

Celebration of Worship

March 22, 2009 – 11:00 A.M.

4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

We enter to worship;

we depart to serve

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude Amanda Teachnor, Organist

Announcements
(Please sign and pass the friendship pads at this time.)

- ◆ Opening Hymn “*Everything Is Yours, Lord*”
Ev’rything is yours, Lord; ev’rything comes from you: all we have we offer to you. Accept our love, Lord, we pray; receive our gifts, Lord, today.
(Repeat)

Welcome and Silent Meditation

Invocation Mr. Len Gardner

Call to Worship *from Psalm 107*
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble.

They cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress;

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

- ◆ Hymn 18 “*The Love of God*”

WE CONFESS OUR SINS & RECEIVE GOD’S GRACE

- ◆ Prayer of Confession
Saving God, you have created our world and made it good. When we live in it according to your design, there is enough for all, and we can resolve our conflicts without violence. However, we fail to trust that your way is best.

Then, when our way leads to pain, we cry out in fear or frustration.

Forgive us, we pray, for failing to trust you more.

Help us learn to walk in your ways and help us know where to look when we are in need of healing.

In Jesus’ name we pray...

(...Silent confession will conclude with “Amen.”)

- ◆ Assurance of God’s Pardon

Who is in a position to condemn us?

Only Christ. And Christ died for us; Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation; The old life is gone; a new life has begun. Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

- ◆ Gloria “*Shout for Joy to God*”

**Shout for joy to God all the earth,
Alleluia! Praise the Lord! (Repeat)**

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

Children’s Moment Pastor Dan
(Children’s Church is available for 4 yrs. through kindergarten.)

Pastoral Prayer 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.

Morning Offering

Anthem “*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*”
Paul Gerhardt & Marty Parks

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns Thine only crown,
How pale Thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn!
How does that visage languish which once was bright as morn.

What Thou, my Lord, has suffered was all for sinners’ gain:
All mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall my Savior! ‘tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor, assist me with Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this, Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever, and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love for Thee.

- ◆ Doxology “*Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*”
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ his Son. And now let the weak say, “I am strong”; let the poor say, “I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.” Give thanks! Give thanks! Give thanks!

- ◆ Prayer of Dedication

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading (page 122) Numbers 21:4-9

New Testament Reading (page 949) Ephesians 2:1-10

Sermon “*What We Need for Healing*”

- ◆ Hymn 29 “*Wonderful Words of Life*”

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

- ◆ Benediction

- ◆ Congregational Response Hymn 84
“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”
My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly Thine!

Postlude

- ◆ *(Indicates appropriate place for congregation to stand)*

OUR MISSION

At First Presbyterian Church of Sand Springs,
we are filled with life as a congregation
because God creates us, loves us and calls us
to be his children and to be family to one another.
Our purpose is to serve, play, learn and worship together,
seeking to have our brethren, lost and found,
accept the grace God offers
and join us at the table of the Lord.

PRAYER LIST—NEW CONCERNS

Jimmy Don Talbot (Glenda Bare's grandson)—
 Deployed to Iraq
 Jeff Mayhugh—Foot surgery
 Cheryl Stump (friend of the Hilgendorfs)—Sleep apnea
 Isaac (Thad Cannon's sister's infant son)—born very
 prematurely and in NICU
 Nathasha Greene Pickerel—Diagnosed with Type 1
 diabetes
 Bubba Escow (Matthew Shelton's friend)—Severe
 burns
 George Lewis (Jim's father)—Recovering from stroke
 Jeff Hershow (Pam Smithey's brother-in-law)—
 Brain surgery
 Marty Bean (Thad Cannon's friend's son)—Open
 heart surgery
 (Please refer to newsletter for Ongoing Concerns and
 Homebound Members.)

OUR MINISTRY AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 22
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

Monday, March 23
 7:00 p.m. AA Open Meeting & Al-Anon Meeting

Tuesday, March 24
 12:00 Noon Lenten Service—First Christian

Wednesday, March 25
 5:30 p.m. Dinner
 6:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Children's Choir
 Jr. High Bible Study
 Women's Bible Study
 Men's Bible Study
 M4M Service Hour
 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
 Sr. High Bible Study

Thursday, March 26
 6:30 p.m. Finance & Stewardship Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting
 8:00 p.m. AA Closed Meeting

Saturday, March 28
 10:00 a.m. Church-wide Service Project

Sunday, March 29
 9:30 a.m. Morning Fellowship
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
 12:00 Noon CE Meeting
 12:45 p.m. Confirmation Class

THOSE WHO SERVE

Greeter: Hunt family
 Ushers: Craig Hunt, Captain; Becky Hunt; Tyler Hunt;
 Ryan Hunt; Steve Carlisle; Connie Carlisle
 Liturgist: Len Gardner
 Sunday School Superintendent: Bobbie Cook
 Sunday Morning Fellowship: 03/29 **Need volunteers**

NEWS AND SUCH

Please refer to **"OUR MINISTRY AND UPCOMING EVENTS"** for meetings and events scheduled this week.

