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**March 26, 2017**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Prayer of Preparation

Lead me, O God. Be the eyes of my spirit. Be the compassion of my heart. Be the opening of my mind. Be the shepherd of my way. In Jesus Christ. Amen.

Welcome

**We Approach God**

*\*Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude

*O Welt, ich muss dich lassen, Op. 122, #3*

J. Brahms

\*Call to Worship 473

*Shepherd Me, O God*

based on Psalm 23

**Refrain: Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears, from death into life**

Liturgist: The Lord is our shepherd; we will have all that we need; we are released from fear.

**Community: The Shepherd guides us in fruitful living, giving us healing and pardon.**

Liturgist: Even though difficulties and dangers may lie ahead, we do not need to fear.

**Community: God's love and strength are as a rod and staff for us.**

Liturgist: I will give you what you need.

**Community: God will give us abundantly from God's own love.**

Liturgist: You are invited to dwell in the house of peace forever.

**Community: Surely this goodness and mercy will be with us all of our days, and we will dwell in God's loving care forever more. AMEN.**

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beyond my fears, from death into life**

Prayer of the Day and Candle Meditation

\*Song of Consolation 177                      *You Are Mine* (v. 1-2 & refrain)

Confessing Our Separation from God (read in unison)

**Healing God, we have languished in our blindness. We have chosen to hide in darkness in order to avoid reaching out and risking acceptance. We are afraid of the light, and yet we crave it. In your light, there is healing and hope, restoration and transformation. Forgive our lack of faith and our fearfulness, O Lord. Give us courage to reach out to the light and accept its healing rays. May our lives be transformed by your mercy, for we pray this in Jesus' name. AMEN.**

A Time of Silent, Personal Prayer for Peace

\*Song of Assurance 71                      *Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me* (2 times)

*Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure defense, and God will be my Savior.*

+++*Latecomers may be seated at this time.*

## **We Hear God's Word**

Mindfulness Prayer

Not for Children Only

Rev. Craig Aue

*Prayer concern cards collected in the side aisles at this time*

\*The Passing of the Peace of Christ

*Turn to your neighbor and pass the Peace of Christ*

Anthem

*The Lord Is My Shepherd*  
Chancel Choir

Allen Pote

Gospel Reading

John 9: 1 - 41

NT Pages 102-103

Sermon

**Blinded By The Light**

Rev. Craig Aue

## **We Respond To God's Word**

\*Affirmation of Faith (read in unison)

Romans 8: 38 - 39

**"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."**

Joys and Hopes of the People of God & Lord's Prayer

Congregational Response 227     *Jesus Remember Me*

*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

Offering of the Gifts of the People

*Song 13*

Rebecca Groom TeVelde

*Signing of the Friendship Registers*

\*Doxology 698

*Take, O Take Me as I am*

*Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;  
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.*

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving (read in unison)

**God, our shepherd, you provide for us in all things so that we shall not want for the things that will sustain us: food, water, air, and your love. Help us remember as we bring our gifts to your altar how easy it is to confuse ourselves about what is really needed for a full life. As you help us grow in generosity, give us a clearer vision of the things that clutter our lives that clog the streams that you send our way. Help us grow in our trusting you to guide us, and let us find the joy and satisfaction in faithfully following. We pray this in the name of your son, the good shepherd. Amen.**

## **We Follow God's Word Into the World**

\*Hymn 450

*Be Thou My Vision*

\*Benediction

\*Response 468

*In My Life* (v. 1 & 4)

**The worship flowers are given by:** Bud and Alice Williams in celebration of Alice's birthday.

**We hold in our prayers:** names available in print version

**Where is the Pastor?** Pastor Eddie and Ms. Pam are taking a few days off visiting their daughter Charlotte in Chicago from Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> through Sunday worship, March 26<sup>th</sup>. This morning we welcome Rev. Craig Aue who leads us in worship.

## Assisting in Worship

	<b>March 26</b>	<b>April 2</b>
Lector	Dan Cressman	Manny Sharpe
Ushers	<b>Chris Davis</b> Emily Davis Mary & Pres Happel	<b>Tom Kujath</b> Bill Vincnet
Greeters	Manny Sharpe	Mary & Pres Happel
Welcome Center	Sally Kirsten	
Sunday Sextons	Rick Fuller	Alvine Cooper Matt Hedgecock
Coffee Hour	Fellowship Ministry	Presbyterian Women

**Deacons Wellness Program today after worship:** Each year the Deacons present a Wellness Program, a topic of interest for all ages, which focuses on *Mind, Body, and Spirit*. We have arranged to have Lisamarie Nash, LM.T., C.L.T., speak after worship today in Knox Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome, there is no cost for this program, so please join us!!!

Ms. Nash is nationally certified in Therapeutic Massage and Lymphatic Therapy. She will explain this relaxing and non-medical method of pain relief. Come learn how massage therapy can enhance your immune system, lessen depression and anxiety, as well as improve circulation. It will be an interesting and informative event.

