

The Second Sunday in Lent
March 5, 2023
11:00 am
A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE *Dr. Renee Huff*
(Prepare for worship in silent prayer and reflection)

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Holy One, you called Abram and Sarai and they listened.

P: Call to us. Lead us on.

L: Beloved, you led them to a new place.

P: Accompany us through the mystery.

L: Spirit of life, you promised blessing, and you have kept your promise.

P: Bless us, that we may hear and follow, that we may be a blessing for all the families on earth. We are yours. By your Spirit in us, birth us to new life.

*HYMN #39 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in God's tender mercy, let us confess our sin to God with one another.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: God of gentle mercy, we confess our sin, for even the brokenness we don't see keeps us from loving perfectly.

Receive us, forgive us; heal our fears and our desires;

relieve us of our shame, and set us free.

- Silent Confession -

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

***THE GLORIA #581 "Glory Be to the Father"**

***RECONCILIATION WITH ONE ANOTHER**

L: May the Peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

THE OFFERING

Call

The Anthem

The Doxology #606

Old Hundredth

The Dedication

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-4

THE SECOND READING

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

L: This is the Word of the Lord!

P: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Melissa Harmon

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal pg. 35

The Words of Institution

Sharing in the Bread and Cup

The Prayer After Communion

+ BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD +

***HYMN #1 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"**

***BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

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PLEASE WELCOME MELISSA HARMON to our pulpit today!

PDA ASSISTANCE – SYRIA-TURKEY EARTHQUAKE Thank you to those who contributed to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for those affected by the devastating earthquake in Syria and Turkey. We were able to raise \$130. Thanks so much for your generosity!

MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 6 RE: HANDBELLS FOR EASTER

There will be a meeting Monday, March 6, at 6pm in the sanctuary for all those interested in playing handbells for the Easter service. Rehearsal times will be Mondays at 6pm as a first choice, or Sundays immediately after church as a second choice. There will be around five rehearsals before the performance.

Any who are interested but who cannot make it for that time and date, can reply to Dr. Renee Huff at fearlesscowardinfo@gmail.com with their conflict, or send a rescheduling request. Thank you!

PW RESUMING REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS PW is resuming monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of every month, starting on March 21 at 6:00pm in the library. We will share a meal, participate in bible study, and plan our outreach to the community. Donna Goble will provide a ham for our March meeting, so please bring a side dish or dessert if you can. If not, come anyway! Please let Heidi know if you can make it. All are welcome. Please contact Susie Lendermon if you have questions. We hope to see you there!

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE Jason Stell, Executive Director of Staunton Music Festival, contacted us about assistance for a refugee family of 6 from Afghanistan. The family moved to Staunton in November. They have 4 young children, 2 of whom are enrolled at McSwain Elementary. While there are several ways this family could use assistance, the most immediate need is financial. The husband/father is recently employed, and they receive SNAP (food stamps) and Medicaid. With rent over \$1200 monthly plus utilities, they have difficulty making ends meet. They could use our help.

If you would like to make a contribution to assist this family, please submit with a check made out to First Presbyterian designating it for 'Afghan family' in the memo line.

The session will be looking at different ways we might assist this family at our next session meeting on March 14th.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR APRIL The deadline for the April 2023 issue of First Impressions is Thursday, March 16. Please submit any info you would like to include by then.

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