



First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God

March 17, 2024

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

**Indicates an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit as you are able.*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

TOWER BELLS

PRELUDE

Adoration

Florence Price

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 119

With my whole heart I seek you, O Lord;

do not let me stray from your commandments.

I treasure your word in my heart,

so that I may not sin against you.

Blessed are you, O Lord, teach me your statutes.

I will meditate on your precepts;

and fix my eyes on your ways.

I will delight in your statutes;

I will not forget your word.

Come, let us worship God.

*HYMN 263 (V.1-4)

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O most immortal, invisible God of wisdom and might, all praise we do render and give honor to your great name. Yet Lord we confess that despite our understanding that you have written your love and grace upon our hearts, we too often don't take the time to read those words, much less feel their depth. Our lives are busy and we quickly take full credit for all our accomplishments. Too often we give little thought to you until disappointment, misfortune and heartbreak engulf our lives. It is then we cry out for mercy, healing, miracles. Lord, send your Spirit to keep us mindful that you are our God in good days and bad days and that we are forever and always your people. In Jesus' name we pray.

Silent prayer

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, God fully understands that we are fragile in spirit and broken in our faith. Thus God came to us in the personhood of Jesus Christ to once more remake us in God's image to be forever whole and redeemed. Hallelujah.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. Amen.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Hebrews 5:5-10

SERMON

Writing On the Heart!

Rev. Larry Van Hise

ANTHEM

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

The Chancel Choir

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life
Of Thine eternity.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Humbled by God's generosity, let us offer our gifts to God and God's ministries through Christ's church.

*Please leave your offering in the boxes at the front and rear of the sanctuary
or make your gifts online or via mail.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, you meet our needs and transform us for service. Accept these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our commitment to witness to Christ's ministry in your world. Amen.

*RESPONSE

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN 80 (V.1-3)

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Be Thou My Vision (Hymn 339)

arr. Lasky

*Please join us in Legacy Hall today after worship for our Breaking Bread Lunch,
hosted by the Mission Team and the Deacons.
All are welcome!*

*The flowers on the communion table are given in memory of Kevin Martin
by Bud and Linda Martin.*

Worship Leaders

Rev. Larry Van Hise

Gloria Snyder, Organist

Elizabeth Campbell, Chancel Choir Director

The Chancel Choir

Darcel Hayes-Bridges, Liturgist

Tech Support: Jacob Van Norman, Bill Bartlett, Rich Linnell, Pat Koefoed

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