

Prelude

Fantasia and Fugue in C Minor, BWV 537 Johann Sebastian Bach

Greeting

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

* Call to Worship

L: We gather to worship God, for God is good.

P: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

L: We gather to worship God, for God has called us, and has given us gifts to be a faithful people.

P: **We remember that God's steadfast love endures forever.**

L: Let us now offer worthy worship to God,

P: **whose steadfast love endures forever.**

* Hymn 324 For All the Faithful Women NYLAND

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Loving and merciful God, you have searched us and known us and still you love us. We confess that we take this love and mercy for granted; we are careless with our gifts and resources, and we refuse to focus on you and your will for all creation. You call us to lead with love but we are reluctant leaders or we lead with only rules and efficiency in mind. Grant us, O God, caring hearts, attentive minds and renewed commitment to follow you and to help lead others to you.

(Silent Confession)

In your name we pray. **Amen.**

* Declaration of Forgiveness

L: ...friends believe the good news of the Gospel

P: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

* 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

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. Children will be rejoining their families for communion and the remainder of the service.

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Ezekiel 37:1-14 Page 704 in Pew Bible

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem 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, a tempting 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.

Second Lesson John 11:17-20 Page 873 in Pew Bible

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Sitting...Still" Dr. Bill Lindeman

* Hymn 727 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant THE SERVANT SONG

Honorary Presbyterian Women Membership Presentation

Offering

Offertory There Is a Green Hill Far Away Bob Chilcott

There is a green hill far away, without a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified, who died to save us all.
We may not know, we cannot tell, what pains he had to bear,
But we believe it was for us he hung and suffered there.
He died that we might be forgiven, he died to make us good,
that we might go at last to heaven, saved by his precious blood.
O dearly, has he loved, and we must love him too,
And trust in his redeeming blood and try his works to do.

* Response Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise
him a - bove, ye heav - en - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts!

P: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: **It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

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.

Hymn 529 Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether UNION SEMINARY

1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -
in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,
you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia! Here we touch your gar - ment's hem.
lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

Institution of the Sacrament

Serving of the People

Please proceed via the center aisle. Take a piece of bread and dip it in the cup. Gluten free wafers are available between the stations on the table.

Prayer After Communion

Messages of our Life in Community

* Hymn 730 I Sing a Song of the Saints of God GRAND ISLE

* Benediction

Postlude

Fugue in C Minor, BWV 549

Bach

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.

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

Liturgists: Patricia McVetty, Ellen Hugunin, Peggy Lobb, Cora Kerr, and Dana Bourne

Greeters & Ushers: Gene Kelsey, Mary James, Deb Baker, Carol Dale-Joseph and Jody O'Brien

Worship Notes

The flowers for worship are given by the Bell and Chesebro Families in remembrance of Olo Stanton Bell, Margaret McKay Bell, Hugh Stanton Bell, and Ann Lohr Bell.

The 2018 theme for Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday is *Women Called to Lead with Love*. Judy Record Fletcher writes, "When I think of women who lead with love, there are two particular characteristics they have – one is the gift of hospitality and the second is the gift of building consensus. These women serve as role models for the rest of us." Today we celebrate the women of our church who lead, in various ways, in the ministry of Findlay First Presbyterian Church.

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

SEMINAR.....FELLOWSHIP HALL
Join us as Dr. Gerald Mast, a professor at Bluffton University, will help us understand more about Amish folk. Amish 101 will be the topic of the day.

CHARACTER BUILDERS.....ROOM 210
Here we find the story of God's testing Abraham by the startling request that he sacrifice his only son, Isaac, as a burnt offering. Come join us as Cora relates the rest of the story for our discussion.

SERMON TALK BACK.....ROOM 211
Join us for discussion about today's service.

FOOD AND FAITH.....ROOM 201
Come join us for sandwiches, chips, and treats. Hope to see you there! We welcome all 6th – 12th graders to join our food and faith time once a month after worship.

Announcements

Blanket Offering: For many years Findlay FPC Presbyterian Women have partnered with Church World Service to help to provide warm blankets for those in need through the Blanket Offering. The world has certainly been plagued with hurricanes, tornados, wildfires, and floods this past year, and Church World Service has been right there distributing blankets of care and comfort. Just \$5 will purchase a blanket for someone affected by an unexpected traumatic event. Please make your check payable to the church and mark "Blanket Fund" on the memo line. Thank you.

Godly Play Children's Choir: We have our first rehearsal today after worship! Come and join us as we prepare to sing in worship for Palm Sunday and our Family Easter Service on Saturday March 31st. We will also have rehearsals on Sundays March 11th and 18th.

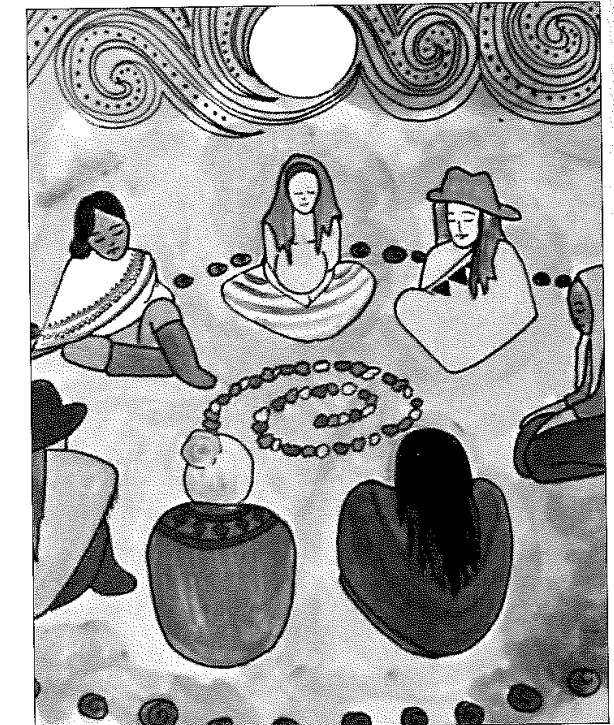
Lenten Meals and Services: We will be holding weekly meals and worship on Wednesdays starting February 21st up to Holy Week. Dinner will be at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall with worship to follow at 6:30 pm in the Chapel. Look for more information to come!

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!

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.

Music and Arts Camp: Registration is open to enroll your kids in our Music and Arts camp this summer! Camp will start Monday, June 11th and run until Friday, June 15th from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm each day with Pre-K having half days from 9:00 am – 11:30 am. Camp will end with our Concert on Friday at 11:00 am for the parents.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sisterhood, Catie Atinson

Service for the Lord's day

MARCH 4, 2018
3RD SUNDAY IN LENT
THE GIFTS OF WOMEN
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.