

ALL SAINTS Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2024

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God! We are gathered in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Let us give thanks to the Lord.

We give thanks to the Lord.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

"Come, everyone who is thirsty, come to the waters," declares the LORD. "Incline your ear, listen diligently to me; draw near to me, that your soul may live!"

**Let us seek the LORD while he may be found,
and call upon him while he is near!**

Isaiah 55:1-3; 6



Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

† COLLECT & 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 have forgiven 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.**

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING:

My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker [Psalm 103]—142

CORPORATE READING OF GOD'S WORD

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him.

1 John 3:1-6

‡ CONFESSION OF SIN

Most holy and merciful Father, we confess before you our sinful nature and our many offenses. We are prone to do evil and slow to do good. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your way, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Lord we are ashamed and sorry for all the ways that we have displeased you. Father, teach us to hate our rebellious acts, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of your Son. Hear us now as we continue in silent prayer, confessing our sins to you.

[We pause in prayer, and then conclude together...]

Gracious Father, help us to love you with all our heart and mind and strength, and give us the power of your Holy Spirit so that we may walk in your ways and serve you all of our days. Amen.

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God*—415

† ABSOLUTION: Our Assurance of Forgiveness is declared
“In the Name of God the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit”
“Thanks be to God!”

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word*—368



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We join together praying for the church, one another, and the world

**Scripture Lesson from
the Old Testament**
Genesis 21:22-34

**Scripture Lesson from
the Epistles**
1 Corinthians 11:27-34

“This is the Word of the Lord”
“Thanks be to God!”

† **Gospel Lesson**—Luke 22:35-38
“This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ”
“Praise be to Christ!”

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Gloria Patri*—436

† **Sermon Text**
Acts 7:44-60

Sermon
The Door of Grace is Always Wide Open
Pastor Steve Jeffery

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Be Thou My Vision*—342

In Grateful Response We Present the Lord's Tithes & Our Offerings

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *The Doxology*

† Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication



† CONFESSION OF FAITH: *The Apostles' Creed*

Christians, in whom do you believe?

**I believe in God the Father Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into Hades.**

**On the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty.**

From there He will come to judge the living 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 LORD'S SUPPER

We commune with the Lord & with one another

The Lord's Supper should not be observed in individual homes.

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *How Firm a Foundation*—insert



Prayer for and Blessing of the Children

† BENEDICTION AND SINGING

Lead on, O King eternal:
We follow not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning
Where're Thy face appears:
Thy cross is lifted o're us;
We journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might.

Lead On, O King Eternal [KINGS LYNN], verse 3

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

TODAY

Baptism and Reception—Elijah Eugene Capone will be baptized at the beginning of our service. A reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall after our service.

Prayer for and Blessing of the Children—Just before the end of our service, we will invite the children (about 12 and younger) forward for a special time of prayer, encouragement, and blessing.

THIS WEEK

Midweek at All Saints

Join us in the Fellowship Hall Wednesday evening for a meal, a time of singing, and Bible study. Please refer to the email sign-up to RSVP for dinner. Contact Pastor Shaw with any questions.

5:30 - 6:15 p.m.—Dinner provided by the church

6:15 - 7:00 p.m.—Understanding the Psalms

7:00 - 7:45 p.m.—Hymn Sing

Ladies Prayer Meeting—Friday 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Parlor. All ladies of ASPC are invited to join in this time of prayer. Email nicole.jeffery@gmail.com for more information.

Ladies Fellowship Brunch—Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Theme: How Do My Emotions Fit with My Faith? Open to all ladies (age 13 and over) at ASPC. Join us for this time of fellowship & encouragement in the Word! If you haven't received further information and the sign-up link, please email nicole.jeffery@gmail.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 16—Men's Discipleship Breakfast—8:30 to 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall—Open to all men, young and old. Come for 90 minutes of great fellowship, food, teaching, and encouragement. More details to follow via email signup.

March 31—Easter Feaster—More details to come.

May 18—Pentecost Celebration—More details to come.

PLEASE NOTE:

Bavinck Reading Challenge—If you'd like to be a part of a group reading through Herman Bavinck's book, *The Wonderful Works of God*, and meeting occasionally to talk about it, please email Pastor Jeffery.

