

Service of Divine Worship

1st Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024

Assemble in God's Name

As You Focus for Worship

Loving God, whose realm was revealed to humankind in Jesus of Nazareth, open your heavens to us that the Spirit may come among us, reclaiming us, helping us to know our infinite worth in your sight, strengthening us to cope with temptation, equipping us to minister in Christ's name. May our faithfulness draw others into your covenant community, where mutual trust and joyous service unite us in Christ. Amen.¹

Welcome and Proclamation of the Good News

Prelude

***Call to Worship:** *Responsive Reading*

In the wilderness of life, we have hope:

We live by the Word of the Lord.

In the face of temptation, we proclaim:

We worship the Lord our God alone.²

Let us worship God.

***Hymn #293:** *This Is My Father's World*

Prayer of Confession: *Unison Reading*

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you. We desire earthly kingdoms and dismiss your heavenly realm. We seek to provide for ourselves and spurn the bread of life you offer. Forgive us God of grace. Teach us to rely on your saving word, to trust in your sustaining care, and to worship and serve you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.²

Silent, Personal Prayer

***Assurance of Pardon:** *Responsive Reading*

All who call on God will know salvation.

Those who cling to God will be delivered.

How great is the joy of people who are loved, forgiven, and set free to become a new creation, through Christ Jesus.³

Thanks be to God, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***Song of Joy, Hymn #82,** verse 1: *O Lamb of God Most Holy!*

O Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross did suffer,

And patient still and lowly, Yourself to scorn did offer;

Our sins by You were taken, or hope had us forsaken:

Have mercy on us, Jesus!

*** The Peace:** *"The Peace of the Lord be with you." "And also with you."*

As a sign of reconciliation please share the Peace of Christ

with your brothers and sisters.

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination:

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. ⁴

Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:1-13

Children's Time

Susie Faas

Ministry of Music: *Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God*

Lloyd Larson

Karen Mail, soprano & Michelle Romans, mezzo

Sermon: *Temptations*

Reverend Kevin Stainton

***Hymn #77,** verses 1-3: *Forty Days and Forty Nights*

Joy & Concern Cards will be collected during this hymn

Respond to God's Word

Life Together

Presentation of Our Tithes and Gifts to God

Offertory

Hymn # 592: Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Affirmation of Faith: *The Apostles' Creed*, Traditional

*The Invitation to the Lord's Table

Joys & Concerns

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God....

The Bread— *"This is my body broken for you."*

Please partake of the bread individually as you are served

The Cup— *"This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood."*

Please hold the cup until all are served.

Prayer

* **Hymn #85:** *What Wondrous Love Is This*

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

* *Those who are able may stand.*

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Tuesdays Together In

Lent

Tuesdays Together in Lent

Each Tuesday evening, during the Lenten season, we will gather together to study and learn as a church community. Adults and teens are invited to meet at Heritage for Potluck dinner, fellowship, and study. Childcare for our younger children is available. Contact susie.faas@hpcmason.org

Tuesdays February 20, 26, March 5, 12, 19, and 26 from 6-8pm

Food: 6-7pm will be a weekly potluck supper. The church will provide a main entree and we ask congregation members to provide a side dish or dessert.

Study: From 7-8pm Pastor Kevin will lead us in study and conversation using the PCUSA curriculum "Follow Me—Make Disciples".

Sign up on the "LENT" bulletin board in the Atrium or use this link: <https://bit.ly/TuesdaysTogether2024>



Lenten Resources and Practices

Lent began on Ash Wednesday. This is a 6-week period when Christians prepare for Easter through reflection, study, and service. We have prepared several resources and experiences that are appropriate for all ages as we experience Lent. Take-Home resources will be available in the atrium.

Prayer Partners

During Lent, consider strengthening your prayer life by becoming a Prayer Partner with someone in our congregation. We will pair each interested adult (18 and older) with a youth (17 & younger, including babies). Throughout Lent, you will commit to praying for each other daily. Interested? Contact susie.faas@hpcmason.org to be connected with a partner and receive a packet.