The Deacons will provide a light lunch before Lisamarie speaks. There will be time for questions and answers.

## Rebuilding Together Oakland County – Saturday, April 29, 2017

Rebuilding Together Oakland County

- a One-Day Project on Saturday April 29, 2017

Work on a FPC Farmington sponsored house! Register today online at

<http://rebuildingtogetheroaklandcounty.force.com>

- Complete “Volunteer Jobs”
- “City of Farmington Hills Rebuild Day 2017”

Questions? Contact House Captains:

- Tom Neal
- Dan Cressman

**Gifts of Women Sunday is April 2:** Presbyterian Women invites you to mark your calendar for a special announcement during worship and a reception in Knox Hall. An outstanding member(s) of this congregation will be honored for dedicated service above and beyond the ordinary which has made a meaningful and enduring difference to our church. Please come and congratulate the recipient(s) and enjoy punch, cake and other treats. If you would like to help with the reception or contribute food, contact Sue Carlson or sign up on the sheet on the PW bulletin board.

**Endowment Development Team:** Save the date, Monday, March 27 at 7 PM in the church library. Meet with Stephen Keizer, Vice President of Ministry Relations with the Presbyterian Foundation.

**Wednesday evening Lenten program:** Wednesday evenings during Lent (March 8 - April 5), 6 - 7:30 PM we'll enjoy a time of relationship-building over a pot luck meal followed by an activity designed for all ages. Then, for those who wish to stay, we'll explore Jesus final words through eyewitness accounts, utilizing Adam Hamilton's *Final Words from the Cross* as our guide. Drinks, bread, paper plates and utensils will be provided. You are welcome to bring a dish to pass or to make a small contribution to the donation basket. Consider bringing your plates and utensils from home as an eco-friendly alternative to paper and plastic.

**Help restock the shelves at Neighborhood House:** The shelves of Neighborhood House are nearly empty and they need our help! Neighborhood House serves Farmington/Farmington Hills residents who need assistance with food, shelter and clothing. While searching for permanent housing, many are aided by Neighborhood House in finding short term housing in hotels with a hotplate for cooking. On March 12 and 19, we will collect cleaning products: laundry soap, dish soap, and paper towels. Thanks for your consideration!

**Jump on board:** More volunteers are needed at Hillside Elementary School. Here is what some of our current volunteers have to say about their experiences:

*"I read to children in the Media Center. They are always anxious to hear what story I have for them. After we discuss what we have read. I always enjoy spending time with the children."* Joann Jenkins

*"For me it is all about spending time with the children. They are eager to meet with me each time I go. It just brightens my day."* Helen Thomas

Please contact Karen Linnell or Prill Brouillette if you are interested. Here are some openings, if your interest is piqued:

<b>Time</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Subject</b>
9:00-10:00	M,T,Th	Kindergarten	Assistance
9:15-10:15	T,W,Th,F	1 <sup>st</sup> grade	Classroom help
9:30-10:30	M-F	4 <sup>th</sup>	Math
11:00-12:05	M-F	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Math
11:15-12:15	M,T,Th,F	5 <sup>th</sup>	Classroom help+math
1:45-3:00	M,T,F	4 <sup>th</sup>	Reading
2:00-3:00	M-F	5 <sup>th</sup>	Classroom help
2:30-3:30	M-Th	1 <sup>st</sup>	Math
Any time	Any day	Media center	Shelve books

# **This Week At First Presbyterian**

## **Sunday, March 26**

- 9:00 a.m. Adult Christian Education
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:20 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 11:30 a.m. Deacons Wellness Seminar
- 4:00 p.m. Boy Scout Court of Honor
- 6:00 p.m. Little Flock Bible Study

## **Monday, March 27**

- 6:00 p.m. Piano lessons in sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Endowment Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Soul Stretch Yoga

## **Tuesday, March 28**

- 8:30 a.m. Men's breakfast at Leo's Coney Island
- 10:00 a.m. Lenten Study Group
- 7:00 p.m. Christian Education Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

## **Wednesday, March 29**

- 6:00 p.m. Lenten potluck, activities, study
- 6:30 p.m. JOY Study Group

## **Thursday, March 30**

- 10:00 a.m. ESL
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

## **Friday, March 31**

No events scheduled

## **Saturday, April 1**

- 10:00 a.m. PW set-up in Knox Hall

## **Sunday, April 2 Holy Communion & Gifts of Women Sunday**

- 9:00 a.m. Adult Christian Education
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 6:00 p.m. Little Flock Bible Study

## **First Presbyterian Staff**

Senior Pastor

Rev. Eddie Jusino

Ministers

Members of the congregation

Christian Education Director

Joshua Archey

Music Director

Dr. Gerald Custer

Organist

Shari Fiore

Administrative Assistant

Pam Williams

Sexton

Vanya Georgieva

Sunday Nursery Attendants

Dawn Johnson & Sandra Lieberman