**March 27, 2022**

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| **4th Sunday in Lent** | **Liturgical Color: Purple** |

 

Welcome to the church we love!  As Terre Haute's first established congregation we maintain a 194-year tradition of service to God.  We pray you will encounter the Spirit in worship with us.

We encourage, but do not require, face mask wearing inside our building.

We welcome children of all ages to worship with us throughout the service.  We have placed children's activity bags in front of the railing between the back entrances to the sanctuary.

Following the Children’s Lesson we offer the Children’s Worship program for ages 4 years through first grade.  Children can exit the sanctuary with the adult leaders.

Nursery care is available downstairs at the northeast corner of the building for ages birth through three years.

Please do not hesitate to ask our ushers any questions you may have.  Again, welcome!

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**Church website: www.thcpc.org (812) 232-5049**

Prayer of the Day

*God of lost and found,*

*through Jesus Christ you call us*

*to repent and return*

*from our wandering ways.*

*Lead us safely home, O Lord,*

*so that we might be reconciled*

*to you and to one another;*

*in Jesus’ name we pray.*

Order of Worship for the Lord’s Day

God’s People Gather

Prelude  *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

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Announcements and Prayer Concerns

Choral Introit

Call to Worship

 Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord,

 all the lands!

 **People: Serve the Lord with gladness!**

 Leader: Come into God’s presence with singing!

 **People: Enter the courts of the Lord with praise!**

 Leader: Let us worship the Lord, our God.

\***Hymn #802** *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

 *(verses 1-4)* st. columbia

**God calls us to Confession and Forgiveness**

\*Call to Confession

 Leader: Jesus became incarnate to rescue sinners.

 **People: People like us, who fail to obey his will.**

 Leader: Yet when we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive.

 **People:  Let us confess freely and sincerely.**

\*Confession of Sin

 **Gracious God, we have sought you**

 **in high and holy places;**

 **and we are ill-prepared to acknowledge**

 **your presence among the lowly and poor.**

 **We believe you are profound**

 **yet we overlook your obvious truths.**

 **We are anxious about the unknown**

 **but we fail to rest our hopes in you.**

 **Turn us, incarnate Lord,**

 **by the simple wonders of your love,**

 **to a rebirth of faith, hope and joy.**

 *(Pause for silent reflection.)*

*Among baptism’s symbolic meanings is the reminder that Jesus atoned for our sins.  We pour water into the baptismal font just before the Assurance of Pardon to dramatize Jesus’ washing us clean.*

\*Assurance of Pardon

 Leader: As surely as the sun will rise a little sooner each day this time of the year,

 so we may remain confident

 that the light of God will increasingly illumine our paths.

 **People: Freed from guilt and inspired**

 **by the Spirit, we walk confidently**

 **with God and one another.**

 Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

 **All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\*Response *Gloria Patri* 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.

\***The Peace** *See John 20:19, 21, 26*

Since God has forgiven us in Christ,

let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

The Word of God

**Children’s Lesson** Mike Riggins

 *After the lesson, children ages 4 years to 1st grade may leave*

 *to attend Children’s Worship in room 200. Child care is*

 *available for younger children in the nursery (enter through*

 *room 108).*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Reading** Psalm 32:1-7

 Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,

 whose sin is covered.

 Happy are those to whom the Lord

 imputes no iniquity,

 and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

 While I kept silence, my body wasted away

 through my groaning all day long.

 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;

 my strength was dried up as

 by the heat of summer.

 Then I acknowledged my sin to you,

 and I did not hide my iniquity;

 I said, “I will confess my transgressions

 to the Lord,”

 and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

 Therefore let all who are faithful

 offer prayer to you;

 at a time of distress,

 the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

 You are a hiding place for me;

 you preserve me from trouble;

 you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

**Anthem**  *King of the Wounds* Courtney

**Scripture Reading** Luke 15:1-7

 Now all the tax collectors and sinners

 were coming near to listen to him.

 And the Pharisees and the scribes

 were grumbling and saying,

 “This fellow welcomes sinners

 and eats with them.”

 So he told them this parable:

 “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep

 and losing one of them,

 does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?

 When he has found it,

 he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices.

 And when he comes home,

 he calls together his friends and neighbors,

 saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me,

 for I have found my sheep that was lost.’

 Just so, I tell you,

 there will be more joy in heaven

 over one sinner who repents

 than over ninety-nine righteous persons

 who need no repentance.

**Sermon** *No Hiding Place* Rev. Mike Riggins

God calls us to respond to the Word

\***Hymn #440** *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*  aberystwyth

\***Response** from the Confession of 1967

 **God’s reconciling act in Jesus Christ**

 **is a mystery which the Scriptures describe**

 **in various ways.**

 **It is called the sacrifice of a lamb,**

 **a shepherd’s life given for his sheep,**

 **atonement by a priest;**

 **again it is ransom of a slave,**

 **payment of debt,**

 **vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty,**

 **and victory over the powers of evil.**

 **These are expressions of a truth**

 **which remains beyond the reach of all theory**

 **in the depths of God’s love for humanity.**

 **They reveal the gravity, cost,**

 **and sure achievement of God’s reconciling work.**

Prayers of Intercession

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.**

**Offering**

Offertory *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*  traditional tune

\*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

God’s People Go Out into the World

**\*Hymn #295**  *Go to the World!* sine nomine

**\* Benediction**

**\* Choral Response**

***\** Postlude** *Christ, We Adore Thee and Worship Thee*  Dubois

Liturgist: Alvin Stinnett

Greeter: Brad & Susan Bough

Hosts: Mary Horneker

Bus Assistant: Roger Nelson

Attendance last week: 81

 **CALENDAR**

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| Sun. | 9:30 a.m. | Sunday school for all ages |
|  | 10:30 a.m.11:00 a.m.11:30 a.m. | Worship serviceUnited Campus Ministries Fellowship time following worship service |
|  | 5:00 p.m. | Lenten Meal & Fellowship  |
| Wed. | 11:15 a.m. | Staff meeting in fellowship hall |
| Wed. | 7:30 p.m. | Bible study and Brew at Terre Haute Brewing Co. |
| Thurs. | 10:00 a.m. | Seekers & Searchers Bible study in fellowship hall |

For updated information please consult the main church calendar, which may be found online at our church website ([www.thcpc.org](http://www.thcpc.org)).


 Check us out on Facebook

Easter Flower Orders due **today**!

Easter flower orders are due by Sunday, March 27! Lilies, daffodils and tulips are available. Order forms are included in the bulletin.
Help us to make our sanctuary a blaze of color this Easter by placing your order for a beautiful plant!

Seekers & Searchers Update

The **Seekers & Searchers** bible study group will meet Thursday, March 31 at 10am in the Fellowship hall. All are invited to join as the group continues their discussion of the NT Wright film series “The New Testament You Never Knew”.
Need a copy of the study guide? Contact Ellie.

PYOCA Spring Retreat Registration Open!

The **CPC spring retreat** at PYOCA  is set for April 29-May 1. We hope all will make plans to join for a weekend of respite, fellowship and work together at this wonderful facility.
Registration forms are available in the church office or online via the weekly e-news. Contact Ellie with questions.

The 2022 Surrell Scholarship application is available now!

The **Surrell Scholarship** is a book scholarship for anyone attending college in the 2022-2023 school year who is an active member or participant in the life of Central Presbyterian. Traditional and non-traditional students are all welcome to apply. The deadline to apply is April 15th.

Apply online via the church website or contact Ellie.

Our **women’s book club** meets monthly  at 2 pm here at church. The April book is[“Three Words for Goodbye” by Hazel](https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/43943459-a-single-thread) Gaynor and Heather Webb. All are invited to join for discussion. The next meeting for the group will be Thursday, April 7.

Church Staff

Rev. Mike Riggins, Pastor
Mrs. Ellie Templeton, Christian Education Director/

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Mrs. Sarah Kelsheimer, Secretary

Dr. Mark Carlisle, Choir Director

Mr. Steve McCullough, Organist

Mr. Tim Ghogle, Youth Director

Mr. Alvin Stinnett, Caretaker & Bus Driver

Sunday Offering Counters:

3/27 – Phillip, Scott

April 3 - Leanne, Phillip
April 10 - Richard, Phil
April 17 - Scott, Leanne
April 24 - Scott, Richard

**Prayers for the Week**

**Morning**

O Christ, the King of glory,

who didst enter the holy city in meekness,

to be made perfect through the suffering of death:

give me grace, I beseech Thee, in all

my life here to take up my cross daily

and follow Thee,

that hereafter I may rejoice with Thee

in Thy heavenly kingdom;

who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit,

God, world without end.

Amen.

   -- Church of South India

**Evening**

O Lord Jesus,

help me.

Strengthen my faith and trust in You.

In You I have sealed all the treasures I have.

I am poor; You are rich,

and came to be merciful to the poor.

I am a sinner; You are upright.

With me there is an abundance of sin;

in You is the fullness of righteousness.

Therefore I will remain with You,

from whom I can receive,

but to whom I can give nothing.

Amen.

**Flowers for Easter**

It has been our custom to place plants in the chancel area in memory or in honor of our loved ones to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. Through a local florist, we can obtain any of the following:



 Lilies $11.00 per plant

 Tulips $9.00 per plant

 Daffodils $9.00 per plant

**ORDER DEADLINE: TODAY!!!**

Let’s make our worship space a blaze of color as we celebrate Easter.

**Donors:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Flowers must be paid for when ordered. Please leave orders in the church office or place in offering plate.