2 What do you want us to see there, that your close com -
 3 What do you want us to hear there, that your dear dis -
 4 Take us to that oth - er moun - tain where we see you
 5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, ris - en and as -

James, and John, we are daz - zled by your glo - ry,
 pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there
 ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the voice from heav - en
 glo - ri - fied, where you shout - ed "It is fin - ished!"
 cend - ed Lord, can - not help but tell the sto - ry,

light as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us
 fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like
 says of the In - car - nate Word, "Lis - ten, lis - ten,
 where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -
 all that we have seen and heard; say with Pe - ter,

for the night by the vi - sion of that sight.
 ours you go, matched to meet our dead - liest foe.
 ev - ery - one: this is my be - lov - ed Son."
 tur - i - on: "Tru - ly this was God's own Son!"
 James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!"

Some version of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-9/Mark 9:2-9/Luke 9:28-36) is always read on the last Sunday after the Epiphany. In this text that foretaste of Christ's glorification helps to prepare Peter, James, and John for their roles as proclaimers of "God's beloved Son."