



# *Service For The Lord's Day*

## *Third Sunday of Lent*

**March 12, 2023**

***\*Those who are able, please stand.***

**10:00 A.M. Worship**

**WELCOME!** We are glad you are worshipping with us today. We pray that you will be challenged and find joy, hope, and celebration in this time spent together in the presence of God. *Please sign and pass the "Ritual of Friendship" booklet; then, return it to the first person.*

### **PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

*God, Your loving voice calls us. With our names joyfully spoken so tenderly, we follow joyfully. Holy Spirit, help us express our soul's deep desire to meet You in worship today. Amen.*

### **GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you

**All: And also with you.**

#### **PRELUDE**

"The Vigil"  
*Dark Clouds Gather*

Nevue

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*(Responsive)*

Leader: Praise God, the Good Shepherd. In the valley's deep shadows, God's voice guides us.

**All: We are God's sheep, and God never abandons God's own sheep. Let us worship the Lord with thankful voices and hearts.**

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**     *(In Unison)*

**Lord, open our eyes, ears, and hearts to You, so that we may see You as our Good Shepherd. Help us to hear and recognize Your voice and respond in faithfulness. Call us by name and lead us in Your way; in Jesus's name we pray. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**      “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”      No. 65

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**      *(Lay Reader)*

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(In Unison)*

**Holy One, we confess to You and to each other that we have not always followed Christ's example. When we have been abused, we have been abusive in return. We have gone astray, searching for what we want and not what You desire for us. Lead us back into Your fold and guard our souls in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\*KYRIE** No. 574

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**      (*Pastor Betty*)

*The water poured into the baptism font is a reminder of our own baptism and that Jesus Christ is the living water Who nourishes us and offers us forgiveness and new life.*

\*GLORIA PATRI No. 579

## GOD'S PEOPLE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**      *(In Unison)*

**Loving God, we pray that Your Holy Spirit will strengthen us to be devoted to the teachings of Your Word, so that through it, we may hear Your voice and follow it into eternal life. Amen.**

**FIRST READING** Psalm 23

<b>ANTHEM</b>	“Lamb of God”	Paris/Mayfield
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**SECOND READING** John 10:1-6, 11-18

**SERMON**      “Jesus Revealed: ‘I Am the Good Shepherd’”    Rev. Dr. Betty Angelini

## **GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND**

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

excerpt from the *Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

#### **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

#### **HYMN**

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

No. 471

#### **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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.”

#### **OFFERTORY**

“The Vigil”  
*Home*

Nevue

#### **\*DOXOLOGY**

No. 592

#### **\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*(In Unison)*

**Holy and generous God, You have anointed us and we are Yours. Bless these tithes and offerings, so that they may become green pastures and still waters for any and all who need Your comfort and restoration. Amen.**

#### **\*HYMN**

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

No. 187

## **GOD’S PEOPLE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

### **\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

#### **BENEDICTION**

“Amen”

#### **POSTLUDE**

“The Vigil”  
*Chasing Shadows*

Nevue

***THE CELEBRATION HAS ENDED;  
LET OUR SERVICE BEGIN!***

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### Welcome Visitors!



The Nursery is available for infants to 4-year-olds-see Donna Latessa  
FPC Vision: Glorify and enjoy God through worship, education, and service.  
FPC's Web Page: <http://www.fpcwarren.org>  
Email address: [info@fpcwarren.org](mailto:info@fpcwarren.org)  
Facebook: First Presbyterian Church of Warren  
Hearing Devices to better enable you to hear the service are available from one of the ushers. Please return the device at the end of the service.

**THE DEACONS** would like to thank all who remember the Deacons' Cupboard while shopping. They are requesting **spaghetti sauce, toilet paper, and bar soap** for the month of **March**. You may leave your items in the Deacons' box in Fellowship Hall.

**RADIO MINISTRY** is funded today by **General Fund**. Our service is broadcast at 10:00 a.m. Sundays on 1570 AM and 97.7 FM. If you would like to contribute to this ministry, donations designated for the Radio Ministry may be placed in the offering box; contributions may also be mailed to the Church Office with "Radio Ministry" in the memo of the check. Our Radio Ministry costs \$125.00 per week; your financial support will keep this ministry alive.

**VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP AND FOLLOW-UP:** Join us virtually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month at 3:00 p.m. for fellowship and follow-up from Sunday's worship service. The invitation to join the Zoom meeting was included in Thursday's E-SPIRE. Join us **Monday, March 13**.

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY:** Join us on Fridays throughout Lent. Each week, we will meet at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for dinner, fellowship, a brief video, and discussion. Our next study is **Friday, March 17**, with a Salad Bar Potluck. Salad and dressings will be provided; bring your favorite salad add in. Refreshment and dessert will be provided with each meal. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall.

