

# First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024

10:30 am

## Gathering as God's Family

The Chimes

Words of Welcome

Prelude

*When Thou Art Near*

J.S. Bach

Call to Worship

Shout to the Lord.

**God hears us.**

Cry out to the Lord.

**God hears us.**

Say to the Lord.

**God hears us.**

Whisper to the Lord.

**God hears us all the same!**

\*Hymn 166

*Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days*

ST. FLAVIAN

Prayer of Confession

**Present and near God,**

**you always love us, yet we do not always love you.**

**Too many times we trust in our own ability and strength.**

**Too many times we ignore what you give and empower.**

**Too many times we think we are the cause of our success.**

**Too many times we fail to live as you called us to live.**

**Forgive us for our blindness.**

**Set us back on your path.**

**Quiet the loud and noisy crowds of our lives that often distract us.**

**In the name of Jesus we pray...**

*(Time for Silent Reflection and Confession)*

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News of the Gospel!

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

Congregational Response *(Remain seated)*



*\* Those who are able, please stand*

**Bolded** text invites the congregation to respond

\*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Congregational Response 581

*Gloria Patri*

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)

**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.**

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 24:3-5

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 502

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

*(Ushers will collect prayer request cards during the anthem.)*

Anthem

*Defend Me Lord (Psalm 31)*

Felix Mendelssohn

Chancel Choir

*Defend me Lord from shame, for still I trust in Thee,  
as still and righteous is Thy name from danger set me free.  
Bow down Thy gracious ear and speedy succor send,  
as Thou my steadfast rock appear to shelter and defend!*

*Since Thou, when foes oppress, my rock and fortress art,  
to guide me forth from this distress, Thy wanted help impart.  
Release me from the snare, which they have closely laid:  
Since I, O God my strength, repair to Thee alone, for aid.*

*To Thee, the God of Truth, my life, and all that's mine,  
for Thou preserv'dst me from my youth I willingly resign.  
All vain resigns I hate, of those that trust in lies,  
and still my soul, in every state, to God for succor flies.*

Time with the Children

*(After the message, children ages four through sixth grade may leave for Children's Worship Time. Parents may pick up their children in Room 203 and 207, located across the bridge, following worship.)*

Concerns of the Church

*(Persons nearest the center aisle are asked to sign and pass the Act of Friendship pad toward the outside aisle. Please keep the cover open as the pad is returned.)*

Offering of Our Gifts and Lives

*(To give online or via text message, click the "Give" tab at the top of our website.)*

Offertory

*Let Us Break Bread Together*  
Eve Sheldon, Tenor

arr. Moses Hogan

\*Congregational Response 606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

New Testament Lesson: Mark 10:46-49  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 47

Meditation

“Anyone Remember to Wash?”

Rev. Dr. Tom Kort

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O holy God,  
creator and ruler of the universe. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with  
the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever  
sing to the glory of your name...

Words of Institution

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

*(As you receive the gluten-free elements, please hold them until all have received that  
we may share in this meal together.)*

Communion Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

**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 729

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

\*Benediction

Postlude

*Postlude in D Minor*

Anton Bruckner

*Welcome to Worship at Doylestown Presbyterian Church!*  
*Whether in-person or joining us from home, we are glad that you are with us!*

**Assisting:** Rev. Becca Bateman **Lay Leader:** Van Starner

**Participating in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.** All are invited to participate in Holy Communion with us this morning. Our *Directory for Worship* reminds us "The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding." We encourage you to share in this meal of God's people with us.

The **flowers** are given today in loving memory of my dear mother, Ethel Whittaker Hutchison by Miriam Montgomery.

**In the spirit of worship,** we remind you:

- To please silence your cellphones.
- If you need to enter or exit the sanctuary during the worship service, please do so by way of the rear of the sanctuary and side aisles.
- Children are welcomed in worship. However, if your child becomes uncomfortable, feel free to use the nursery for children aged 9 months to 4.5 (just across the bridge), or the Pray-Ground (a space to watch worship while kids participate in quiet activity) in the Celtic Cross Room, located below the sanctuary. Ushers are here to assist you.

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