

The First Presbyterian Church
300 South Main Street
Greensburg, Pennsylvania
The Third Sunday in Lent – March 20, 2022 – 10 a.m.
Simulcast Service

PRELUDE

A Sacred Reflection

D. Lasky

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Lenten Proclamation

James Chepponis

Sound the trumpet in Zion! Sound the trumpet on earth! Sound the trumpet and listen. Proclaim a fast, call an assembly. Gather the nations, tell all the people: Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation. Now is the time, now is the day, Turn from your sins, return to the Lord.

HYMN 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Lord, you desire truth in our inward being; teach us wisdom in our secret heart. Send out your light, send out your truth, and let them lead us to our home. Take from us the weight of our sin, that room might be made for the spirit of truth. If we prepare a dwelling place, that spirit will abide within us, and the truth will set our spirits free. Then shall we love not only in word or in speech; then shall we love in deed and in truth, and by this know that our service is faithful. O Lord, you desire truth in our inward being; teach us wisdom in our secret heart. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Brynn Toryn daughter of Brian and Kelsey Kotun

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED (*unison*)

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.

RESPONSE—"Baptized in Water" (hymnal p. 482 1st stanza)

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King; Heirs of salvation, trusting the promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

ANTHEM

Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Thou wilt keep Him in perfect peace, whose mind, whose mind, is stayed on Thee. God is Light in Him is no darkness, in Him is no darkness at all. O let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee. For Thine is the Kingdom,

the pow'r and the glory forever and evermore. Thou wilt keep Him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee.

SECOND READING

Luke 13:1-9

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Martin R. Ankrum

HYMN 816

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

OUR JOYFUL RESPONSE - TITHES & OFFERINGS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

HYMN 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Choral Improvisation on "Cwn Rhondda"

P. Manz

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP THIS MORNING

The Rev. Dr. Martin R. Ankrum, Pastor / Head of Staff

Dr. John B. Salveson, Minister of Music / Organist

Ms. Gloria Christofano, Interim Choir Director

Ms. Kelly Doman, Guest Organist

Chancel Choir

Ms. Robin Jennings, Lector

Mrs. Missy Dalansky, Video Technician

*Music for this morning's service has been made possible, in part,
by Edgar and Joanne Highberger and by gifts to the Dr. Edgar S. Highberger Music Fund.*

FIRST NEWS: The News of FPC – March 20 - 27, 2022

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING CALLED FOR APRIL 3: Since a quorum was not achieved for the Annual Meeting in January, the Session has called for a special meeting of the congregation to confirm the actions taken then. The meeting will be held on Sunday, April 3 immediately following the end of worship.

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES: WEDNESDAYS IN LENT – 7:00 P.M. During the Wednesdays in Lent, we will gather for a thirty-minute service of prayer, meditation, music and a homily. These services will be held in the sanctuary and simulcast as well. Wednesdays, March 23, 30 and April 6.

HISTORIC CHURCH TOUR & LUNCHEON: FRIDAY, MARCH 25 Nestled amid the tall skyscrapers of downtown Pittsburgh stand the proud spires of First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh. Join us for a guided walking tour of the interior of this historic worship site on **Friday, March 25**. Vans and personal automobiles leave our church parking lot at **9:00 am sharp**. Luncheon follows at Church Brew Works, 3525 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh. Contact David McMunn for more details and to sign up for the tour. FREE.

JOHNSTOWN BUS TOUR & LUNCHEON - On May 31, 1889, the Johnstown Flood almost wiped this steel city off the map. The national emergency response plans we have today can be traced back to this event. Join us as we explore the South Fork and Johnstown Flood Museums and travel by motorcoach through the historic remains of the dam and buildings. Our tour bus will meet on **Saturday, May 21 at 8:30 a.m.** in the church parking lot. Transportation, admission fees and luncheon at *Asiago* included in \$105 per person cost. Tour returns to church by 5:00 pm. Contact David McMunn for more details and to sign up for the bus tour. COVID guidelines will be followed for everyone's safety.

Red Cross Blood Drive to benefit Lucas James - The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at the Fort Allen Elementary School Gym on Tuesday, March 29. Lucas James, a member of our congregation will be one of the beneficiaries of this blood drive. The drive will be held Tuesday, March 29 from 4 - 6:30 p.m. Visit redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: Fort Allen to schedule an appointment.

