

Prelude
Intermezzo Joseph Rheinberger
Cantilene

Greeting
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

* Call to Worship
L: In the name of God,
**P: who created us,
and whose hands hold us and the whole world**
L: In the name of the Son
**P: who came into the world,
who reconciles us with God.**
L: In the name of the Holy Spirit
**P: who fills us with eternal life,
who links us with all Christians
and incites us to peace,
we come together to offer our thanks and praise.**

* Hymn 165 The Glory of These Forty Days ERHALT UNS, HER

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession & Lenten Renewal
**All: Faithful God, In the blazing light of your love
Our failings are illuminated;
Our failure to give,
Our failure to love,
Our failure to follow,
Our failure to serve,
Our failure to be the people
You would have us be.**

**Forgive us and renew us.
You know our nature.
Know our failings**

**Enfold us in your arms
That we might daily know
Your forgiveness and healing love.**

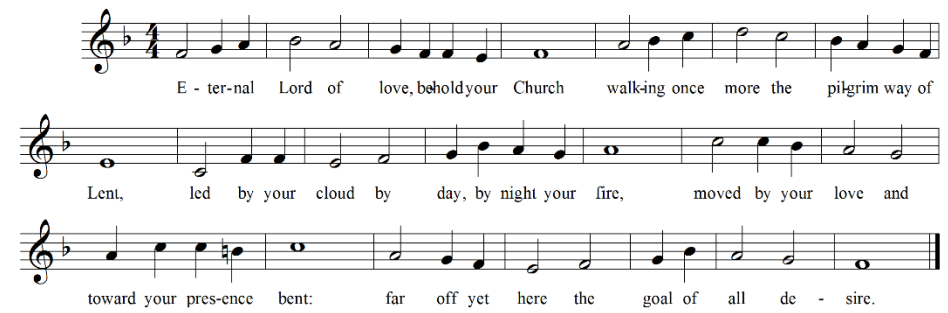
(Silent Confession)

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 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



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 Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16 Page 11 in Pew Bible
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem When I Survey the Wondrous Cross W. A. Mozart
When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the cross of Christ, my God:
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.
See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled
down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet? Or thorns compose so rich a
crown? Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a tribute far too
small; Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Second Lesson Mark 8:31-38 Page 820 in Pew Bible
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Stumbling to Margaritaville" Dr. Bill Lindeman

* Hymn 718 Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said BOURBON

A Prayer for Hope and Solidarity

L: Lord, you set your face towards Jerusalem and walked alongside those who suffer.
Be our vision that we too may walk the way of the cross and extend a hand to those we meet.
**P: Lord, give us the gladness of your help
And support us with a willing spirit.**

L: Lord, you stopped to heal the sick, cure the lame and give sight to the blind.
Be our vision that we too may give time to others and respond to their needs.

**P: Lord, give us the gladness of your help
And support us with a willing spirit.**

L: Lord, you said, "The first shall be last and the last first."
Be our vision that we too may work towards your kingdom when the exalted will be brought low and the lowly exalted.

**P: Lord, give us the gladness of your help
And support us with a willing spirit.**

L: Lord, you ate with tax collectors and sinners and heard their stories. Be our vision that we too may listen to the despised and rejected and value their lives.

**P: Lord, give us the gladness of your help
And support us with a willing spirit.**

L: Lord, you took time to pray and time to be silent.
Be our vision that through our prayers, fasting and almsgiving we too may draw closer to you and find your way.

**P: Lord, give us the gladness of your help
And support us with a willing spirit.**

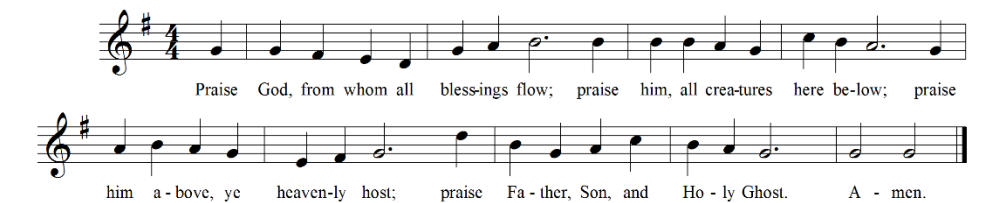
L: Lord, you entered Jerusalem with peace in your heart.
Be our vision that we too may desire peace where others desire war, and may work for justice where injustice reigns.

**P: Lord, give us the gladness of your help
And support us with a willing spirit
For you are our hope and our salvation.
Amen.**

Offering

Offertory Jesu, Grant Me This, I Pray Bob Chilcott
Jesu, grant me this, I pray, ever in thy heart to stay;
Let me evermore abide hidden in thy wounded side.
If the evil one prepare, or the world, attempting snare,
I am safe when I abide in thy heart and wounded side.
If the flesh, more dangerous still, tempt my soul to deeds of ill,
Naught I fear when I abide in thy heart and wounded side.

* Response 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH



* 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 726 Will You Come and Follow Me THE SUMMONS

* Benediction

Postlude
Rigaudon

Andre Campre

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 or Assoc. Pastor Jessie Myers at 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. If you have any questions contact Nicole Cramer at nicole@findlayfpc.org

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

Worship Leaders

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Bill Lindeman

Interim Associate Pastor: Rev. Jessie Myers

Director of Music: Brent Neuenschwander

Greeters & Ushers: Jim & Deb Baker, Pat Haley, and Susan Gray

Worship Notes

The flowers for worship are given by Pat Hottenstein in memory of Walt. 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.

We ask that you please turn all cell phones to "silent" during the worship service.

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10:45 A.M. Today

STERLING HELMS RECEPTION.....FELLOWSHIP HALL

We invite you to come and celebrate our time with Sterling as we say goodbye at his farewell Reception.

SEMINAR.....PARLOR

Join Bill as we continue with our seminar theme on forgiveness, we will watch the second part of our video entitled "The Power of Forgiveness." Part Two: Forgiveness allows us to actually let go of the pain in the memory, and if we let go of the pain in the memory, we can have the memory, but it doesn't control us. When the memory controls us, we are then puppets of the past."

CHARACTER BUILDERS.....ROOM 210

Tom Bronder will lead the discussion as we consider how this same advice speaks to us and all Christians. Is there a message for YOU here? Come and see.

Announcements

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

Lenten Meals and Services: We will be holding weekly meals and worship on Wednesdays starting February 21st 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!

Children's Choir: Upcoming rehearsals: Sundays March 4, 11, & 18 (after worship). Singing in worship: March 25th & 31st. Godly Play and the Children's Choir will be working together to create a schedule for the Children's Choir to sing in church throughout the year. The plan is to sing in church every other month with rehearsals the three Sundays prior to that week. Each child will be receiving a stole and attendance at both Godly Play and the Children's Choir will create a chance to earn the next color of stole. We look forward to having all the children of the church singing in services as often as possible!

New Member Class: Interested in learning more about becoming an official member of our community of faith and the specific ministries we have and how you can be involved? Join us on Sundays March 11th and 18th, after worship from 10:45 am - 12 pm. A light brunch and childcare are provided. RSVP to the office if you'd like to join us!

Community and Church Dinner: We invite you to join us **March 11th** in the Great Room for this event!

Artist Series: We are happy to announce that the start of the Artist Series is approaching! Our first concert will be a trombone performance by Jeff Hlutke on March 18th at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary. We hope to see you there!

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.

Associate Pastor Jessie Myers will be on vacation Tues. Feb 27th – Mon. Mar. 5th. Contact Pastor Bill Lindeman with any pastoral care needs.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Service for the Lord's day

FEBRUARY 25, 2018

2ND 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.