Worship for the Lord’s Day  
First Sunday of Lent  
February 26, 2023  
9:30 am

Prelude  
June: Barcarolle, from “The Seasons”  
Pyotr Tchaikovsky

A Barcarolle is a traditional folk song sung by Venetian gondoliers. Pieces composed as barcarolles invoke being on the water: feeling the waves…the gentle rocking of the boat…the unsettled waters in our journey.

Each of the 12 pieces in Tchaikovsky’s “The Seasons” were originally inscribed with a poem. June:

Let us go to the shore; there the waves will kiss our feet.
With mysterious sadness the stars will shine down on us.  - Aleksey Pleshcheyev

Lighting of the Christ Candle  
Shelley Jaycox

Words of Welcome  
Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

*Opening Words  
Barb Webster

One:  For forty days and forty nights,
All:  led by the Spirit, Christ fasted in the wilderness.
One:  For forty days and forty nights,
All:  we prepare ourselves to meet the crucified and risen Christ.

*Hymn 618  
O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High  
DEO GRACIAS
**Call to Confession**

One:  Friends, if you are seeking grace, this moment is for you. If you are seeking growth, this moment is for you. If you are seeking honesty, this moment is for you.

In the prayer of confession, we admit to ourselves and to God that we do not have it all figured out. And in that vulnerability, we are surrounded by God’s grace. So let us pray together.

**Prayer of Confession**

All:  Holy God, too often we treat your Word like a radio station—something we can tune in and out of when it’s convenient. Our minds are full of ads, emails, news updates, and notifications. In the midst of this clutter, we tend to gravitate toward the voices that think like us—easily ignoring the voices being silenced, easily ignoring your voice. Forgive us for failing to listen. Forgive us for getting caught in distractions. Forgive us for forgetting what your voice sounds like. Drain the distractions from our minds and help us turn once again toward you. With earnest hearts we pray, amen.

**Assurance of God’s Grace**

One:  Friends, even when we tune God out, even when we prioritize other voices, even when we do all the talking and fail to listen, we are still held by God. Our sins are forgiven. Nothing could ever separate us from God’s love. Let us speak the truth:

I am loved!

All:  I am loved!

One:  I am held in grace!

All:  I am held in grace!

One:  I belong to God.

All:  I belong to God. Amen.

*Sung Response 602  
_Holy Lamb of God_  
YA HAMALALLAH

*Sharing the Peace of Christ*

One:  As a sign of our reconciliation with God and with one another, let us share the peace with one another. The Peace of Christ be with you!

All:  And also with you!

*Sung Response 205  
_Live in Charity / Ubi Caritas_  
UBI CARITAS (Taize)

Latin (solo voice) English (all), Latin (all)

A Time with Youngest Children

Following our time together, all kids are encouraged to go with our Sunday School volunteers to Rm LL6 on the lower level for faith formation. Please pick-up your child there immediately after worship.
Prayer for Inspiration

Scripture Reading  
Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

Scripture Reading  
Matthew 4:1-11
One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon  
Seeking: who will you listen to?  
Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

Special Music  
Land of the Seeking  
Music and lyrics by Spencer LaJoye
Sanctified Arts
Maura Janton Cock, vocalist & Gregg Morton, guitar
Chorus:
Coax your quiet questionings
Speak your soft uncertainties
There is room for these
In the land of the seeking

Offering Our Gifts to God  
Invitation to Offering  
Barb
Offertory  
Ah, Holy Jesus  
Clarion Bell Choir
arr H. Dean Wagner

*Doxology  
words 607, tune 606  
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow  
OLD HUNDREDTH

Church Tidings  
Minute for 30 hour Famine  
Susan

Joys & Concerns  
Beth

God's People Pray  
One: We lift our prayers to God.
All: Lord, hear our prayers.

Lord's Prayer (using "sins")
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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us;
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 166  Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days  ST. FLAVIAN

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude  How Great Thou Art  arr. Dino

* Please rise in spirit or body
All speak emboldened type
Portions of today's liturgy written by Sanctified Arts www.sanctifiedart.org

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ACOLYTE: Shelley Jaycox
LITURGIST: Barb Webster
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Next Sunday in Worship, March 5
2nd Sunday of Lent
Communion
9:30 am

Seeking: how do we begin again?
Genesis 12:1-4a
John 3:1-17
This week at CPC:

**Sunday, February 26**
First Sunday of Lent
8:45 am — Clarion Bells warmup; Sanctuary
9:30 am — Worship
9:45 am — Sunday School; LL6
10:45 am — Adult Ed; Chapel / Hybrid
3:00 pm — 30 Hour Famine concludes

**Monday, February 27**
7:00 pm — Communications meeting; Zoom
7:00 pm — Deacon meeting; Chapel / Hybrid

**Tuesday, February 28**
9:15 am — PW Circle 1; off site
1:00 pm — PW Circle 2; Gathering Room
1:30 pm — Staff Meeting; Chapel / Hybrid
4:00 pm — Presbytery Assembly; Zoom
7:00 pm — PW Circle 3; Gathering Room
7:00 pm — A&P; Chapel / Hybrid

**Wednesday, March 1**
6:30 pm — Lenten Meditation Worship; Gathering Room/Zoom
7:00 pm — Chancel Choir Rehearsal; Sanctuary

**Thursday, March 2**
9:00 am — Thursday Morning Devotions; Chapel/Hybrid
7:00 pm — Clarion Bell Rehearsal; LL8
7:30 pm — The Amos Group; Zoom