Tuesday Lenten Service—This Tuesday's noon Lenten service will be at the First Christian Church, 501 N. Main. Lunch will follow at about 12:35 p.m.

Church Open for Prayer during Lent—The church doors continue to be open during Lent on **Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.** A devotional is available to help direct you through prayer if you desire to use it.

Church-wide Service Project Saturday—There will be opportunities for everyone to help with projects both inside and outside the church in preparation for Easter beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 28th. Make plans now to help with cleaning, leaf removal, freshening up the flower beds, etc. The children will meet and do their part from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Easter Lilies—Easter lilies continue to be available for purchase for \$10.00 each. Please have your orders turned in by Monday, March 30th.

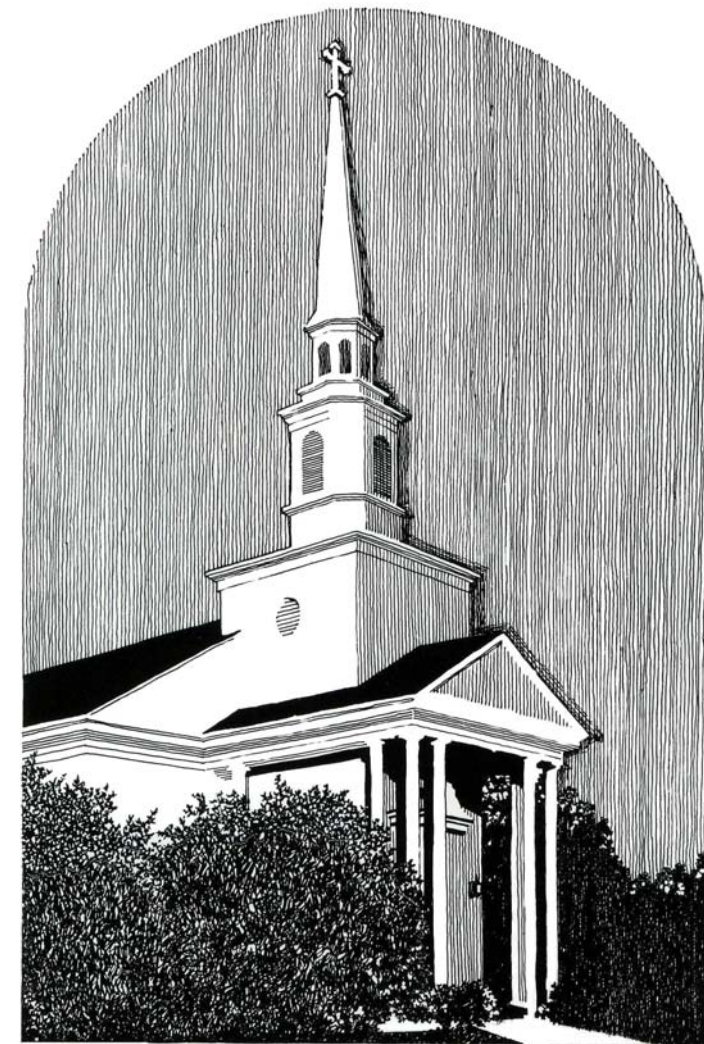
Jr. High Sunday School Class Service Project—The Jr. High Sunday School Class continues to collect donations until March 30th for the local Sand Springs chapter of the Blue Star Mothers. At that time, they will be presenting the donated items to the BSM's at their monthly meeting held at the SS American Legion at 5th & Main.

Sermon on the Amount—

Needed for Mar.:	\$19,762.08	Budgeted YTD:	\$50,165.28
Received in Mar.:	13,656.33	Received YTD:	42,266.53
Difference:	(\$ 6,105.75)	Difference:	(\$ 7,898.75)

OUR STAFF

Dan Milford—Pastor
 Willa Barnes—Secretary
 Marti Law-Lowery—Director of Children's Ministries
 Bill Zahringer—Director of Youth Ministries
 Doug Ruffner—Director of Music
 Amanda Teachnor—Organist and Accompanist
 Krista Polanski—Treasurer
 Kyla Rice—Children's Church Teacher



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