Spirituality Centers

Spirituality Prayer Centers will be set up for all ages, in our Adult Library and Fireside rooms and will be open for your use when the building is open. They provide wonderful space to pray individually, with a family member, or a partner. Plan a time to be renewed through the power of prayer.

Family Promise Fellowship, Meal and Overnight Hosts Needed

HPC's second hosting week for FPWC will begin on March 24. *Beginning with this March hosting week and going forward, we are being asked to provide Fellowship Hosts, Meal Hosts and Overnight Hosts* as we did prior to 2020. We will not need to provide any type of host for our January 28 Hosting Week.



The goal is to have 2 Fellowship Hosts and 2 Overnight hosts for the 7 consecutive nights of our hosting weeks starting in March and going forward. We also need 2 people each night to help set the table and set out the food for the evening meals.

Hosts need to be trained. HPC has 2 trainings scheduled for our volunteers on 2/17 and 2/24, each from 9am-12pm at 600 Cincinnati Avenue in Lebanon. If you wish to serve as a host in the future and cannot attend either of these trainings, you will need to attend with other church crews. Please sign up on the Mission Bulletin Board.



Community Cupboard

Please leave your donations in the grocery cart in the front hallway, not in the shed or elsewhere. We are providing only non-perishable food items and hygiene products. Do not donate anything else. Also, no glass containers.

At the present time we could use especially: Carry out plastic utensils (packs), peanut butter, crackers (any kind), cereal, hearty stews, juice and canned fruit.

We appreciate your help and support in this new mission project.



Tuesday Crafting Group

A crafting group meets every Tuesday from 10am to noon in the Fireside Room at the church. We work on our own projects as well as those we donate to local missions. This past year we, along with others who work at home, made and donated 43 afghans, 8 dish cloths, scrubbies and a pacifier holder to Family Promise.

Also 70 hats and 14 scarves were made and donated to the Deacons' Annual Coat Drive and Family Promise. Two Prayer Shawls were made and donated. Extra yarn was also donated to Ukrainian refugees in Poland.

If you like to knit or crochet or work on your own craft while enjoying friendly conversation and laughter, please join our mission group! Contact Libby McKean with questions.

Prayer Requests

Concerns::

- Bonnie Reeves—pain
- Kai Huang—surgery to remove malignant bladder tumor
- Debbie Gallina—Joan Gallina's sister-in-law—recovery from breast cancer surgery
- Doris Lawler—friend of the LeVans' - triple valve replacement
- Amy Brewer—friend of the Spaeths' - recovery from 2/12 procedure
- Bill Cole—husband of friend of Joan Gallina's—recovery from heart surgery

Continued Prayer:

- Prayers for the people of Ukraine and Russia, and for peace.
- Prayers for the people of Israel and Gaza and all victims of terrorism and war
- Transitional Leadership Team
- Norm Atkinson—Chris Atkinson's dad—hospitalized after a fall
- Sara Gerity—friend of Ty & Joyce Klein—lung cancer for the 3rd time
- Nicole Green—co-worker of Chris Atkinson's— surgery for pancreatic cancer
- Gary Hoffman—Megan Fisher's grandfather—Hospice
- Frank Huffman—friend of Sheri Miller—surgery
- Twilla & Gary Lane—friends of the LeVans—Twilla chemo for breast cancer.
- Carole Phillips—memory care at Optimized Senior Living
- Steve Ritz
- Kenny Rosenbalm—heart surgery
- Merideth Rought—healing after a car accident
- Roger Rude—health issues
- Carl Sanker—hospitalized
- Ron Trapp – Pastor Emeritus – Hospice Care

In Memoriam:

- Family of Ron Redman—Ron passed away on Monday, February 12th, 2024.
- Jamey & Sheri Focke and family—Jamey's sister, Lyn Liming passed away on Sunday, February 4th.

