

Lakeshore Presbyterian Church
March 5, 2023
Pastor Bre Ryan, presiding

WELCOME

LENTEN CANDLE LITURGY

Reader 1:

In this season of Lent, we reflect on our journey of faith with Christ, remembering that Christ has offered us new life here on earth, that God so loved the world that he sent his Son, so that the world might be saved through him. While we await the heavenly kingdom, we prepare for God's reign on earth.

Reader 2:

We extinguish this purple candle on this second Sunday of Lent, remembering God's assurance of new life through the signs of spring in the earth.

Together we pray:

As the days lengthen and bulbs are preparing deep in the earth, dear God, may we be ready for what you are preparing to grow in us. Nourish us so that we might bear spiritual fruit. In the name of Christ, with whom we journey towards the cross, we pray. Amen

CALL TO WORSHIP (from John 1)

One: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

All: He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.

One: What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

All: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

One: Come, let us worship God!

HYMN “Be Thou My Vision” #339

**1 Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art--
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

**2 Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.**

**3 Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, you sent Jesus Christ to be the light of all people. We confess we often live in the darkness of this world rather than living in the light of Christ. We have failed to follow you faithfully; we are quick to judge and slow to share your good news with the world. Help us to shine the light of Christ and live in his love. For Jesus Christ came not to condemn the world, but in order that the world would be saved through Him. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE OF PRAISE Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE John 3:1-17

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come

from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.’³ Jesus answered him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.’⁴ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?’⁵ Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.’⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born from above.”⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.’⁹ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can these things be?’¹⁰ Jesus answered him, ‘Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹ ‘Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony.’¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ ‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ ‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

SERMON “Night Shift”

HYMN “In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save

Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us say what we believe:

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell; On the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.
The Lord be with you.

And also with you!

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (see insert)

THE OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

HYMN "Arise, Your Light Has Come!" #411

Arise, your light is come!

The Spirit's call obey;

Show forth the glory of your God,

Which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come!

Fling wide the prison door;

Proclaim the captives' liberty,

Good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come!

All you in sorrow born,

Build up the broken-hearted ones

And comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come!

The mountains burst in song!

Rise up like eagles on the wing;

God's power will make us strong.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Jesus Loves Me” #304 v1

**Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.**

Refrain:

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves
me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible
tells me so.**

FELLOWSHIP

Happy Birthday

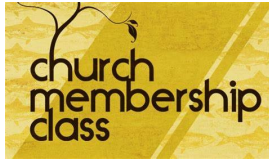
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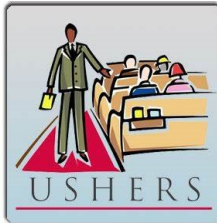
Healing prayers for Gail Vermander,
Esther, JoAnn, and Betsy Roddy

Comfort for Elmer Lewis on the
passing of his wife

Guidance for Bill Stevenson as he
begins a new job.



Pastor Bill will be conducting a *New Member* class tomorrow, March 6 at 1pm for anyone interested in becoming a member of the Lakeshore Church family.

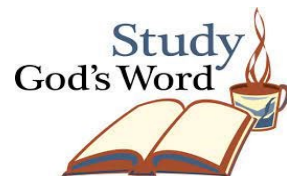


3/5 Pearl, Carole
3/12 Lori, Toni
3/19 Sue D, Wanda
3/26 Jay, Bill P



3/7 1:30 pm Stewardship/Mgt
3/9 12:30 pm Worship
1:30 pm Session
3/15 6pm Potluck
3/18 3pm Irish Tea
3/26 E&O after worship

Every Sunday – 9am



VBS *Space Adventure*
Planning Meeting

March 19
Following Worship



CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Please stand if you are able

HYMN "Let Us Break Bread Together" #513

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...

...Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord... ...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is Risen.

Christ will come again.

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. Amen

RESPONSE "Hear Our Prayer, O, Lord"

Hear our prayer, O Lord

Hear our prayer, O Lord

Incline Thine ear to us

And grant us Thy Peace

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE