

THIS WEEK, IN OUR PRAYERS:

- * **for the church at work:** in the presbyteries of – Boston; Charlotte; Mid-Kentucky; South Louisiana; E. Tennessee; Philadelphia
- * **for the church:** Central (Chambersburg); Rev. Scott Bowerman
- * **for the community:** Claremont Home Chaplaincy
- * **for the congregation** (at random): Rich Pitzer, Beth & Abbey Whitman-Pitzer

THIS WEEK, IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH:

- ~ **Monday:** Presidents' Day
- ~ **Tuesday, 7 PM:** Session
- ~ **Wednesday, 7 PM:** Choir rehearsal
- ~ **Thursday, 7:30 AM:** Men's Breakfast (Walnut Bottom Diner)
- ~ **Saturday, 9 AM:** Carlisle Presbytery meeting (Paxton, Hbg.)

NEXT SUNDAY——Last Sunday after Epiphany——Feb. 23rd

- **9:15 AM:** Prayer, in the sanctuary
- **9:30 AM:** Education hour
- **10:45 AM:** Worship; Scripture, Matthew 5:38-48
- **After worship:** Fellowship Time

ASH WEDNESDAY – February 26th. You are invited to a worship service in the sanctuary at **6 PM**. Ashes will be available for those who desire them.

THE WEDNESDAY NOONTIME LENTEN CONCERT & SOUP LUNCHEON SERIES begins on **March 4**, and continues until **April 1**. Your help is needed to make these events successful! So, please mark your calendars to attend, and use the sign-up sheet posted in Fellowship Hall to volunteer today. *Thank you!*

ACTIVE SHOOTER / ACTIVE INTRUDER INFO SESSION.

On Thursday, March 12, at 6:30 PM, in Fellowship Hall, we will host a one-hour presentation by the PA State Police. All First Church adults, as well as adults from nearby congregations, are invited to attend. Trooper Kelly Smith will give a presentation and then lead a discussion on preparing a plan to deal with potential violence in our church.



Members of the Congregation, Ministers
The Rev. Anthony D. Lorenz, Pastor
The Rev. Jon A. Black, Pastor Emeritus
Debby Madden, Educator Emerita
Arthur Thompson, Organist
Susan Shuey, Choir Director
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First Presbyterian Church

On the Square
Carlisle, Pennsylvania

Order for Worship

The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 16, 2020

10:45 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDES

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing Hopson
Partita on Westminster Abbey Powell/Jonson

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
(Please sign and pass the pew registration pads.)

The Snow of Yesterday from “Requiem”
Jenkins

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to the Lord a new song;

sing to the Lord, all the earth.

The choice is before us: life or death.

Let us choose life, so that we may live.

* HYMN #466 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

LARGE PRINT, YOUTH BULLETINS &
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP FOLDERS
ARE AVAILABLE. AN USHER CAN ASSIST YOU.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us our sins, O Lord.
Forgive us the sins of our youth
and the sins of our age,
the sins of our soul
and the sins of our body,
our secret and our whispering sins,
our presumptuous and our careless sins,
the sins we have done to please ourselves,
and the sins we have done to please others.
Forgive us the sins that we know,
and the sins that we know not;
forgive them, O Lord,
forgive them all because of
your great goodness and love.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN**
(silent confession . . .)

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* RESPONSE #579 “Glory Be to the Father”

* PASSING THE PEACE

Just as God has forgiven us in Christ Jesus,
let us also forgive one another and offer signs
of peace and reconciliation.
The peace of Christ be with you,
and also with you.
(Extend a word of peace with one another . . .)

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world,
your good news is for all people.
In this day’s reading and proclamation,
tune our ears to hear your life-giving Word.**

**Open our hearts to receive your blessing,
that we may bear your light in our lives,
giving witness to your glory and strength. AMEN**

FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (O.T., p. 156)
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR ANTHEM “Order My Steps in Your Word” Burleigh

SECOND LESSON I Corinthians 3:1-11 (N.T., p. 167)
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Tending Our Garden” Rev. Lorenz

* HYMN #416 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

* THE APOSTLES’ CREED (Traditional) (Blue hymnal, p. 14)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER
(Blue hymnal, p. 16)

GIVING THANKS

OFFERING OURSELVES
Offertory *The Gift of Love* Carter

* RESPONSE #592 “Praise God”

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Almighty and most merciful God,
from you comes every good and perfect gift.
We give you praise and thanks for all your mercies.
Your goodness has created us,
your bounty has sustained us,
your discipline has chastened us,
your patience has borne with us,
your love has redeemed us.
Give us a heart to love and serve you,
and enable us to show our thankfulness
for all your goodness and mercy**

**by giving up ourselves to your service,
and cheerfully submitting in all things
to your blessed will;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. AMEN**

SENDING

* HYMN *(insert)* “We Have Heard the Joyful Sound”

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

* RESPONSE #587 “Amen”

* POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune* Lau

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**BOLD** indicates ALL read  
\* indicates please stand if able



*TODAY’S FLOWERS* are presented by the Kretzing Family to the glory of God and in loving memory of all those First Presbyterian members we have lost.

*AFTER WORSHIP*, please come to Fellowship Hall for conversation and light refreshments.

*AFTER WORSHIP*, the Prayer Community meets.

*SERVING TODAY:*  
Reader: Earl Zimmerman  
Ushers: Bruce & Kathy Mulvey; Rick Line; Dick Darr  
Counters: Ron & Deb Richcreek; Mary Jane Blosser  
Fellowship Hosts: Weiser Family  
Flowers: Megan Crum (chair) & Katie Crum  
Service Recorder: Ray Thomas  
Sunday School Teachers: Barb Crum; Lynne Hofferica;  
Pastor Tony