

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**March 12, 2023
10:00am**

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

GATHERING

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"
"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
"My Hope Is Built"
"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"
"Jesus Paid It All"
"O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done"
"Thou Art Worthy"
"I Surrender All"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION One Great Hour of Sharing (Margo Fullinwider)

CHIMES

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

PRELUDE *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"* (DeCou)

***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

Psalm 95:6, John 4:23

O come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.
The hour is coming and is now here.
In spirit and truth, let us worship God.

***OPENING HYMN #8** *"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"* (Dykes)

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Lord God, Great I Am, you are living water. As we worship you this day show us who we are: channels of your love and vessels of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

“Glory Be to the Father” (Greatorex)

CALL TO CONFESSION

God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Trusting in God’s overflowing grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the good news of God’s grace: though we were sinners, Christ died for us. Though we were enemies of God, God loved us. Once we were lost and dead—now Christ has become our life and salvation. Hear the good news:

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

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, through the reading of the Scriptures and by the power of your Spirit, may we hear for ourselves the good news, and believe, because of your Word, that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world. **Amen.**

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Margo Fullinwider

READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS

Psalm 95

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Exodus 17:1-7

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Romans 5:1-11

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

DUET *“The Holy City”* (Adams/Arr. DeCesare) (Wayne Bevers, Bob Entrop)

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

***READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

John 4:5-42

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

***HYMN #475**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

(Wyeth’s Repository of Sacred Music)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

See how the fields are ripe for harvest! Already, God is gathering fruit for eternal life. With rejoicing, let us offer our lives to the Lord.

MUSICAL OFFERING

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” (Colvin)

***DOXOLOGY #606**

Genevan Psalter

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

O Lord, you are our God; we are the people of your pasture, the sheep of your hand. As you have fed us by your mercy, may it be our daily bread to do your will; 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 #203** *“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”*
(Ghanaian Folk Melody) (March Hymn of the Month)

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

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE** *“There Is Power in the Blood”*

*Please stand if you are able where asterisks are printed.
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