

Please exit quietly after worship for those enjoying the organ postlude and continue fellowship in the narthex and fellowship hall.

First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 7, 2019

10:30 am

Rev. John Purcell

I am a native born, bred, and educated Texan, having lived about half of my life on the Gulf Coast, most of which was Houston, Beaumont, Port Arthur, or New Orleans. The other half of my life has been lived in North Texas with brief stints in California (US Coast Guard) and Arkansas. As a child I have worshipped in First Presbyterian Church in Conroe from time to time.

I have served called pastorates most of my career plus eight interims: four Presbyterian and four Lutheran.

I am a graduate of Austin College and Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Nita Purcell is the other half of my life, having met at Austin College. Nita is a retired Registered Dietitian and Diabetes Educator. We have two children. Our son, Paul, and daughter-in-law, Joan, live in the Woodlands and have three boys. One is at Lone Star College, another at Texas State, and the third plays football at the Air Force Academy. Our daughter, Melanie, lives in Pottsboro (on Lake Texoma), and has two sons. One plays football for the Los Angeles Rams. Her number two is a junior in high school.

I enjoy reading mysteries, history, political science and sociology. I also have a deep love and commitment to the Church. We have lived in The Woodlands for 2 1/2 years.

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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WHEN I AM AMONG THE TREES

When I am among the trees,
especially the willows and the honey locust,
equally the beech, the oaks and the pines,
they give off such hints of gladness.
I would almost say that they save me, and daily.

I am so distant from the hope of myself,
in which I have goodness, and discernment,
and never hurry through the world
but walk slowly, and bow often.

Around me the trees stir in their leaves
and call out, “Stay awhile.”
The light flows from their branches.

And they call again, “It’s simple,” they say,
“and you too have come
into the world to do this, to go easy, to be filled
with light, and to shine.”

Mary Oliver
from Devotions
The Selected Poems of Mary Oliver

Leading in Worship Today

Rev. John Purcell, preaching
Margaret Bardin, Liturgist
Jessie Kuehner, Children’s Time
Marilyn Wilkins, Music Director
Jamie Taylor, Handbell Director
Ron Ollis, Organist
Barry Webb, Audio Visual



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Service for the Lord's Day
Gathering Around the Word of God

Welcome and Life of the Church

Minutes for Mission

Presbyterian Women

Melba Slaven

Prelude: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

FPC Handbell Choir

arr. by Kevin McChesney

Introit: #204 *Stay with Me*

Jacques Berthier

†Call to Worship:

Leader: We gather to share in the gospel of Christ:

All: to lean on the story of God's great love.

Leader: We gather to answer the call of Christ:

All: to walk the road that leads to a cross.

Leader: We gather to be the body of Christ:

All: to serve the one who is our Head.

Leader: We gather to follow the way of Christ:

All: to sing praises to our God!

†Hymn of Praise: #169 *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

As we journey with Christ toward Jerusalem, we find ourselves wanting to turn away: to choose glory over suffering, success over justice, comfort over peace, independence over discipleship. We want to believe that we will be loyal to Christ until the end, but we fear that we will join the crowd in shouting, "Crucify." Forgive us, God of life, of all the ways we fail to answer your call. Bind us in your love, free us by your grace, and enliven us by your Spirit to follow Christ once more.

Silent Confession

Liturgist: Amen

Response: #437 *You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!*

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

You are the Christ, giver of mercy!

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe and live the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

†Glory Be to The Father (Gloria Patri): #581

†Sharing the Peace of Christ

Chancel Time with Children

Jessie Kuehner

Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love.

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Anthem: *Nothing But the Blood of Jesus*

Chrissy Ellis, Flute

Craig Courtney

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
O precious is the flow that makes me bright as snow,
No other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon this I see: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my cleansing this my plea: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
O precious is the flow that makes me bright as snow,
No other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace; nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done; nothing but the blood of Jesus.
O precious is the flow that makes me bright as snow,
No other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Prayer for Illumination: #288 Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

First Lesson: Isaiah 43:16-21 (p. 515)

Sermon Lessons: John 12:1-8 (p. 761)

Sermon: "Make Hay While the Sun Shines"

Rev. John Purcell

Responding to the Word of God

†Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (p. 34)

†Hymn of Affirmation: #215 *What Wondrous Love Is This*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music: *Meditation on Arlington*

Fred Bock

†Doxology: #606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

†Prayer of Dedication

Taking the Word of God into the World

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (p. 35)

†Hymn of Inspiration: #213 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

†Benediction

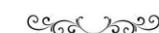
†Response: #840 *When Peace like a River (verse 1)*

Philip P. Bliss

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.

†Postlude: *Toccata in C Minor*

Leon Boellmann



†Please stand as you are able.