



WORSHIP

MARCH 3, 2024 | 10:30 A.M.



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH of
RICHARDSON

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT: THE SHAPE OF HOPE

Responding to God's love and grace, we WORSHIP with joy, NURTURE with faith, and SERVE others with love.

We Gather Around the Word

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Rosy Robson McCreary

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"Jesus Christ, Our Savior"

by J.S. Bach

Terry Metzger, Organ

See last week's ePress for some trivia about this piece

*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

Robin Smith, Liturgist
adapted from. Rev. Katie Hamilton

As we gather, we each bring with us our own regrets, sins, and shames.

We gather to worship a God who is rich in mercy!

Even though we fall short, Christ came not to condemn, but to save.

Our lives are shaped by what God has done: by grace we have been saved!

So we live as disciples of Jesus Christ, working for the transformation of the world.

Let us worship God in gratitude, in joy, and in hope!

*OPENING HYMN | "Love Divine All Loves Excelling"

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CALL TO CONFESSION and PRAYER OF CONFESSION

adapted from Rev. Amy Loving

God, we confess that we are an impatient and selfish people.

When you offer us the promise of a new future,
we complain that you don't get there fast enough.

When you provide for our needs,
we complain that it isn't enough.

And when our bad attitudes and negative outlooks cause us to stumble,
we blame you.

Holy God, forgive our sinful ways.

Teach us to be patient.

Instruct us to be grateful.

Guide us to be responsible and humble.

As we turn ourselves around and look to the cross,
let us experience your grace and your gift of new life.

In the name of Christ our Savior, we pray. Amen.

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with-in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold me with your free Spir - it. Cre-ate in me a clean
heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with-in me.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

adapted from Jan Richardson, The Painted Prayerbook

Even when we were dead, Paul writes.

Even when we turned away from the One who had created us.

Even when we lived in the grip of what drew our gaze from God.

Even when we were oblivious.

Even when we followed a path fashioned of nothing
but our own desires.

Even when we wandered far and willfully away.

**Even when we forgot to look past our own feet and to see
the wonders not of our making.**

**Even when we failed to stand in awe, to breathe thanks,
to lean into the love that had waited long for us.**

Even when, Paul writes.

Even when,

even then:

grace.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

**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.**

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The Peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

TIME FOR TINY THEOLOGIANS

Pastor Rosy

*Children of all ages are welcome to join us up front for a brief children's lesson.
Children between the ages of 0-kindergarten are then welcome to go to the nursery following the
lesson, or return to their seats.*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Eugene Akumbom

**When you're not at FPCR, how do
you like to spend your time?**

*I work with a manufacturing company,
Zobebe, here in Garland and always spend
quality time with family after work.*

What is a fun fact about you?

*I cook, I like watching movies and comedy
shows, and listening to music.*

What excites you about FPCR?

*I am pleased to join this beautiful
community of believers in Christ.*

Cindy Cortese

**When you're not at FPCR, how do
you like to spend your time?**

*Gardening, painting, travel, spending
time with friends.*

What is a fun fact about you?

*I've moved away from the Colorado
mountains because the altitude bothered me.*

What excites you about FPCR?

*It was such a warm welcome and I'm excited
that I feel so comfortable with the community.*

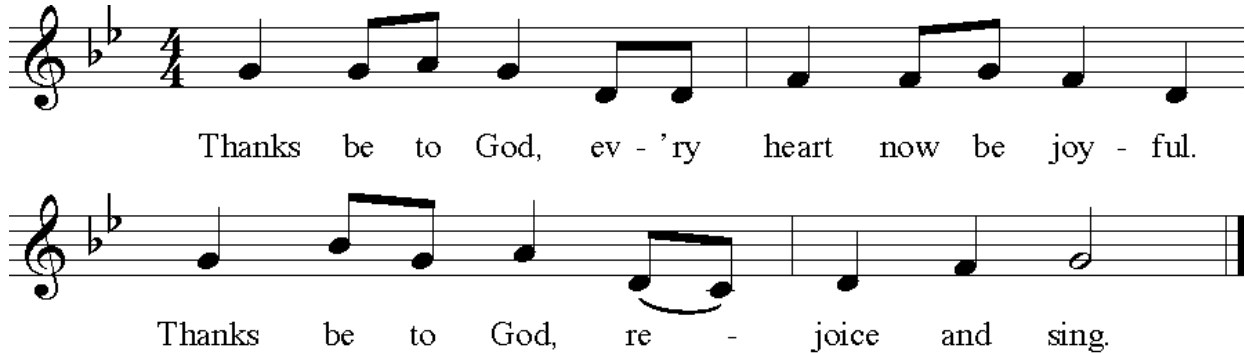
We Proclaim the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM

Psalm 107
(1-3, 17-22)

Hal H. Hopson



*Give thanks to God, Who all goodness has brought us;
God whose great love shall redeem us forever;
From earth's wide corners God's mercy has sought us;
May God's redemption depart from us never.*

*Hear when we call from amid desolation
Starving for life, yet more frightened of living;
When you O Lord, offer true consolation,
Let us respond with a song of thanksgiving.*

*Hear us the pris'ners of sin and affliction,
Fast bound in shackles of doubt and misgiving;
When you, O Lord, offer strength to conviction
Let us respond with a song of thanksgiving.*

*Hear when the earth in its rage would destroy us;
Wind and the sea steal our passion for living.
When quiet shelter and love you provide us,
Let us respond with a song of thanksgiving.*

GOSPEL READING

John 13:14-21

NRSV N.T. Pgs. 107-108

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 2:1-10

NRSV N.T. Pg. 192

The grass withers, the flower fades.
The Word of our God will stand forever.