Last Tuesday Book Club: March 29 – 7 p.m. - Masters of American Horror this Month - Join the LTBC, a monthly literary discussion group that has met for twenty years at FPC, this year for something a bit new. The club will read three short stories a month, paired by Dr. Ankrum from the Oxford Book of American Short Stories. These stories are fairly easily obtained even without the book, but the procurement of the collection is a worthy investment. Please gather with us on Tuesday, March 29 at 7 p.m. in the Dining Room. This month we read masters of American Horror: Edgar Allan Poe, H.P. Lovecraft, and Stephen King. The stories to be discussed are as follows: Poe's 'The Tell-Tale Heart', Lovecraft's 'The Rats in the Wall', and King's 'The Reach'.

Thru the Bible Class Meets the Last Monday - On the last Monday of every month, Dr. Ankrum holds a progressive Bible study working our way through the entire canon of scripture. We meet at 7 p.m. in the Dining Room and discuss usually a whole book of the Bible each month. Please join us on Monday, March 28 for a discussion of two prophetic books from the Old Testament: Nahum & Habakkuk

GAMES WITH RICK

WHEN: Sunday, March 20, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

WHERE: FPC Youth Room

TODAY - FELLOWSHIP HOUR @ FPC!!!

During the recent pandemic, we curtailed the traditional coffee time that follows worship for obvious reasons. This past fall, the Deacons returned this old favorite form of church gathering and provided a new name for it: **The Fellowship Hour**. For the foreseeable future we will continue with this new tradition on the third Sunday of each month following worship. Come and join us today after the service in the dining room!



PRAYER LIST: Jane B., Ann & Jack Bagley, Carol & Nick Behun, Bill, the Bloom family, Alicia & Felipe Booher, Becky, Lisa B., Lisa Bulger, George Chambers, Sandy Cole, Edna Mary Cox, John Depretto, Lou DeRose, Chris Dieck, Joanne & Dennis Doyle, Michael Felice, Joan Gaetano, Richard Gracik, Edgar and Joanne Highberger, Gretchen Highberger, Frank Hodges, Lucas James, Lee Jamison, Jean, Nancy Jobe, Kelly, Robb Kerry, Kathy McIlhattan Kostrick, Ray Kuyat, Dan Liebold, Bill Lingis, Paige Lucas, Maralynn, Marlene, George Maser, Carol Mateer, Jeff Mateer, Chuck McNerny, Misty, Peg & Doug Newman, Joe and Nancy Pallitta, Chuck Phillips, Kathleen Piekut, Colton Reid, Sandy Ross, Ron Russell, John Salvesson, Nico & Stacey Salvio, Joan Scales, Vivian Schwing, Oliver Schultz, Gene & Liz Sember, Barbara Sill and family, Janet Sutherland, Isabelle Taylor, Amy Templeton, Colleen Triffanoff, Lynda Turin, Linda & Tom Turin, Ron Vorel, Nancy Jane Whipkey, Jay and Sue Woodward, Tom Yacko, and Marsha Zoruba.

307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

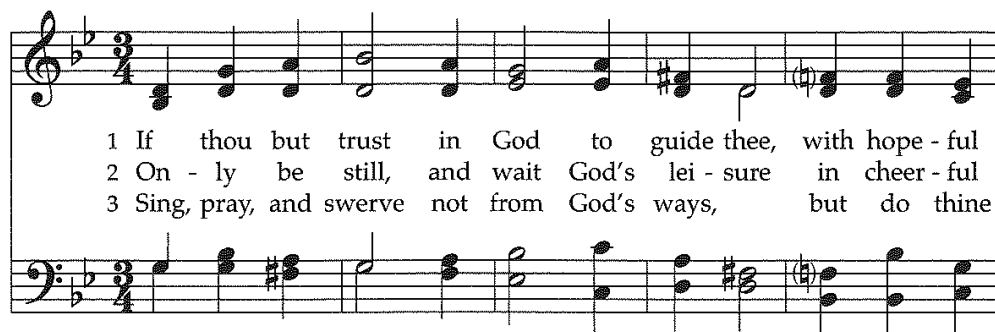
pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

