



Fountain Inn Presbyterian Church

“A church home for all, glorifying God through worship, fellowship, and service”

-----FOUNTAIN INN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-----

March 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Chiming of the Hour

Welcoming the Light

Laine Sierputowski

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Whitney Moss

Prelude

Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed

arr. Cooman

*Call to Worship

David Wiggins

Scripture is full of questions...

Where are you?

Am I my brother's keeper?

Whom shall I send?

Who do you say that I am?

Who sinned?

How many times shall I forgive?

If God is for us, who can be against us?

Scripture is full of questions,
so just like those in our scriptures,

may we bring our full curiosity and wonder into this space.

Let us ask and seek after our merciful God.

*Hymn No. 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come

FESTAL SONG

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Who here has sinned?

We have sinned. We put our heads in the sand. We ignored people in need.

We make false assumptions and fail to be kind. We are in need of forgiveness.

Good news! Our God is a merciful God. God does not punish, hold grudges, or keep score. When you suffer, God weeps. When you sin, God forgives. When you lose your way, God comes running.

Thanks be to God for a love like that.

Have you sinned?

I have sinned. I put my head in the sand. I ignore people in need.

I make false assumptions and fail to be kind. I, too, am in need of forgiveness.

Good news! Our God is a merciful God. God does not punish, hold grudges, or keep score. When you suffer, God weeps. When you sin, God forgives. When you lose your way, God comes running.

Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.

*Response Hymn No. 447

We Are Forgiven

WE ARE FORGIVEN

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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Time with Children

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading

John 9:1-41

Sermon

“Who Sinned?”

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe in a merciful God,

a God who does not keep score,

a God who wants good for us.

We believe in a creative God,

a God who would heal with mud,

a God capable of seeing what we cannot.

We believe in a saving God,

a God who heals,

a God who greets our questions with patience,

a God who sends us out with hope in our step.

What wondrous love is this!

Prayers of the People

Reception of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

The Old Rugged Cross

arr. Bradshaw

*Response Hymn No. 606

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn No. 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

*Charge and Benediction

Sending the Light

Postlude

To God Be the Glory

arr. Broughton

**You are invited to stand as you are able.*

Welcome to worship at Fountain Inn Presbyterian! Please record your presence by signing the friendship pads located in each pew. Visitors, we are especially glad to have you with us today and we invite you to take a blue “Welcome” bag from the narthex tables as you leave worship today. If we can answer any questions about our church family, please speak to one of the ushers or to Whitney at the end of worship.

We remember in our prayers Alice Brim, Rosie Clark, Bob Holland, Sara Looney, Cliff Price and our at home members.

Special thanks to Bev Stabler for sharing her gifts and talents with us this morning in leading worship while Tracy is away.

Children's Church Our young friends are invited to attend Children's Church following the Time with Children. Adults will accompany children from worship in the sanctuary and meet in the classroom beside the nursery for activities and learnings about Lent.

Lent Book Study Join us on Wednesdays in March from 6-7 pm in the Cox/Agape Sunday School Classroom to reflect on Amy-Jill Levine's book, "Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginners Guide to Holy Week."

Pickleball on Wednesdays Join us in the CFC gym from 6-8 pm. All are welcome- adults, youth, children with parents, beginners, and experienced players. Come learn the game, play and enjoy fellowship and fun with our church family and community!

The Bon Secours Mobile Medical Van will be in the front parking lot this Thursday, March 23rd from 8 am-3 pm. Please spread the word about this opportunity for our community.

Children and Youth Missions are collecting candy donations through April 2 for the Easter EGGstravaganza. Candy should be individually prewrapped. No chocolate candy, please. Collection bins will be placed in the hallway near the church office.

SAVE the Date! The Easter Eggstravaganza is on April 8 from 10am-12pm at the home of Rita and Stewart Garrett.

Men of the Church will gather for their monthly breakfast next Sunday, March 26th at 8:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to join them for food, fellowship and presentation from Jake Beaty of Rebuild Upstate.

Nursery Schedule March 19- Jenny Harshbarger and Claire Johnson, March 26- Rita Garrett and Jackie Bell, April 2- Elizabeth Bell and Brianna Buxton, April 9- Shea Mayfield and Cindy Clemmer.

Leading in worship next Sunday, March 26- Acolyte- Laine Sierputowski; Youth Liturgist- Kaylin Bell; Childrens Church YIW- Hayden Bell; Ushers- Jackie Bell, Jimmy Looney, Art Gibson and Samuel Harshbarger.

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