

**Third Sunday in Lent**

**March 12, 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 #203** "Jesu, Jesu" *Dr. Renee Huff*

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: God is welcoming us to this time of worship;  
Young and old, rich and poor, we are all welcomed.

**P: Our church is a place where all belong;  
Today is the time when all are accountable to God.**

L: We are not judges over our sisters and brothers;  
We are called to love our neighbors as ourselves.

**P: We will love God with all our heart and soul;  
We will honor God with all our mind and strength.**

**All: We will act justly, love mercy and walk humbly  
with our Lord.**

**\*HYMN #301** "Let Us Build a House"

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

L: The grace of God be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Knowing that God is waiting to hear from us, let's confess  
our sins together.

**All: Dear Father, we confess our devious ways. Even when  
prayers for others are on our lips, we seek ways to  
secure our own advantages. We put our trust in things  
we can accumulate rather than aligning ourselves with  
your will. We need healing, but we are afraid to lose  
the control that is so much a part of us. Help us,  
gracious God. Make us more like you.**

*- Silent Confession -*

**All: Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

L: Friends, this is the Good News of the Gospel, in Jesus  
Christ we are forgiven!

**P: Thanks be to God!**

**\*THE GLORIA #581** "Glory to God, Whose Goodness..."

**\*RECONCILIATION WITH ONE ANOTHER**

L: Let us greet each other here and online with the words  
"May the peace of Christ be with you!"

**P: And also with you!**

**THE FIRST READING**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

**THE SECOND READING**

1 Corinthians 13:4-13

L: This is the Word of the Lord!

**P: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** "Love Welcomes and Forgives a Multitude of Sins"

*Elder Mark Wilson*

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

L: The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it,

**P: the world, and those who live in it.**

L: Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts  
of the earth.

**The Anthem**

*Dr. Renee Huff*

**The Doxology #606**

*Old Hundredth*

**The Dedication**

**WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**+ BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD +**

**\*HYMN #300** "We Are One in the Spirit"

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**\*BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE WELCOME ELDER MARK WILSON to our pulpit today!

THERE WILL BE A SESSION MEETING Tuesday, March 14 at 6:00pm in the library.

PLEASE JOIN THE WAYNESBORO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA as they present a Chamber Music Concert Saturday, March 18 at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. We hope you can join us!

THE MARY BALDWIN UNIVERSITY ANNUAL HYMN FESTIVAL will take place Sunday, March 19 at 4:00pm in the sanctuary.

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 the 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 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.

THE DISHWASHER & DISPOSAL HAVE BEEN FIXED in the kitchen. If you plan to use the kitchen, you should be all set! Many thanks to Ron Lowman for taking care of this.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR APRIL 2023 The deadline for the April 2023 issue of First Impressions is Thursday, March 16.

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