

# Firelands Presbyterian Church

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Christ and the Pauper  
Mironov, Andreï (Andreï Nikolaevich), 1975-

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Welcome to Firelands Church, a community of believers gathered by the Holy Spirit, growing together in Christ, and committed to serving God. Everyone is encouraged to stay for fellowship following the worship service.

## The Order Of The Liturgy

\*Those who are able are invited to stand.

Prelude

*Air Dublinesque*

Joel

*The Londonderry Air*

arr. Bober

\*Call to Worship: Micah 6: 6,8 (*responsively*)

With what shall we come before the Holy One,  
And bow ourselves before God on high?

**God has shown us what is good.**

What does the Holy One require of us,

**But to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with our God?**

\*Prayer of Invocation: God of the covenant, in the glory of the cross your Son embraced the power of death and broke its hold over your people. In this time of repentance, draw all people to yourself, that we who confess Jesus as Lord, may put aside the deeds of death, and accept the life of your kingdom. Amen.

\*Hymn 637

*O Sing to the Lord (1, 2, 4)*

Call to Confession:

Have mercy, Christ, have mercy on all that trust in Thee, for You are God in glory to all eternity.

Prayer of Confession *(together)*:

**We pour out our hearts to You O God. You alone are our refuge and our strength. Waves of doubt beat against us, weakening our faith when we are sick, or tired, or unsuccessful. Tremors of discord shake our foundation when we argue, ignore or offend one another. The winds of temptation drive us from our right and proper course as people of virtue; as people of holiness. Still the storms that disturb our souls, Lord Jesus. Provide for us, gentle Holy Spirit, a haven of hope for our troubled and distracted spirits. Restore our joy as we learn to trust again in Your love for us, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Pardon

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. *(John 10:27, 28)* In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

Glory to God - Hymn 581 *(together)*

***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.***

Prayer of Illumination *(together)*

**Holy Spirit, pour out upon us wisdom and understanding, that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to receive all that leads to life and holiness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

First Lesson: I Samuel 16: 1 - 13

Psalm 23 *(together)*

**1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

**2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

**3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

**4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

**5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

**6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

The Gospel: John 9: 1 - 41

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: There Are None So Blind as Those Who Will Not See

John Heywood

\*Affirmation of Faith:

**In life and in death, we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

\*Hymn 450

*Be Thou My Vision*

Presentation of Our Gifts, Offerings, and Thanksgiving

Doxology - Hymn 708 (*vs 1, together*)

*We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.*

Prayers of the Church and 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Communion Invitation

Hear the words of the institution of the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ:

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes. With thanksgiving, let us offer God our grateful praise.

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.**

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

Communion Meditation

*Be Thou My Vision*

arr. Kingsmore

Prayer after Communion

\*Hymn 307

*God of Grace and God of Glory (vs 1, 3, 4)*

\*Charge and Benediction

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the suffering;

honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

\*Benediction Response *(together)* *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*                      Strathdee

*The Lord bless and keep you, the Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious, gracious. Shalom. Shalom. Shalom.*

\*Postlude    *An Irish Blessing*    arr. Gerlitz



## Prayer Concerns

Connie Brand, Rob & Cindy Constien, Garrett Holcomb, Bill & Pat Sharp, Former Pastor Mark & Jill Cooper, Karla Hoffman, Fiona & Eric Pott, Karen Dietz, Mason Fenton & Anne Trombatore, Linda Holcomb's sisters, Lois & Carol.

## Holy Week Worship

Palm Sunday, March 29th at 10:30 pm here at Firelands

Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 4:00 pm here at Firelands

Good Friday, April 3 at 7:00 pm at Trinity United Methodist Church

Easter morning! April 5 at 10:30 am here at Firelands

## This Week at Firelands

<b>Today 3/15</b> 4th Sunday in Lent	9:30 AM ADULT Sunday School 10:30 Worship followed by Fellowship. Assisting in worship are Don Dewald (reader), and Dave and Janet Moore (Communion servers)
<b>Monday</b>	10:00am - 1:00pm    Sewing Group
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00am - 2:00pm    Office Hours
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00am - 2:00pm    Office Hours 10:30pm - 11:30pm    Lenten Study: The Psalms
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00am - 2:00pm    Office Hours      Cleaning Service 2:00pm    The Chosen - study & fellowship
<b>Friday</b>	8:00am - 9:30am      Men's Group 5:00pm - 8:00pm      Friday Family Dinner at the Orchard Bar & Grill
<b>Next Sunday</b> <b>3/22</b> 5th Sunday in Lent	9:30 AM ADULT Sunday School 10:30 Worship followed by Fellowship. Scheduled to assist in worship are Janet Gray-Moore (reader), and Karen Dietz and Marilyn Umlauf (Communion servers)