**Friday, March 3**

**Saturday, March 4**

**Sunday, March 5**
Second Sunday of Lent
Communion
8:45 am — Chancel Choir warmup; Sanctuary
9:30 am — Worship
9:45 am — Sunday School; LL6
10:45 am — Adult Ed; Chapel / Hybrid
12:00 - 3:00 pm — Quintet rehearsal; Sanctuary
3:00 pm — Quintet Concert; Sanctuary
5:00 pm — 6-8th grade Youth Group; LL8
5:00 pm — Cubes 9-12th grades; Youth Lounge

**NURSERY CARE**
The Nursery will be staffed the first Sunday of the month (next week, March 5). Families can drop off their little ones to be cared for by our volunteers. We use a pager system in case a parent is needed. The Nursery is located across from the church office on the main floor.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**
*kids 3 yrs - 5th grade*
Kids can pick up a bulletin and coloring page from the Narthex on their way into the Sanctuary.
Following “A Time with Youngest Children,” all kids will be invited to go with our volunteers to Rm LL6 on the lower level for faith formation. Please pick up your child there immediately following worship service.
This week our focus will be on Matthew 4:1-11. This scripture passage is called the Temptation of Jesus. The kids will talk about what temptation means to them.
We will also learn about One Great Hour of Sharing and distribute fish banks and Sharing Calendars

**CPC YOUTH ON SUNDAY NIGHTS!**
Resumes 03/05
With the 30 Hour Famine finishing this afternoon, there will be no evening activities for grades 6-12.
Please donate your extra change or online donation to the 30 Hour Famine in the narthex after church or at our team page. Thank you for your support and we look forward to gathering everyone on March 5! If you would like to be connected to youth ministry, please contact Pastor Susan.
NEWS OF THE AMOS GROUP

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Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream._ Amos 5:24

Things work better with your help

When we have asked you to help us gather things for graduating seniors to be ready for college, you have responded generously – and made a huge difference to a lot of students. What else would you like to see work better to help others?

We welcome your ideas – whether or not you have the bandwidth to get involved yourself! Our next meeting is March 2 – having your input before then will help us a lot!

Please send your questions, ideas or comments to Gregg Morton.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION

10:45-11:45 am
Hybrid: Chapel or Zoom

**SEVEN WORDS LENTEN SERIES BEGINS Today 2/26**

Sunday Morning Adult Ed begins a Lenten series using Susan Robb’s Seven Words: Listening to Christ From the Cross. Each session will focus on one of the seven last words of Christ on the cross through a lens that finds life and hope in his final sayings, while exploring each from a biblical and historical perspective. Our facilitators will be different each week beginning with Betty Ann Morton. You do not need to read the book to participate in the conversation but extra copies will be available in the church office. We will meet on Sunday mornings in the chapel or online via Zoom.

THURSDAY MORNING DEVOTIONS

Thursdays, 9:00-10:30 am

Join us to read and discuss *A Lens of Love: Reading the Bible in Its World for Our World* by Jonathan L. Walton. The book is instructive in how to read and interrupt scripture.

Books are available in the church office. We are happy to provide this reading for your faith formation. If you wish to make a donation, the book is $16.

Pasta Party FUNDRAISER

Thurs., March 16 @ 5:30PM

$10 adults  $5 children under 12

Please join us as we share a meal together and then play games for all ages! We will serve spaghetti with or without meatballs & sauce, buttered pasta, salad, garlic bread, beverages & desserts! If you would like to donate a dessert item please reach out to Kristin Duy.

RSVP HERE
CHICAGO TIMELINE
Presbyterian Women March Program
March 7 12:30 Fellowship Hall

Please join Presbyterian Women in Fellowship Hall for our March program, featuring an intriguing look at Chicago history. Basing her talk on her book, Chicago: An Illustrated Timeline, lifelong Chicagoan Ellen Shubart will guide us through the highlights of the Chicago story. Ms. Shubart earned a master’s degree in historic preservation and her career spans journalism, college teaching, and management of a preservation coalition called Campaign for Sensible Growth. In retirement, she now enjoys giving tours of Chicago architecture.

Everyone in the congregation is invited to this presentation. Enjoy fellowship along with scrumptious desserts and beverages. Bring a guest!

LENTEN MEDITATIVE WORSHIP
Wednesdays
March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
7:00 - 7:30 pm
Chapel

During Lent we gather for mid-week worship. It is a time to pause, take a breath and deepen our relationship with Christ. This year we will use the spiritual practice of visio divina to engage with the scriptures through the study of art and visual images. Each Wednesday will be a precursor to the coming Sunday. Communion will be celebrated.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
FEB 26 - APRIL 9

Beginning this Sunday, fish banks will be available for anyone wanting to participate in this Lenten giving program. You can pick up a fish bank and a Sharing Calendar in the Narthex. Each day read the Sharing Calendar and reflect on the questions. You can then place a gift in your fish bank. We will collect the banks and celebrate your generosity on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.
CONCERT: MARCH 5
Quarantet Wind Quintet

The Concert Series season will conclude on Sunday, March 5, with the wind ensemble, Quarantet, featuring flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, and French horn musicians affiliated locally with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Lyric Opera Orchestra, and more. This refreshing ensemble will perform music by classical composers such as Bartok, Puccini, and Beethoven, contemporary composers Valerie Coleman and Amy Beach, as well as arrangements of popular songs from operas and movies.

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