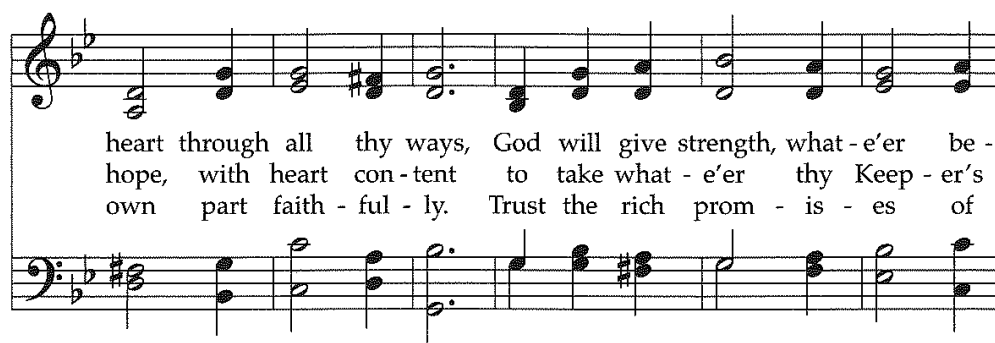
for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

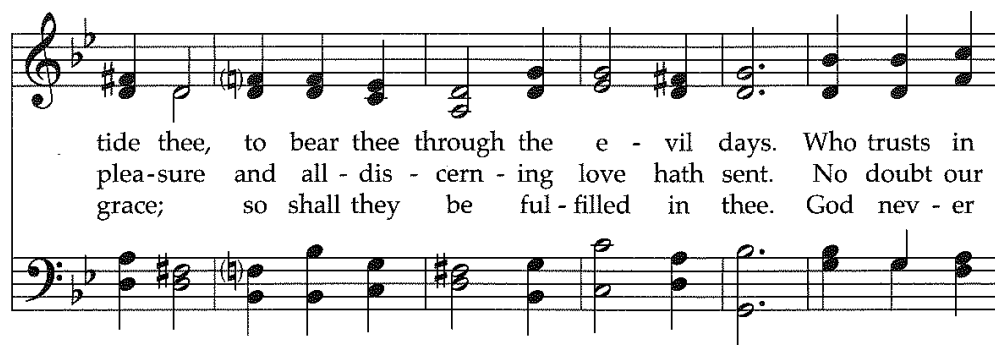
If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee 816



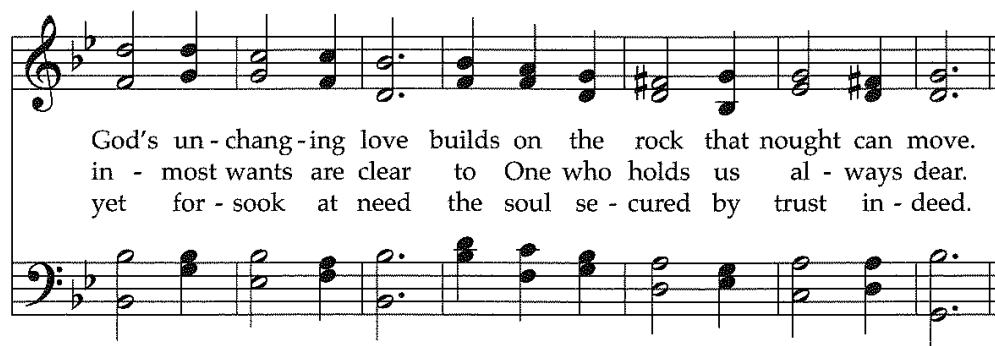
1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hope - ful
 2 On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure in cheer - ful
 3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine



heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what - e'er be -
 hope, with heart con - tent to take what - e'er thy Keep - er's
 own part faith - ful - ly. Trust the rich prom - is - es of



tide thee, to bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in
 plea - sure and all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent. No doubt our
 grace; so shall they be ful - filled in thee. God nev - er



God's un - chang - ing love builds on the rock that nought can move.
 in - most wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways dear.
 yet for - sook at need the soul se - cured by trust in - deed.

This hymn is a testimony of experience. The original seven-stanza German text (based on Psalm 55:22) and its tune were created by the author/composer at the age of twenty in thanksgiving for finding employment many weeks after being left almost penniless following a robbery.

FORGIVENESS

435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness
 2 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures

of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,
 of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal

which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's
 is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more

sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
 faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -

where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
 flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.