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Worship

March 3, 2023
Monteith Hall

PC(USA) Presbyterian Women Celebrate the
GIFTS of WOMEN SUNDAY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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WELCOME

We're glad you're here!

This service is designed to explore creative expressions of worship while being a bit more participatory, responsive, and intergenerational. As you worship, feel free to move around, explore the sensory table with art supplies, speak with others, or keep to yourself. We all worship a little bit differently, but together we affirm that our differences are sacred and precious to God. Whether you choose to dance in the middle of the room or embrace silence in the back row, we are so glad that you are here.

Ways to Give

Your gift allows us to carry out our mission as an inclusive and diverse faith community.

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WORSHIP

THIRD SUNDAY in LENT

March 3, 2024 • 11:15 AM

** When this symbol precedes an element of the service,
please rise in body or spirit.*

PC(USA) Presbyterian Women
Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

WELCOME & CENTERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Side A: *I will sing to the Lord, for the Holy one has triumphed gloriously.*

Side B: The Lord is my strength and my might. The Holy one has become my salvation.

Side A: *This is my God, and I will praise her, my mother's God, and I will exalt her.*

Side B: Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods?

Side A: *Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders?*

Side B: The Lord will reign forever and ever. Sing to the Lord,

All: For the Holy One has triumphed gloriously.

*OPENING HYMN 401 "Here in This Place"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: O mighty God, who created us in your image, we confess to pressuring ourselves to be all things to all people.

All: Have mercy on us.

One: O wise God, who created the Sabbath for us, we confess to busying ourselves and others to fulfill every tenet of a metaphorical woman.

All: Have mercy on us, O God.

One: Merciful God, who created guides for us, we confess that we have forced ourselves and others to measure ourselves against

impossible standards.

All: Forgive us, O God.

One: Restful God, who offers your light yoke, we confess to perpetuating tropes of individual strength and radical self-sufficiency.

All: In your mercy, O God, forgive us.

One: You have modeled rest for us.

All: Help us to embrace it.

One: You have shown us truth

All: Help us to live it. Amen.

Silence is kept.

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ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PASSING OF THE PEACE As you pass the peace, you are invited to share an answer to the question: Who is a woman who has helped shape your faith in a significant way?

BIBLE PRESENTATION Evie Veld Gerety
Marlo Mae Polikoff

Are we willing to renew our baptismal promise?

We renew our baptismal promise to children and their families to tell them of God's love for them, to help them know all that Christ teaches us, and to strengthen their family ties with the household of God, by our fellowship together.

Please join in prayer.

Blessed be your name, God of Love, for the ways you have shown us your love—in our lives, in the lives we encounter, and in the stories we claim.

Renew within us a commitment to your story of grace, mercy, and love. Through these stories and our study of them, may

**we trust your wisdom, and have courage,
to seek justice and claim the story of hope,
so that others might see the depth of your
love. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR
ILLUMINATION #466

"Come and Fill Our Hearts"

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace,
You alone O Lord are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace,
You alone O Lord are holy.**

SCRIPTURE READING Proverbs 31:10-31

SERMON Peggy Hodgson

RESPONSE

LITANY OF GRATITUDE AND CELEBRATION

One: For the gifts of women throughout the ages,

All: We give thanks.

One: For the ways that they have shown up from
Shiphrah and Puah to Miriam and Hagar, from
Deborah and Jael to Ruth and Rahab, to Vashti
and Esther,

All: We remember you.

One: For their courage and strength, resistance and
rest, wisdom and subversiveness,

All: We celebrate you.

One: For Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah and Tirzah, we
recognize your groundbreaking advocacy,

All: We give thanks for you.

One: For Mary, the mother of Jesus, and Elisabeth,
her cousin,

All: We see your brave faith.

One: For Jephthah's daughter and the Benjamite's
concubine, for Leah and Peninnah and all
the women who have been reduced to their
reproductive abilities,

**All: We give thanks and honor, for you are so
much more than that.**

One: For Mary Magdalene, Martha, Mary, Joanna,

Susanna, Rhoda, Dorcas, Tabitha, and the countless unnamed women of the sacred texts,

All: We center you from the margins and celebrate you.

One: For mothers, aunts, wives, daughters, sisters; for all the women- in every walk of life, throughout all space and time,

All: We give thanks. We remember you. We celebrate you. We honor you. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER Meg Brown, Presbyterian Women Moderator and Rev. Hannah Lundberg

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God [...] Therefore, trusting in your goodness, trusting in your grace, we lift our voices with all the saints and angels, as we forever sing the praise of your glory ...



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, _____
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. _____ Ho -

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
san - na in the high - est. _____ Ho - san - na in the high - est.

... May we be united by grace as we share this meal, and pray the words you taught us to pray:

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.

SERVING THE FEAST

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

CLOSING HYMN 324 "For all the Faithful Women"

*BENEDICTION Go into the world, liberated ones. Remember God has liberated us from over-producing. Remember the gift of Sabbath. Embrace your gifts, knowing that you are enough. Therefore, we go out in peace, **to love, to serve, to imagine.**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY



THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGES

1. Every time you see your reflection in a mirror this week, pause to remember that you are wonderfully made in the image of God, just as you are, imperfections and all.
2. Express your thanks to a woman who has made a difference in your life.
3. Re-read your favorite Bible story about a woman—someone in this room may have a suggestion for you if you can't think of a favorite!



*Thank you for helping to re-set the chairs in
six rows of six chairs on each side of the middle aisle.*



BIBLE PRESENTATION

9:30 Service

Georgia Becker Carlisle
Byron Gudritz
Meris Charlotte Hoskins
Finlay Hyers
Priscilla Marion Leigh Musser
Eloise Peters
Silvia Astrid Robles-Breneman

Clare Avery Tharp
Alice S. Vercler
Calvin John David Yntema
Samuel Michael Zink

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Evie Veld Gerety
Marlo Mae Polikoff

The Season of Lent

THIRSTING for JUSTICE

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sundays, February 18 - March 24
8:30 a.m. | Monteith Hall
9:30 a.m. | Sanctuary & Livestream
11:15 a.m. | Monteith Hall

Join us throughout Lent for a time of prayer and self-examination in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter.

LENTEN HOME WORSHIP

Tuesdays, February 20 - March 19
6:00 p.m.

Please join us for a time of fellowship, a simple meal and a brief worship service in members' homes. Limited to 25 people per gathering. Sign up online at firstpresbyterian.org

LENTEN EMAIL DEVOTIONAL

Begin each day with a Lenten devotion written by church members and staff. To receive the email devotion, contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers at mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

LENTEN WEEKLY WALKS

As part of our communal Lenten journey, we will take weekly walks along the scenic trails in our community. All ages and stages of life are welcome. A pastoral liaison will guide the group. The day, location, and time are posted on our website. Sign up at firstpresbyterian.org.

ALPHA HOUSE WEEK OF CARING

March 18-24

During the week of March 18, volunteer to support guests of Alpha House, a shelter for children and parents. To volunteer, visit firstpresbyterian.org.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Sundays, March 24 & 31

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors in need by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. To give, visit firstpresbyterian.org.