Intercessory Prayer: West Union Presbyterian Church

Call the church office, 398-7671, to request the prayer chain be started

Sunday, February 18, First Sunday in Lent, Communion Sunday

9:00 am: Sunday School for all ages

9:30 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: In Person Worship & Livestream Worship on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

11:30 am: Mamas & Papas

5:00 pm: Kids of the Kingdom, 'Tweens & Legacies

Monday, February 19, Presidents' Day

The Church Office is closed.

Tuesday, February 20

10:00 am: Crafting Group

6:00 pm: Tuesdays Together in Lent

7:30 pm: Mary Haven

Wednesday, February 21

6:15 pm: Choir Practice

7:30 pm: Bells Practice; Transformative Justice Team

Thursday, February 22

11:00 am: Adult Bible Study

8:15 pm: Men's Fellowship Meeting

Friday, February 23

12:00 pm: March Good News Deadline

Saturday, February 24

9:00 am: Family Promise Host Training

12:00 pm: Food with Friends

Sunday, February 25, 2nd Sunday in Lent

9:00 am: Sunday School for all ages

9:30 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: In Person Worship & Livestream Worship on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

5:00 pm: Kids of the Kingdom, 'Tweens & Legacies

Worship Leader Today: Jim Spaeth

Sanctuary Flowers Today are given by Kevin and Bev Stainton in loving memory of their grandson, Vincent Garrity

Greeters Today: Tom & Lori Ball

Birthdays: Cari Manis, Jake Clark, Katie Kinser, Nelson Kennedy

***SouperBowl of Caring — Super Donations!***

Thanks you to all who participated in this year's SouperBowl of Caring. We raised over \$1,800 and collected 1,300 pantry items. These donations will be given to our Community Cupboard and the Comet Cupboard in the Mason schools. Thanks to all who helped this mission through donating food and money, as well as those who prepared and enjoyed 'Tween chili. Our goal is always to praise God and care for our neighbor. Well done, HPC!

***Solar-Bratton April 6—8***

Do you have any interest in a family outing? There is a special mini-retreat opportunity during the weekend of the solar eclipse April 6 –8. Camp PYOCA, a lovely Presbyterian camp in Brownstown, IN

PYOCA is providing a planned retreat with activities, including viewing of the solar eclipse from April 6—8. Brownstown is located in the path of the total eclipse. Here is the link: <https://pyoca.org/programs/solarbratton.php>

If you would be interested in going as group, We can investigate the availability of cabins that we could rent as a group. If you have interest in this, please contact susie.faas@hpcmason.org

2023 Giving Statements

Your 2023 Giving Statement will be emailed to the email address attached to your profile in the HPC database, Breeze. You can also print your own statement by logging in to your personal Breeze account, click on "Profile", then "Giving". From there enter the dates 1/1—12/31 2023. If you don't have a Breeze account and wish to have one, please contact the [office](#) for an email invitation.

If you do not have an email address, please contact [Dave Sherrard](#) and ask him to mail you your statement.



Sign Up to Be a Greeter!

If you are interested in greeting on a Sunday or two, sign up on the signup sheet on the Sign Ups bulletin board in the Atrium. Families are welcome and encouraged to serve together. All you have to do is to be at the church by 9:55 am, put on your name tag, stand in the Atrium entrances and greet people as they arrive. If you have questions, call JoAnne McCaulou at 513-899-4406.



Our Daily Bread Sandwich Ministry

The Sandwich Mission Signup Page at the Our Daily Bread Website has now been extended out through June 30, 2024! We at HPC have been conducting this mission for more than 3.75 years. As of 01-08-2024, we have delivered 27,364 sandwiches or enough so that if stacked, they would be as high as a 209 story building.

2024 Pledges & Gifts

Use this link to give online: <http://bit.ly/2WjfB2m>

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Announcements

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