



Grace

Presbyterian Church

*By Grace Alone Through Faith Alone In Christ Alone
According to Scripture Alone To the Glory of God Alone*

18 FEBRUARY 2018

TO ALL WHO ARE SPIRITUALLY WEAK & SEEK REST, WHO MOURN & LONG FOR COMFORT
WHO STRUGGLE & DESIRE VICTORY, WHO SIN & NEED A SAVIOR,
WHO ARE STRANGERS & WANT FELLOWSHIP,
WHO HUNGER & THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND TO WHOSEVER WILL COME,
THIS CHURCH OPENS WIDE HER DOORS & OFFERS WELCOME
IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Our Worship and Celebration
(*First Sunday of Lent*)

Gathering

GATHERING HYMN

Hymn #502

As I come before your presence, Lord,
true worship I would bring.
Of your never ending favor,
let my heart forever sing.
May my worship be made holy
as I come before your throne,
and each gift of praise I offer
be to you, and you alone.

One: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Rusty Mosley

PRELUDE

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” - arr. Smith

Lyle Rupert

(When you see a “✠”, please stand if you are able.)

✠ **HYMN**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Hymn #285

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We will praise you, O Lord our God, with our whole hearts; we will glorify your name forever. For you have delivered us from the power of death. Bring joy to your servants, O Lord, for to you we lift up our souls. There is none like you; no deeds can compare with yours.

People: **All the nations you have made will come and worship before you. They will bring glory to your name, for you alone are God. Teach us now your way, O Lord, and we will live in your truth. Give us undivided hearts that we may fear and praise your great name.**

- Based on Psalm 86

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

✦ RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*Bo and Pat Denton,
Cristy, Lucy, Mary, and Jackson Mosley,
Josh, Heather, Evie, and Ella Pedersen*

Cleansing

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, since you so patiently delay our punishments which we daily deserve, help us not to indulge ourselves but to carefully consider how often and in how many ways we have provoked your wrath against us. May we learn humbly to present ourselves to you for pardon, and with true repentance beg your mercy. With all of our heart we desire to submit ourselves to you, whether you chastise us, or forgive us. Let our condition be ever blessed, not by flattering ourselves in our apathy, but by finding you to be our kind and bountiful Father, reconciled with us in your only begotten Son. Hear us now as we bring our personal confessions to you...

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✦ HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Gloria Patri”

Hymn # 705

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

Strengthening of the Word and Sacraments

FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8-11 (p.6)

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:18-22 (p.1015)

¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed^[c] to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.

²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Lent 2018- Part 1

Rev. Rusty Mosley

Sermon Notes:

Lent is not a Catholic thing, it's a _____ thing!

I. It's about being willing to endure the difficulties that plague us as we seek to keep _____.

II. "Baptism now saves you.....which corresponds to" the flood which saved _____.

III. _____ now defends us and protects us since he is alive and powerful over our enemies!

Don't give up! Keep fighting to serve in your ministry of _____, _____, _____.

Trust in your baptism and Christ's mighty defense and power.

✠ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostle's Creed:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*(*which means, the true Christian church of all times and places)*

Sending

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: *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.*

MINISTRY OF MERCY—TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Soliloquy” - Broughton

✦ DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'n-ly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✦ HYMN

“O God, Our Help In Ages Past”

Hymn #566

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn #502

Savior, Keep me ever near you
as I travel down this road.
Let me always lean on you, Lord,
for the strength to bear the load.
Lord, remind me, on this journey
I will never be alone.
You will guide me and protect me,
for you claim me as your own.

POSTLUDE

(Please be seated during the postlude to reflect on the worship service, consider God’s Word, and prepare your response as you follow Christ’s light into the world.)

“Go Forth for God” - Powell



Prayer Concerns:

Tibor Beczo; Judy Bright, friend of Henry and Jane Hawk; Cody Burnell, son-in-law of Nancy Davis; Rebecca Davis; Bill Conner; Jeannene Ellis, sister-in-law of Herman and Betty Ellis; Willene Hudman, sister of Bernice Chapin; and Ann Moss, mother of Debbie McConkie.

Announcements:

- ◇ We are in need of volunteers to help with the **Backpack Program** on Wednesdays between 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway.
- ◇ Beth Hays would like to say “Thank you very much for all the phone calls, visits, cards and food extended to our family during this difficult time. It brought us great comfort. Charlene was a part of many of your lives and will be missed by us all. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.” - Ken, Beth and Nancy

PRAYERS OF MEDITATION:

PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR THE TRUTH

Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following You as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who You are. Give me an understanding of You that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that You promise. Amen.

PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through You I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank You for paying our debt, bearing our punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that You have been raised from the dead, I turn from our sins and receive You as Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH SIN

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in You the fulfillment of all our need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on You, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to You, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Amen.

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Lord Jesus, You have called us to follow You in baptism, and in a life of committed discipleship in Your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.



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