

First Presbyterian Church of Lake Wales

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP ONLINE

March 22, 2020

To all who are weary and need rest; to all who are lonely and want fellowship; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who pray and to all who do not, but ought; to all who sin and need a Savior; and to whosoever will come—this church opens wide the door and says in the name of the Lord Jesus, “Welcome.”

THE GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Chad Reynolds

Prelude

God Be In My Head
Small Ensemble/John Rutter

God be in my head and in my understanding,
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking;
God be in mine heart and in my thinking.
God be at my end, and in my departing.

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Call to Worship based on 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for us.

We are being guarded through faith by God’s power for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this we rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, we have been grieved by various trials, so that the genuineness of our faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Though we have not seen him, we love him. Though we do not now see him, we believe in him and rejoice in him with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory;

And we look forward to obtaining the outcome of our faith, the salvation of our souls!
Let us worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Hymn of Praise and Thanksgiving

Hymn 2

O Worship the King
LYONS

Invocation

The 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, for ever. Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

THE WORD OF GOD REVEALED

Scripture Reading

Exodus 17:8-16

THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE

Scripture Reading Response

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Response

Hymn 460

Amazing Grace!

AMAZING GRACE

Pastoral Prayer

Musical Offering

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Small Ensemble/music by Paul Manz

Text from Revelation 22

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins;
Who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.
Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come; sing Holy, Holy Lord!

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Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below;
For Christ is coming, is coming soon!
E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more.

They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their all!
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THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon

The LORD Is Our Banner

Rev. Chad Reynolds

Hymn of Response

Hymn 465

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

THE SENDING FORTH

Benediction

Postlude

Aria op. 51
Flor Peeters

During the season of Lent, the postludes will be more subdued and reflect the remembrance of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ; his suffering and his ultimate sacrifice of his life for us.

Pastor Mackay will be away on study leave and vacation until March 29.

Prayer Focus: During this challenging and unexpected time of social distancing, please be in prayer for the ministry team and many participants of Camp Joy. They, like so many others, are dealing with the disappointment of not gathering for their traditional spring break camp this week. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will comfort those who had planned to participate in this camp as campers and volunteer counselors, knowing that they will miss having this enriching experience this year. Pray also that God's blessing and wisdom will be upon the Camp Joy ministry staff as they seek to meet the unique needs of their campers and plan for their other camps in the months ahead.

Giving of Tithes & Offerings: For those who are in the practice of giving their tithes and offerings during worship service, please consider using one of these alternative methods:

- You may drop off your tithe/offering at church at any time. During office hours (9 am – 3 pm), we can receive it directly from you; after office hours, you may use the mail slot in the third door of the breezeway.
- You may mail your tithe/offering to the church at: 16 N. 3rd Street, Lake Wales, FL 33853; pre-printed envelopes are available in the church office.
- Automatic bank drafting is available through most banks and can be set up online. Several members already use this service for the convenience of having their contributions sent to the church on the same date(s) each month.

FPC Online Ministry News: Please use our website (fpclw.org) throughout the week to find resources and information for our various ministries, such as small groups, children's, and youth ministries. On our website, please use the MINISTRIES tab on the top right of the homepage to find separate pages for each of our ministries. We are working to make the most of meeting together online through Zoom video conferencing and providing links to resources you can use at home.