



1st Sunday in Lent
March 9, 2025



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Whether you are worshiping in the sanctuary or online, at any time in the course of the service, you are invited to light a candle signifying a concern, a desire for healing, a confession, or a prayer of thanksgiving that, though private, you would like to remember in the midst of our worship.

*Please speak aloud the bold portions of the liturgy in the bulletin.
The asterisk * is an invitation for worshipers to rise in body or spirit as able.*

GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Picardy"
David Lasky
Augsberg Fortress, 2014

WELCOME/CANDLE LIGHTING

Mamie Broadhurst

MINUTE FOR THE APNC

Daniel Burch

INTROIT

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days
Arr. Robert J. Powell
Concordia Press, 2012

*Lord, who throughout these forty days, for us did fast and pray,
Teach us with you to mourn our sins, and close by you to stay.*

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Beth Paskoff

Here in this place, we can ask big questions.

Who is my neighbor?

How can I help?

What do I have to learn?

Where is God in it all?

Here in this place, we can ask big questions.

May we listen. May we learn.

May we stay curious, and may we look for God.

This is our invitation to lean in. Let us worship our holy God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Josie Costello

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Holy God,
You have told us to love our neighbors as ourselves,
but we get tripped up on logistics.
We want to know: who is our neighbor?
Do we have to love the stranger?
Must we have compassion for our enemy?
Forgive our human tendency to create exceptions in the face of love.**

A TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

**God, rewire our hearts
so that we might see the face of a neighbor
in every stranger we pass.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

Family of faith, when we set limits on love,
God loves extravagantly.
When we forget that we are neighbors,
God claims us as God's own.
When we judge, hold back, or harm,
God surrounds us with grace.
There is nothing we can do or leave undone
that could separate us from the love of God.
This is the good news of the gospel. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Hymn 447 We are Forgiven

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. (2x)**

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON
Luke 10:25-37

WE RESPOND WITH DEDICATION

*HYMN No. 688 vv. 1,3,5 ***Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart***

OFFERING of GIFTS

Reflect on your response to the work of Christ in the world today, and consider making a commitment of time, talents, and resources. Online giving is available. See the announcements for more information.

INVITATION

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of connection,
With Jesus' invitation ringing in our ears,
and with the Holy Spirit's tethering love,
help us realign our hopes with our words,
and our dreams with our prayers.
Use all of our gifts -
those of time, talent, and of treasure -
to join our intentions to our actions.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Throughout Lent we will celebrate the Lord's Supper, also known as the Eucharist. All who wish to partake in Christ's table are warmly invited to join.

For those who prefer, communion will be served directly to your seat. The elements consist of grape juice and gluten-free bread.

All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of age or understanding. (PCUSA Book of Order W-3.0409)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy One, the beginning and the end, and everything in between...

**Our Mother and Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

All worshipers are invited to come forward (lectern/left side) or backward (pulpit/right side) by the center aisle, take the bread and dip it into the cup, and return to their pew by the side aisles.

ANTHEM

Bread of the World

Richard Sheppard

St. James Press, 2014

*Bread of the world, in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul, in mercy shed,
By Whom the words of life were spoken,
And in Whose death our sins are dead.
Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
Look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be Thy feast to us the token,
That by Thy grace our souls are fed.*

COMMUNION PRAYER

HYMN No. 530

One Bread, One Body

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

Believe that good news, and go in peace knowing that God is....
Everywhere.

POSTLUDE

Sing We Now at Parting
Music: Ebenezer Beesley
Arr. Ann Clark
Sonos, 1996

*Many thanks to Sadie Knapp and Nora Broadhurst Williams
for their work livestreaming the service this morning.*



THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

everything [in] between stranger & neighbor



Neighbors


by Steve Prince

Inspired by Luke 10:25-37

Ink on paper

Each individual carries generations within them, made up of billions of people who have occupied this earth before us. We have an individual and collective responsibility to be good stewards (Good Samaritans) of our bodies, neighbors, and communities, rooted in love. Every day we make a dance of life and death—celebrating the entrance and exit of life, the progression of age and maturity, and the expansion of our tent, grafting to people who share our blood and our beliefs. We are the structures, those temporal buildings that weather the storms, that creak and wither away daily, but are fortified by our relationships to each other and with the sharing of the good news planted by the Heavenly Father. This dance is an open profession of our vow to live by God's commandments and find a

way to collectively preserve the truth of our origin while moving as one communal body into an untouched future. —Steve Prince

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