

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship Folder and pass it to others seated on your pew. If you have a prayer request, complete a yellow prayer card. Ushers will collect them during the opening hymn.

Minute for Mission

Jason Reed

Passing the Peace of Christ**Prelude**

Prelude No. 3 in D Minor

Felix Mendelssohn

Introit #421*Have Mercy, God, Upon My Life*

David Gambrell

†Call to Worship

Dan Slaven

One: Happy are those who are honest with God.

All: Happy are those whose sin is forgiven.

One: Therefore, let all who are faithful offer prayer to the Lord in times of distress.

All: For God is our refuge and protects us in times of trouble.

One: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice!

All: Let us shout for joy!

†Hymn #624*I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

TOULON

*I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art, my only trust and Savior of my heart,
Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake; I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.*

*Thou art the King of mercy and of grace, reigning omnipotent in every place:
So come, O King, and our whole being sway; shine on us with the light of thy pure day.*

*Thou art the life, by which alone we live, and all our substance and our strength receive;
Sustain us by thy faith and by thy power, and give us strength in every trying hour.*

Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness; no harshness hast thou and no bitterness.

O grant to us the grace we find in thee, that we may dwell in perfect unity.

*Our hope is in no other save in thee; our faith is built upon thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure, that in thy strength we evermore endure.*

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we keep silent when we should speak. We see iniquity and the injustices of the world, yet are content not to call them out. We withhold kind words, yet are quick to speak in judgment. Forgive us, O God. Direct the way we should go and help us to use our voices to spread your grace and truth.

(Silent Confession)

Kyrie Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 32:1-7

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

Anthem

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus

arr. David Lantz III

*Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore.
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and pow'r.
I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.
Come ye thirsty, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, every grace that bring you night.
I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.
Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him.
I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.*

New Testament Readings: Luke 15:11-32

Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never

disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!” Then the father said to him, “Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.” ’

Sermon

“Love Runs”

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

†Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

†Hymn #416

O Come Unto the Lord

KOREA

O come unto the Lord; O come back to the Lord.
No matter how heavy and how great your sins may
be, there are no sins that Christ our Savior cannot bear, cannot accept.
The great depth of Jesus' loving heart is far deeper than the seas.
O come unto the Lord; O come back to the Lord.
Our Savior is waiting your return both night and
day. Jesus anxiously awaits you, with door kept open wide,
As one who waits throughout the night for a lost child to come back home.
O come unto the Lord; O come back to the Lord.
No matter how burdened and how beaten you may
be, the Lord will comfort you greatly with hands that touch and heal.
Come unto Christ, who loves you so. Please come home; please come back home.
O come unto the Lord; O come back to the Lord.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory

Sonata No. 2: Adagio

Felix Mendelssohn

†Doxology #606

†Prayer of Dedication

†Hymn #547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

AR HYDY NOS

“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”
“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story; here you touched him, saw
his glory. Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”
“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you; here my tender comfort
stilled you. Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”


†Charge and Benediction

†Please stand in body or spirit.

Mission Statement

“Our mission is to live and share the good news of God’s love, grace, and mercy in Jesus Christ, to equip people for discipleship and service, and to work for social justice and peace.”


Sunday, Mar 30	Sunday School/Men’s Class—Library	8:45 am
	Sunday School/All Ages	9:00 am
	Worship Service	10:30 am
	Handbells—#11	12:15 pm
Tuesday, April 1	PW Board Meeting—Library	9:30 am
	Chair Yoga—FH	5:00 pm
	Floor Yoga—FH	6:15 pm
Wednesday, April 2	No Brown Bag & Bible	
	Prayer Shawl—#10 & Zoom	1:00 pm
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
Thursday, April 3	Men’s Breakfast—Frank’s	7:30 am
	Intercessory Prayer—Library	11:00 am
	Chain Stitchers—FH	12:00 pm
	Chair Yoga—FH	5:00 pm
	Chain Stitchers—#9	6:00 pm
	Floor Yoga—FH	6:15 pm
Sunday, April 6	Sunday School-All Ages	9:00 am
	Fellowship—FH	10:00 am
	Worship Service	10:30 am
	1st Sunday Lunch—FH	11:30 am
	Handbells—#11	12:15 pm

 **Flowers** today are given to the **GLORY OF GOD** by Dan and Melba Slaven In honor of three of their granddaughters, birthdays Caroline, Mary Margarete, and Leigh Anne.

Worship in the Sanctuary is at 10:30 am each Sunday. Livestream can be found at fpcpasadena.org.

FPC Sunday School: All classes except Men's Bible Study begin at 9 am.

- **Sunday Morning Bible Study**—8:45 am in the Library. Led by Mark Corder.
- **Stepping Out in Faith**—Bride's Room & Zoom (contact Bonnie Keith for the Zoom link). (Pat Abrams leads the current study of *Paul for Everyone: 2 Corinthians*, by N. T. Wright.) This class is taking a break.
- **Current Christianity**—Room #8, discussion of the book *The Day I Met Jesus*, by Frank Viola and Mary E. DeMuth.
- **Kindergarten through 5th grade**—Room #7. Led by Bonnie Keith and Donna Gilchrest.
- **6th-12th grade**—Room #10. Led by James Jackson and Brian Davis.

 Drop by the Fellowship Hall after Sunday School or before worship for fellowship, a cup of coffee, and possibly a 'treat'... 10-10:30 every Sunday morning.

Brown Bag & Bible will not meet this Wednesday, April 2nd.

Cut-Ups will meet Monday, April 7th for lunch at 11:30 am at Ernie's, then back to the church at 1:00 pm for a craft in room #9 (a rabbit).

Easter Lilies may be purchased for \$12.00 in honor or memory of a loved one and taken home after the worship service on Easter Sunday. Envelopes will be located on the pews and in the Narthex.

The 2025 Lent Daily Devotional, **The Hardest Part: Hurt We Carry, Hope We Find**, is located on the FPC website at fpcpasadena.org.

Presbyterian Women meets on Tuesday, April 8. The day circle meets at 10:00 a.m. and night circle meets in person and on Zoom at 6:30 p.m. For more information contact Melba Slaven or Bonnie Keith. The study is Lesson 8, "Intergenerational Justice" from Let Justice Roll Down by Patricia K. Tull.

The Brunch and Book Group meets next on Saturday, April 26, 10-Noon in the Fellowship Hall, to discuss the book, **The Demon of Unrest: A Saga of Hubris, Heartbreak, and Heroism at the Dawn of the Civil War**, by Erik Larson. "Erik Larson bring to life the pivotal five months between the election of Abraham Lincoln and the start of the Civil War in this riveting examination of a nation in tumult."

Remember in your thoughts and prayers: Beth Council; Pat Abrams; Barry Webb; Marvin Clark; Jim Tinney; Frank & Glenda Kucera; Mike & Susan Wallace; Laura Neal Hatridge and her family; Kay Hutson; Imelda Carrillo; Maurice and Joyce Barclay; Mark Clemmons' son, Adam; Iliana Vela's sister, Maribelle; Anne Berridge; Cathy Armstrong; Elois' son, Steve; Lavinia Brown's sister, Edith Morehead; Diane Hall's great granddaughter, Mary Ellen.

Leading in Worship Today

Rev. Dr. Fairfax F. Fair
 Dan Slaven, Liturgist
 Marilyn Wilkins, Music Director
 Ron Ollis, Organist
 Barry Webb, Audio-Visual
 Yulissa Delgado, Nursery Attendant