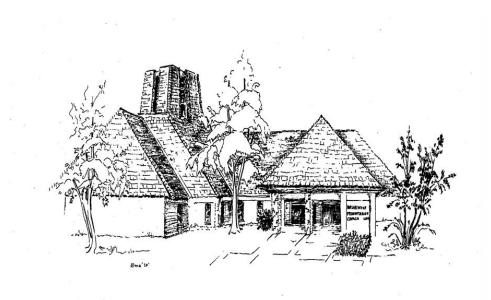
# Briarwood Presbyterian Church Morning Worship 10:25 a.m. March 20, 2022 Liturgical Color: Purple Third Sunday in Lent



Putting **God** first

Keeping **Christ**'s Commands

Caring for People's Needs within the Church

and the **Community** 

### THE GATHERING

\*Worshipers are invited to stand, if able. +Usher will seat you. Please remember to turn off your cell phone while in the sanctuary.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Charles Bowdler We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the worship, programs and service life of Briarwood Presbyterian Church.

### INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Use this time to make the transition from getting here to being here. Relax your body, quiet the inner dialogue of your mind, open yourself to the Spirit of God moving in our midst, and prepare to worship God joyfully with the body of Christ gathered here today.

**VOLUNTARY** 

Dialogue

**GILBERT MARTIN** 

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Almighty God, Redeemer of all who trust you, heed the cry of your people; deliver us from the bondage of sin, that we may serve you in perfect freedom and rejoice in your unfailing love; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

\*HYMN 267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

1 Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen! Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky:
Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend;
to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end:
Alleluia! Amen!

3 Praise yet our Christ again:
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain:
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore
his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore:
Alleluia! Amen!

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

(Silence for Private Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI

#### THE WORD

ANTHEM When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

arr MALLORY

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**PSALM LESSON:** 

Psalm 17:1-7

Prayer for Deliverance from Persecutors

- <sup>1</sup> Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.
- <sup>2</sup> From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right.
- <sup>3</sup> If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress.
- <sup>4</sup> As for what others do, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.
- <sup>5</sup> My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.
- <sup>6</sup>I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words.
- Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.

### **GOSPEL LESSON:**

John 18:1-27

The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

**18** After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. <sup>2</sup> Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. <sup>3</sup> So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers

together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" <sup>5</sup> They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. <sup>6</sup> When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. <sup>7</sup> Again he asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." <sup>9</sup> This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." <sup>10</sup> Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. <sup>11</sup> Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

# Jesus before the High Priest

<sup>12</sup> So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. <sup>13</sup> First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. <sup>14</sup> Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

# Peter Denies Jesus

<sup>15</sup> Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, <sup>16</sup> but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. <sup>17</sup> The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." <sup>18</sup> Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were

standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

# The High Priest Questions Jesus

<sup>19</sup> Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. <sup>20</sup> Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. <sup>21</sup> Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" <sup>24</sup> Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

# Peter Denies Jesus Again

<sup>25</sup> Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." <sup>26</sup> One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" <sup>27</sup> Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON "Peter's Denial"

Rev. Bowdler

\*AFFIRMATION 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; 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.

\*HYMN 442 Just as I Am, without One Plea WOODWORTH

1 Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

2 Just as I am, though tossed about with many\_a conflict, many\_a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

3 Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

4 Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down; now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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, forever, Amen

ANNOUNCEMENT OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### THE SENDING

\*HYMN 269

Lead On, O King Eternal!

**LANCASHIRE** 

1 Lead on, O King eternal!
The day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest
your tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation
your grace has made us strong,
and now, O King eternal,
we lift our battle song.

2 Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace; for not with swords' loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums; with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

3 Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears, for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears; your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light.
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

**POSTLUDE** 

Toccata Festiva

FRANKLIN RITTER

## **PRAYER & CARE CONCERNS**

(Names in **bold** indicate new concerns)

Members: Nancy Bailey, Tena Becker, Nora Brunson, Joy Clemmer, Vance Clemmer, Donnie Cole, Hope Conerly, Lisa Davis, George Forkin, Noel Guthrie, Hugh Hogue, Jeanne Hulsman, Jim Jackson, Vicki Jensen, Amy Lenoir & Chalise O'Quinn, Malcolm & Joy Lightsey, Marcia Magee, Pat Ray, Marian Sessums, Paul & Crea Shelton, Betty Simmons, Stephanie Smith, Susan Sumrall, Kathy Van Tassell, Linda Walker, Myra Wheaton, Pat Worley

