

SENDING

* HYMN #83 – “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”

* BENEDICTION

* CLOSING RESPONSE #256 (G) (*refrain*) – “Bless the Lord, My Soul”
**“Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.”**

* POSTLUDE *Bachiana* Young

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* indicates please stand, if able

BOLD indicates ALL read

(G) indicates use green songbook, “Sing! a new song”



WE BID ALL who have come to worship a warm welcome in the name of Jesus Christ! If you do not have a church home, we invite you to become part of this community of faith and learn about what it means to follow Jesus Christ. Find more info at: www.firstprescarlisle.org.

~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

TODAY, after worship, please come to Fellowship Hall for a time of conversation & light refreshments. **We will celebrate March birthdays!**
(NOTE: There is NO Prayer Community meeting today.)

TODAY, serving in worship:

Reader: Ray Thomas

Greeters/Ushers: Dan & Bonnie Deardorff; Kari Kornish

Fellowship Hosts: Parish Life Committee

Video Recorder: Joe Shane

Audio Recorder: Ray Thomas

THANKS TO: Avis Allen, Mike Miller, Karen Reinard & Lori Shover for singing with the choir this morning.

THIS WEEK, in our prayers:

* in the presbytery: Duncannon; Cece Novinger, speaker

* in the community: Otterbein United Methodist (Forge Rd.)

* in the congregation (at random): Nancy Jacoby; Danese Minnich

THIS WEEK, in the life of the church:

- Tuesday, 7 PM: Session meeting

- Wednesday, Noon: 2nd Lenten Concert (Russell Ward, piano) & Luncheon

- Wednesday, 7 PM: Choir rehearsal

- Thursday, 8 AM: Men’s Breakfast (Sunnyside Restaurant, N. Hanover St.)

- Thursday, 5:30 PM: “Dining with the Deacons” (details follow)

NEXT SUNDAY.....THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT.....MARCH 23rd

> **9:15 AM:** Prayer, sanctuary

> **9:30 AM:** Sunday school

> **10:45 AM:** Worship; Sermon, “I AM the Sheep Gate” (John 10:1-10)

> **After worship:** Fellowship time

“DINING WITH THE DEACONS” – Monthly Fellowship Meal.

WHEN: Thursday, March 20, 5:30 PM

WHERE: Three Pines Tavern/Restaurant, Mt. Holly Springs

WHAT ELSE: Please sign up today to help our Deacons plan.

POC: Deacon Kathy Mulvey



WEDNESDAYS, AT NOON, Lenten Concert & Luncheon Series.

Our second concert’s musician (Mar. 19) is Russell Ward, piano. Please remain after a 30-minute concert for a soup luncheon (suggested \$5 donation; all proceeds to Project SHARE). Helpers are still needed! Please sign up today, and INVITE A FRIEND!

Text of Today’s Anthem – “My Song in the Night”

O Jesus my Savior, my song in the night,
Come to us with Thy tender love, my soul’s delight.
Unto Thee, O Lord, in affliction I call,
My comfort by day and my song in the night.
O why should I wander, a stranger from Thee,
Or cry in the desert, Thy face to see?
My comfort and joy, my soul’s delight,
O Jesus my Savior, my song in the night.

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Members of the Congregation, Ministers

The Rev. Anthony D. Lorenz, Pastor

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March 16, 2025

10:45 a.m.

The Second Sunday in Lent

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING

PRELUDES

Deo Gracias

Puer nobis

Martyrum Chorus

Young

Schelat

Uehlein

(The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**)

~ GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

St. Columba

Callahan

* CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 119, selected)

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

**Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord,
and teach me your ordinances.**

Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.

**I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever,
to the end.**

* HYMN #474 – “O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Let us pray.

**Holy God, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you
and against one another,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.**

**We have belittled your love,
and betrayed your trust.**

**We are sorry, we are ashamed,
we repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past,
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.**

(silent confession . . .) AMEN

Friends, believe the Good News. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! AMEN

* RESPONSE #579 – “Gloria Patri”

* 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 FOR ILLUMINATION

**God of signs and wonders,
we come to your word again and again,
seeking understanding and the new life it offers.**

By the power of your Holy Spirit,

illumine our hearts and minds

so that we may believe this testimony

and have eternal life.

In the name of Jesus Christ,

our Lord and Savior, we pray. AMEN

FIRST LESSON

I Samuel 16:1-13

(O.T., p. 259)

(The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God!**)

CHOIR ANTHEM

“My Song in the Night”

Hagenberg

This anthem was presented by Lynda Mann

in loving memory of her husband, Keith.

(NOTE: The text of today’s anthem is on the back page.)

SECOND LESSON

John 8:12-20

(N.T., p. 101)

(The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God!**)

SERMON

“I AM the Light of the World”

Rev. Lorenz

* HYMN (*insert*) – “Light of Light, Enlighten Me”

* NICENE CREED (Traditional)

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen;**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory to judge
both the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. AMEN**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

(p. 16, blue hymnal)

GIVING THANKS

OFFERING OURSELVES

Offertory

To Thee Our Lord

Gawthrop

* 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**