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My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker

Psalm 103

NUN LOB, MEIN SEEL (7 8. 7 8. 7 6. 7 6. 7 6. 7 6)
 Johann Kugelmann's *Concentus Novi*, Augsburg, 1540
 harm. Heinrich Schütz, 1661

Johann Gramann, 1525
 tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863

1. My soul, now bless thy Mak - er! Let all with - in me
 2. He shows to man His treas - ure Of judg - ment, truth, and
 3. For as a ten - der fa - ther Hath pit - y on His
 4. God's grace a - lone en - dur - eth, And chil - dren's chil - dren

bless His name Who mak - eth thee par - tak - er Of
 right - eous - ness, His love be - yond all meas - ure, His
 chil - dren here, He in His arms will gath - er All
 yet shall prove How He with strength as - sur - eth The

mer - cies more than thou dar'st claim. For - get Him
 yearn - ing pit - y o'er dis - tress, Nor treats us
 who are His in child - like fear. He knows how
 hearts of all that seek His love. In heav'n is

not whose meek - ness Still bears with all thy sin, Who
 as we mer - it, But lays His an - ger by. The
 frail our pow - ers Who but from dust are made; We
 fixed His dwell - ing, His rule is o - ver all; An -

heal - eth all thy weak - ness, Re - news thy life with - in;
 hum - ble, con - trite spir - it Finds His com - pas - sion nigh;
 flour - ish like the flow - ers, And e - ven so we fade;
 gels, in might ex - cel - ling, Bright hosts be - fore Him fall.

Whose grace and care are end - less And saved thee through the
 And high as heav'n a - bove us, As break from close of
 The wind but o'er them pass - es, And all their bloom is
 Praise Him who ev - er reign - eth, All ye who hear His

past; Who leaves no suf - f'rer friend - less But rights the
 day, So far, since He doth love us, He puts our
 o'er, We with - er like the grass - es, Our place knows
 word, Nor our poor hymns dis - dain - eth - My soul, O

wronged at last, ——— But rights the wronged at last.
 sins a - way, ——— He puts our sins a - way.
 us no more, ——— Our place knows us no more.
 bless the LORD; ——— My soul, O bless the LORD!

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Psalm 51:10-12

From a melody by J. A. Freylinghausen, 1704
adapted, Harold W. Gilbert

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of five systems, each with a vocal line in the upper staff and a piano accompaniment in the lower staff. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God: and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence: and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion: and up - hold me with Thy free Spir - it."

SUPPLICATION

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word

ERHALT UNS, HERR (L.M.)
Joseph Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*, Wittenberg, 1543

Martin Luther, 1541
tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863

1. Lord, keep us stead - fast in Thy Word; Curb those who fain by
2. Lord Je - sus Christ, Thy pow'r make known, For Thou art Lord of
3. O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and u - ni -

craft and sword Would wrest the king - dom from Thy
lords a - lone; De - fend Thy Chris - ten - dom that
ty on earth. Sup - port us in our fi - nal

Son And set at naught all He hath done.
we May ev - er - more sing praise to Thee.
strife And lead us out of death to life.

Gloria Patri

GLORIA PATRI (Irreg.)
Charles Meineke, 1844

2nd century

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er

shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE (10 10. 9 10)
Traditional Irish melody
harm. David Evans, 1927

Ancient Irish
tr. Mary Byrne, 1927
versified by Eleanor Hull, 1927

Unison

1. Be Thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be Thou my Wis - dom, and Thou my true Word;
3. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art—
I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
May I reach heav'n's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son;
Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.
High King of heav - en, my Treas - ure Thou art.
Still be my Vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

How Firm a Foundation

American Melody

How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord, Is
“Fear not, I am with thee, oh, be not dis - mayed, For
“When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go, The
“When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie, My
“The soul that on Je - sus doth lean for re - pose, I

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laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent word! What
I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll
riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow; For
grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply; The
will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes; That

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more can He say than to you He hath said— To
strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, Up -
I will be with thee thy trou - ble to bless, And
flame shall not harm thee; I on - ly de - sign Thy
soul, though all hell should en - dea - vor to shake, I'll

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you who for re - fuge to Je - sus have fled?
held by My gra - cious, om - ni - po - tent hand.
sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
dross to con - sume and thy gold to re - fine.
nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake.”