Family & Friends: Doug Baxter (George Forkin's son-in-law), Terry Black (friend of Bob & Diane Hall), Kathy Miller Evans (Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller's sister), Margaret Ann Forester, Alice Hunt (Josie Moore's sister), Jeannie Jenkins (Bill Dillon's daughter), Greg Koziel, Ben & Whitney Lightsey (Malcolm & Joy's grandson), Joe Martin,

Taaji Moore (Josie Moore's son), Grace & Amos O'Gwynn, Darla Ray, Phillip Russell (friend of Barney McCann), Sara Schobesberger (Lisa & Werner's daughter), Julia Winham (Roxie's mother), Richie Yerby (friend of Mark & Nancy Bailey)

Missions: Lisa & Werner Schobesberger, Austria; Mission Hope

Military: Grace Foster, Matt Jasinski, Kevin Jameson, Jordan

Saunders

Elders this week: Dan Duggan & Joanne White Elders next week: Susan Bostwick & Corinne Fox

Videographer this week: Audie Dodson

Videographer next week: Kathy Van Tassell

## **USHERS THIS MONTH**

Susan Bostwick – Myra Cook – Suzan Dorsey – Warren Dorsey – Hugh Hogue

## **CHURCH CALENDAR**

SUNDAY, March 20, Third Sunday in Lent, PW Birthday Offering

9:00 a.m. - Choir Practice, Sunday School

10:00 a.m. - Fellowship Time

10:25 a.m. – Worship in person, or live on Facebook

# MONDAY, March 21

9:30 a.m. - Explorers Bible Study, Adult Library

11:00 a.m. – Congregational Care Committee, Adult

Library (hybrid meeting)

5:30 p.m. – Explorers Bible Study, Heritage Room

# WEDNESDAY, March 23

10:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting

12:00 p.m. - Lenten Lunch, Fellowship Hall

1:00 p.m. – The Chosen, Heritage Room (hybrid)

5:30 p.m. – The Chosen, Heritage Room (hybrid)

## **THURSDAY, March 24**

7:30 a.m. - Prayer for Jackson, Highland Village

11:00 a.m. - Devotion, via GoToMeeting

# FRIDAY, March 25

7:30 a.m. - Friday Free Coffee

SUNDAY, March 27, Fourth Sunday in Lent

Feed My Sheep Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Choir Practice, Sunday School

10:00 a.m. - Fellowship Time

10:25 a.m. – Worship in person, or live on Facebook

11:45 a.m. - Session Meeting, Heritage Room

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS:** Following the worship service each week, Elders meet to receive new members in the church office located on the southwest side, behind the sanctuary. We welcome everyone who trusts in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and who desires to be an active part of our family of faith.

**PW BIRTHDAY OFFERING:** Today we will be collecting the Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women. This year the offering will address homelessness in Maine, and hunger alleviation in Lares, Puerto Rico. Look for the yellow offering envelopes in the pew and please give generously.

**FRIDAY FREE COFFEE:** We are extending our First Friday Free Coffee mission of community hospitality to <u>each Friday during Lent</u> beginning at 7:30 a.m. We are seeking volunteers interested in helping with this ministry. Please contact Joanne White for more information.

**EASTER FLOWER FUND:** If you would like to remember someone in a special way by making a donation to the Easter Flower Fund, please fill out the form below and place in the offering plate along with your check marked "Easter Flowers" or mail to the church office. All donations received before Monday, April 11 will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

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**FEED MY SHEEP SUNDAY:** Next Sunday is Feed My Sheep Sunday (formerly 2¢-A-Meal). Bring your offering to place in the pots near the offering plates. There are a few collection cans available on the Mission table in the back hallway if you need one.

### **LENTEN AND EASTER SCHEDULE:**

Fridays, March 25 and April 1 and 8 at 7:30 a.m. - Free Friday Coffee

Wednesdays, March 23, 30 and April 6 at 12:00 p.m. - Lenten Luncheons and Devotion

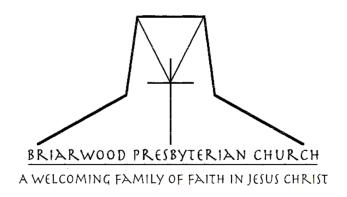
Sunday, April 10 at 10:25 a.m. - Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 14 at 3:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Service and Communion

Saturday, April 16 at 11:00 a.m. - Community Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 17 at 6:30 a.m. - Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 17 at 10:25 a.m. Easter Sunday Service



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