

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**February 26, 2023
10:00am**

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

GATHERING

PRESERVICE MUSIC

*“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”
“Forty Days and Forty Nights”
“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”
“Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord”
“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”
“Sinner Saved By Grace”
“Freely, Freely”
“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS

CHIMES

(The pouring of water invites us to remember and to celebrate our baptism into the body of Christ.)

PRELUDE

“Seek Ye First” (Wagner)

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Please exchange these words with your immediate neighbors: “The peace of the Lord be with you.” “And also with you.”

CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

The Word of the Lord is our daily bread.

People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?

Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.

People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?

We worship the Lord our God alone.

Let us worship God.

***OPENING HYMN #839**

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine” (Knapp)

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Wild God of wilderness, as we devote these forty days to you, shape us by your Holy Spirit into the image of Christ our Lord, so that we may be ready, by your grace, to confront the power of death with the promise of eternal life. **Amen.**

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

“Glory Be to the Father” (Greatorex)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Happy are those whose sin is forgiven, who no longer suffer in silence, but name their sin and seek God’s grace. Let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil. You know the things that tempt us and the things that give us life. You know our nakedness, and you know our sin. We confess that we have disobeyed your word, denying your providence and care and relying on our own cleverness. Have mercy on us, we pray, cover us with your grace, feed us with the bread of life, and re-create us in your image; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Happy are those whose sin is forgiven! Be glad in the Lord and shout for joy! Friends, hear the Good News of the Gospel.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!**

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord, may the words of your mouth be our daily bread, and may the leading of your Spirit become our way; in Jesus name. **Amen.**

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Lucy Tucker

READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS

Psalm 32

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT Romans 5:12-19

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospels if you are able)

***READING FROM THE GOSPELS** Matthew 4:1-11

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

***HYMN #166** *“Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days”* (Day’s Psalter)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end, he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

As God so freely offers to us the gift of life in Jesus Christ, let us respond with gratitude, offering our lives to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Ave Verum” (Mozart)

***DOXOLOGY #606**

Genevan Psalter

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

We give you thanks and praise, O God, for the free and abundant gift of grace you have given us in Jesus Christ. Let the simple gifts of our lives be a sign of our unending gratitude for your undying love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***OUR 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 and ever. Amen.**

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN #693** *"The Gift of Love"* (English Folk Melody)
(February Hymn of the Month)

***MOMENT OF SILENCE TO PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH**

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE** *"Grace Greater than Our Sin"*

*Please stand if you are able where asterisks are printed.
Words in **bold print** are spoken by the congregation.

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