

## First 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.

**Passing the Peace of Christ****Prelude***Plein Jeu a la Couperin* from Baroque Suite

Gordon Young

**Introit #204***Stay with Me*

Jacques Berthier

**†Call to Worship**

Margaret Bardin

One: We who live in the shelter of the Most High say to the Lord:

**All: My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.**

One: God will protect us from evil and commands angels to guard us in all our ways.

**All: God rescues those who love God and is present with us in trouble.**

One: God answers when we cry out and reveals our salvation to us.

**All: Let us worship God.**

**†Hymn #165***The Glory of These Forty Days*

ERHALT UNS, HERR

*The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise;  
for Christ, by whom all things were made, himself has fasted and has prayed.*

*Alone and fasting Moses saw the loving God who gave the law;  
and to Elijah, fasting, came the steeds and chariots of flame.*

*So Daniel trained his mystic sight, delivered from the lions' might;  
and John, the Bridegroom's friend, became the herald of Messiah's name.*

*Then grant that we like them be true, consumed in fast and prayer with you;  
Our spirits strengthen with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.*

**Prayer of Confession**

**As Lent unfolds before us, Great God, we see how far we have to go to Jerusalem. The road is long. Our sins are many and our burdens are heavy. We have trouble imagining new life, Easter life, because we live mired in our bad choices and failed efforts. In your mercy, meet us in our weakness. Take up our sins. Ease our burdens. Carry us on the way. Bring us to Jerusalem, at last. Show us your love, a love that is stronger than death, a love no grave can hold.**

(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:** Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you

harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.” When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.” You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

### **Anthem**

*Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God*

Carl F. Mueller

*Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free spirit.  
Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God!*

### **New Testament Reading: Luke 4:1-13**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, “One does not live by bread alone.”’ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, “Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.”’ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you”, and “On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.”’ Jesus answered him, “It is said, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”’ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

### **Sermon**

*“In Good Company”*

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

### **†Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed**

### **†Hymn #167**

*Forty Days and Forty Nights*

AUS DER TIEFE RUFTE ICH

*Forty days and forty nights you were fasting in the wild;  
forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled.  
Shall not we your sorrow share and from worldly joys abstain,  
fasting with unceasing prayer, strong with you to suffer pain?  
Then if Satan on us press, flesh or spirit to assail,  
victor in the wilderness, grant that we not faint nor fail!  
So shall we have peace divine: holier gladness ours shall be;  
round us, too, shall angels shine, such as served you faithfully.*

*Keep, O keep us, Savior dear, ever constant by your side,  
that with you we may appear at the eternal Eastertide.*

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory**

*Jesus Loves Me*

William Bradbury  
arr. Albin C. Whitworth

**†Doxology #606**

**†Prayer of Dedication**

**†Hymn #166**

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

ST. FLAVIAN

*Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,  
teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.*

*As you with Satan did contend and did the victory win,  
O give us strength to persevere, in you to conquer sin.*

*And through these days of penitence, and through this Passiontide,  
yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.*

*Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be past,  
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.*

**†Charge and Benediction**

**†Response**

*Amen in Cm*

Hal H. Hopson

**Postlude**

*Toccata from Baroque Suite*

Gordon Young

**†Please stand in body or spirit.**

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 **Flowers** today are given to the **GLORY OF GOD** by Barbara Davis in honor of Brian's birthday on March 12<sup>th</sup>!

**Worship** in the Sanctuary is at 10:30 am each Sunday. Livestream can be found at [fpcpasadena.org](http://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.

**Called Session Meeting TODAY in the Bride's Room at 10 am.**

**Brown Bag & Bible will not meet this Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.**

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

**Presbyterian Women** meets on Tuesday, March 11. The day circle starts at 10:00 am and the night circle meets in person and on Zoom at 6:30 pm. For more information contact Melba Slaven or Bonnie Keith. This month's study is Lesson 7 "Economic Climate Justice" from *Let Justice Roll Down* by Patricia K. Tull.

**The Brunch and Book Group** meets next on Saturday, March 15, 10-Noon in the Fellowship Hall, to discuss the book, **The Benevolent Society of Ill-Mannered Ladies**, by Alison Goodman. "A high society amateur detective at the heart of Regency London uses her wits and invisibility as an old maid to protect other women in a new and fiercely feminist historical mystery series."

**The next Young at Heart Bus Trip** (for ages 55+) is Friday March 21, to Washington on the Brazos State Historic Site Complex, where we will get a unique insight into the lives of the people who established the Republic of Texas. Cost (\$6.00) Lunch (\$20.00), at Martha's Bloomers Café and Store. Bus will load at 7:45 am, depart at 8:00 am and return at about 4:00 pm. Please sign up early with Ruth (713-515-9248).

**The 85th Anniversary Planning Committee** wants your help! Who at FPC has made a difference in your life? Write 3-4 sentences about a saint among us past or present and submit it to [office@fpcpasadena.org](mailto:office@fpcpasadena.org) or drop it by the office. Sketches (subject to editing) will be included in upcoming bulletins as we draw closer to October 12, 2025, and our grand celebration.

**Remember in your thoughts and prayers:** Pat Abrams and family; Barry Webb; 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.

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Sunday, Mar 9	Sunday School/Men's Class—Library	8:45 am
	Sunday School/All Ages	9:00 am
	Session Meeting—Bride's Room	10:00 am
	Worship Service	10:30 am
	Discipleship—Library	11:30 am
	Handbells—#11	12:15 pm
Monday, Mar 10	Mission & Outreach—Library	1:00 pm
Tuesday, Mar 11	PW Day Circle—FH	10:00 am
	Chair Yoga—Narthex	5:00 pm
	Floor Yoga—Narthex	6:15 pm
Wednesday, Mar 12	PW Night Circle—FH	6:30 pm
	<b>No Brown Bag &amp; Bible</b>	
	Prayer Shawl—#10 & Zoom	1:00 pm
	Stewardship—Library	2:00 pm
Thursday, Mar 13	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
	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
	Brunch & Book—FH	10:00 am
Saturday, Mar 15		
Sunday, Mar 16	Sunday School-All Ages	9:00 am
	Fellowship—FH	10:00 am
	Worship With Communion	10:30 am
	Deacon's Meeting—#10	11:30 am
	Handbells—#11	12:15 pm
	Memorial Service Emma Abrams	1:30 pm

### 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."

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### **Leading in Worship Today**

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