**DEACONS' MISSION PROJECT:** The Deacons are collecting baby items for Trumbull County Children's Services. Items requested are baby wash, lotion, baby wipes, nail clippers, nasal aspirators, thermometers, brush and comb sets, preemie t-shirts, onesies, and sleepers. **NO DIAPERS**. You can place your donations in the box in the Sanctuary. We will accept donations through the month of March.

**THANK YOU** to Girl Scout Troops 80259, 80865, 80599, and 80184 for worship assistance and today's fellowship and refreshment hour.

**OPEN HOUSE:** On March 26, following worship, you are invited to meet Marissa Welke and see the updated CE Office/Youth Space. Refreshments will be served.

**CANDY:** CE will be collecting Easter candy to fill plastic eggs for an Easter egg hunt on Palm Sunday. Please put your donations in the basket marked *Egg Hunt* in Fellowship Hall by **Sunday, March 26**. Contact Marissa Welke if you have any questions. Thank you.

**MEET-N-EAT** returns this week! Join us on **Tuesday, March 14**, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Take an evening off from cooking dinner and come to the Church for a time of fun and fellowship. Chef Dave Angelini will again serve a wonderful meal followed by a CE activity. Sign up in Fellowship Hall or call the office **today**, so that we know how much food we will need.

**EASTER LUMINARIES:** On Easter Eve, Saturday, April 8, we will be lighting memorial luminaries in front of the Church. You may dedicate a luminary in memory of a friend or loved one who has passed away. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. We are collecting empty plastic milk cartons, of any size, to use for the luminaries. A collection box is in Fellowship Hall beside the sign-up sheet.

**EASTER FLOWERS** – Easter is Sunday, April 9, 2023. We are now taking orders for flowers to grace our Sanctuary. We will again offer a variety of flowers. Please complete the form below and include payment with your order. Checks should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church. Please turn in the completed form (with payment) to the Church Office or put it in the offering plate. Orders must be received by **Monday, March 20**, in order to secure your selections. (If orders are received after the deadline, choices cannot be guaranteed.)

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In memory/honor of (circle one)\_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Easter Lilies/**\$9.00** each \_\_\_\_\_

Hyacinths/**\$7.75** each \_\_\_\_\_

Daffodils/**\$7.75** each \_\_\_\_\_

Tulips/**\$7.75** each \_\_\_\_\_

\$\_\_\_\_\_ for Stained-Glass Window Fund

\$\_\_\_\_\_ for FPC Endowment Fund

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_



Online giving can be done with your phone using the QR code on the left or use the pew card.

LAY READER:  
RADIO, LIGHTS AND SOUND SYSTEM:  
VIDEO PROJECTION:

*Karen Scher  
Gary Wireman  
Bob Stahl*

## WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sun, March 12	<b>- Third Sunday of Lent/Daylight Saving Time/Girl Scout Sunday</b> <b>- Choir Rehearsal..... 8:30 am</b> <b>- Worship..... 10:00 am</b> <b>- Sunday School ..... 10:15 am</b> <b>- Girl Scout-Sponsored Fellowship, FH..... 11:15 am</b>
Mon, March 13	<b>- OA, P..... 10:00 am</b> <b>- Virtual Fellowship and Follow-Up, Z..... 3:00 pm</b> <b>- Finance Meeting, P..... 4:00 pm</b> <b>- Girl Scouts, B ..... 5:30 pm</b> <b>- BGA Meeting, FH ..... 6:30 pm</b> <b>- AA, MC..... 7:00 pm</b> <b>- Voices of Micah ..... 7:00 pm</b>
Tues, March 14	<b>- Al-Anon, MC ..... 9:30 am</b> <b>- Meet-n-Eat, FH..... 5:30 pm</b> <b>- NA, MC..... 7:00 pm</b>
Wed, March 15	<b>- Crossroads Bereavement, P..... 1:00 pm</b> <b>- AA, MC..... 6:30 pm</b>
Thur, March 16	<b>- Prayer Talk, FH ..... 9:00 am</b> <b>- Dessert and Dialogue Women's Study, P ..... 12:00 pm</b> <b>- Worship Meeting, Z ..... 7:00 pm</b>
Fri, March 17	<b>- Church Office Closed</b> <b>- Lent Bible Study, FH ..... 6:00 pm</b>
Sat, March 18	<b>- AA, MC..... 11:00 am</b> <b>- Wright Baby Shower, FH..... 12:00 pm</b>
Sun, March 19	<b>- Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> <b>- Choir Rehearsal..... 8:30 am</b> <b>- Worship..... 10:00 am</b> <b>- Sunday School ..... 10:15 am</b> <b>- Lenten Fellowship and Lunch, FH ..... 11:15 am</b> <b>- Straitiff Interment, family only..... 2:00 pm</b>

FH-Fellowship Hall   MC-Mable Culver   P-Parlor   B-Badger Hall   T-Tieffle Lounge   Z-Zoom