

Prelude

O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Sin, BWV 622 Johann Sebastian Bach

Greeting

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

\* Call to Worship

L: Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

P: Take my yoke upon you and learn from me

L: For I am gentle and lowly in heart

P: And you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

\* Hymn 166 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days ST. FLAVIAN

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession and Lenten Renewal

P: Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. With reverent and humble hearts, may we draw near to you, trusting in your grace to heal and restore us. In you may we always find our refuge and strength, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Silent Confession)

L: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation, that we may show forth your glory in the world. By the cross and passion of our Savior, bring us with all your saints to the joy of Christ's resurrection.

All: Amen.

\* Passing of the Peace

(please extend the Peace of Christ to those around)

Peace be with you. And also with you.

\* Response Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church OLD 124TH

Musical notation for the hymn 'Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church' with lyrics: E - ter-nal Lord of love, behold your Church walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent, led by your cloud by day, by night your fire, moved by your love and toward your pres-ence bent: far off yet here the goal of all de - sire.

Blessing of the Children

Following the Blessing of the Children, children 5th grade and younger may go to Room 110 for Godly Play.

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Exodus 32:7-14

Page 69 in Pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Cynthia Dobrinski

Second Lesson

Luke 13:6-9

Page 848 in Pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"One Tenacious Gardener"

Rev. Dr. Bill Lindeman

\* Hymn 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

Prayer for Growth

Lord, we would grow with you  
New shoots reaching out  
Hands stretched upward  
Like leaves newly formed  
Soaking up your light and warmth  
Lord, we would grow with you  
Lord, we would grow with you  
In sunshine and rain  
In darkness and light  
In cold days and summer days  
From Springtime to Winter  
Lord, we would grow with you  
Lord, we would grow with you  
And bring forth fruit  
That is pleasing to you  
Fed by your living water  
Giving sustenance to others  
Lord, we would grow with you

Offering

Offertory

God so Loved the World

John Stainer

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

\* Response 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Musical notation for the hymn 'Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow' with lyrics: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be-low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

\* Prayer of Dedication

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

P: 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.

Messages of our Life in Community

\* Hymn 797

We Cannot Measure How You Heal

YE BANKS AND BRAES

\* Benediction

Postlude

I Call to You, Lord Jesus Christ, BWV 639

Bach

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Welcome to FPC Findlay

We hope that you experience the power of God's presence while you are among us this morning. We are a busy congregation, seeking to find God's vision for us as we confront a changing and challenging world. There are many ways we try to be faithful to God. We invite you to join us in these ministries. See our website for more information or contact Pastor Bill Lindeman at [blindeman@findlayfpc.org](mailto:blindeman@findlayfpc.org) or Assoc. Pastor Jessie Myers at [jessie@findlayfpc.org](mailto:jessie@findlayfpc.org)

Children in Worship

Childcare is provided on the first floor in Room 110. A paging system is available. Children up to 5th grade, following the Blessing of the Children, will be escorted to Room 110 for Godly Play children's worship. They can be picked up after worship from that space. Red Worship Bags for children preschool age through 3rd grade and the White Worship Bags for 4th - 8th graders are available on the rack in the Narthex.

Please return the worship bags to the tray under the rack following worship.

## Worship Leaders

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**Interim Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Bill Lindeman

**Interim Associate Pastor:** Rev. Jessie Myers

**Director of Music:** Brent Neuenschwander

**Liturgist:** Marie Loudon-Hanes

**Greeters & Ushers:** Ellen Hugunin, Mary James, Jim & Deb Baker, and Al Holtzsch

## Worship Notes

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**The flowers for worship** are given by Mary James in loving memory of Graeme.

Friendship Pad: Members and visitors – during the Offering please sign the friendship pad and pass it down the pew for others to sign. The friendship pad is located on the seat of the pew closest to the center aisle.

\* Please stand if you are able.

**Bold** type indicates congregational response.

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## 10:45 A.M. Today

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SEMINAR.....FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us as Pastor Bill leads us in our continuing theme of forgiveness. We will embark today on a two-part video presentation entitled “The Power of Forgiveness.” Part One: “To forgive someone can be simple. But this simple act can have powerful consequences—and may lead to a personal and spiritual transformation.”

CHARACTER BUILDERS.....ROOM 210

Join us as Jim Baker lead us in a conversation about what it means to be “Faithful Disciples”? We will address the comparison between being self-sufficient and being *God-sufficient*.

## Announcements

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The Church will be closed Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> for Presidents’ Day.

**Lenten Meals and Services:** We will be holding weekly meals and worship on Wednesdays starting February 21<sup>st</sup> up to Holy Week. Dinner will be at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall with worship to follow at 6:30 pm in the Chapel. Look for more information to come!

**Lenten Devotionals:** Online at 2365.org or you can pick one up in the Narthex on your way out of worship today!

**Cabin Fever:** This Family event is free and open to the community and will be held on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm in the Great Room. Come out and join us for a fun morning of sack races, music around the campfire, marshmallow launches, graham cracker log cabins, pretzel campfires, trail mix, and many more arts, crafts, food, and games! This is

also a great way to let your kids run around and get some energy out of their system. Check out our Facebook page for more updates about the event!

### Cabin Fever Donations and Volunteer sign up!

We need volunteers and donations! On the table by the front door is a full list of needed donations and volunteer lists. Please pick one up on your way out this morning! There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for you to help donate for this event. We hope to see you there and thank you for your help!

**To celebrate Sterling Helms’** time with us at FPC and to say good bye, all are invited to a Farewell Reception at 10:30 am in Fellowship Hall following Sunday worship on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Monetary gifts are invited until February 20<sup>th</sup> in the church office. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for you to help donate for this reception.

**Kairos Book Study:** Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, Logan’s in Downtown Findlay. The Great Spiritual Migration, by Brian McLaren. Come join us for discussion and fellowship.

**Liturgical Arts Pamphlet:** We have made a pamphlet with all the liturgical art pieces and color for all the seasons. It’s located in the pew racks and we encourage you to take a moment to read them.

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## Service for the Lord’s day

FEBRUARY 18, 2018

1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

9:30 A.M. – SANCTUARY

*We are an active open community of Christians seeking to know and glorify God, nurturing all people and sharing Christ’s love and teachings.*