SERMON

Rev. Rosy Robson McCreary

SILENT REFLECTION | *Imagining a Hopeful Future*

CALL FOR OFFERING

There are just a few weeks left to share your insights by responding to the congregational survey questions. These survey questions are part of the final phase of FPCR's mission study. Completion of the mission study is the next required step in our pastoral search process.

OFFERTORY

"Lord, Is It I"
from Song of the Shadows
The Sanctuary Choir, Amanda Hollis, Director
Terry Metzger, Piano

by Joseph M Martin

*DOXOLOGY | "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

We Celebrate the Joyful Feast

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | *Responsively*

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.

In a wild whisper, you spoke to chaos...

HYMN OF EXALTATION | "Holy, Holy, Holy"

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...we lift our praises to you now and forever:

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER | *Unison*

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

This is an open and welcoming table. All are invited.

ANTHEM

"The Lord's Prayer"
Max Bitner, Baritone

by Michael Head

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We Are Sent Out to Bear the Word in the World

*SENDING HYMN | "I Want to Walk as a Child of Light"

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*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Gigue"
Terry Metzger, Organ

by George Frideric Handel



Maundy Thursday Dinners for 8

Thursday, March 28 / 6:30 pm

Break bread, pray, and fellowship with other
FPCR friends on **Thursday, March 28.**

Hosts will provide a main dish, and others are
invited to bring a side or dessert to share.

Fill out a form in the Narthex!



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Week at a Glance:

Sunday, March 3

Nursery: 9:00 am - 11:30 am, CE Building
Children's Sunday School: 9:00 am, CE Building
Coffee Class: 9:00 am, Room A111
Present Word: 9:00 am, Room A109
Worship: 10:30 am, In-person and Online
Grace Community Presbyterian Fellowship: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, Chapel, A111, A109
United Fellowship Bible Church: 3-5:00 pm, Chapel

Monday, March 4

P.E.O. Chorus Rehearsal: 1-3:00 pm, Library
Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 5-10:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 5

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group: 6:30 am, Phone
Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 10:00 am, Library
Pastor's Bible Study: 4-5:00 pm, Zoom

Wednesday, March 6

Sometimers: 8:00 am
Women's Circle: 9:30 am, Room A109
Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 5-10:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
Handbell Rehearsal: 5:45-7:15 pm
Choir Rehearsal: 7:30-9:00 pm

Thursday, March 7

Tai Chi: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
Art Therapy: 10:00 am, Room A109

Friday, March 8

Movie Night: 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, March 9

UDCC Layettes for Parkland: 10:00 am, Fellowship Hall
Taiwanese Ministry Bible Study: 10:30 am - 12:00 pm, Library
United Fellowship Bible Church: 4:30-8:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 10 - Daylight Savings Time Begins

Nursery: 9:00 am - 11:30 am, CE Building
Children's Sunday School: 9:00 am, CE Building
Coffee Class: 9:00 am, Room A111
Present Word: 9:00 am, Room A109
Worship: 10:30 am, In-person and Online
Grace Community Presbyterian Fellowship: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, Chapel, A111, A109
United Fellowship Bible Church: 3-5:00 pm, Chapel

Good Friday Gathering

Friday, March 29 | 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

FPCR will host children in kindergarten through sixth grade for fellowship, fun, stories, and music about Holy Week and Easter on **Good Friday, March 29**. Snacks and lunch will be provided!

SCAN HERE TO RSVP



Easter Flower Dedications

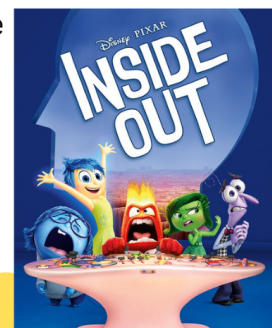
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DEDICATE FLOWERS TO A LOVED ONE FOR EASTER, PLEASE FILL OUT A DEDICATION CARD AND TURN IT IN TO AN USHER.
DUE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20.



Movie Night

Friday, March 8 | 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

All are invited to join us for movie night, featuring "Inside Out," a movie that follows a young girl's emotional journey through her personified feelings, teaching the importance of emotional growth.



Present Word

SUNDAYS | 9:00 AM | ROOM A109

Join us in the Spring Quarter as we explore Bible passages about the fullness of faith as a response to God's desire to be in relationship with us.



The Shape of Our Lives

Lent 2024

Lenten Activities

Friday, March 8

Movie Night: *Inside Out*

6:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 29

Good Friday Children's Gathering

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Meditation Stations

Throughout the season of Lent, we invite you to visit the 15 Meditation Stations placed around the church. Each station has a meditation or lesson, and offers scripture resources.

Easter Flower Dedications

Use the link in the ePress or fill out a card in the narthex to purchase flowers for the sanctuary in honor or in memory of loved ones.

Join us this Lenten season as we explore what gives shape to our lives through our faith journeys. We'll explore "shapes" like hope, feelings, and words on Sunday mornings in worship- and then we'll try to experience those "shapes" with other special activities throughout the week.

Special Services

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday

10:30 AM | Sanctuary

Thursday, March 28

Maundy Thursday:

The Shape of Service

Dinners for 8 | 6:30 PM

(Sign-ups to Follow)

Friday, March 29

**Good Friday: A Service of
Shadows and Songs**

6:00 PM | Sanctuary

Sunday, March 31

**Easter Sunday: Shaped by
Resurrection Promise**

8:00 AM | Outdoors

10:30 AM | Sanctuary