

Ushers *Denna Grogan, Don Grogan, Dana Lamb, Mike Lamb*
Liturgist *Jack Thomas*
Music *Bob Eubanks, Nancy Wells, George Hill, FCPC Choral Ensemble*
Interim Pastor *Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse*

Today's flowers are given in loving memory of Charlotte by Lindy Davis Moore and Bob and Carole Davis.

Announcements

Want the help the youth? You can do so by providing a meal for them on a Wednesday or Sunday evening. See Linda Sullivan or check in the Weekly Word for a link to sign up.

Confirmation begins today, Sunday, February 18th at 5pm during regular youth time.

Pilsner Presbyterians will gather at Fountain City Social on Friday, February 23rd at 2:30pm.



First Sunday of Lent
February 18, 2024

Prelude

Word of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

Call to Worship

Jack Thomas

Leader: You are worthy, our Lord and God

All: to receive glory and honor and power

Leader: because You created all things

All: and by Your will they exist!

***Hymn #62 All Creatures of Our God and King (verses 1, 2, 5)**

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise Him, alleluia!

Thou rising morn in praise rejoice, ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Ritual of Friendship

Jack Thomas

*Members and Guests – Please sign and pass the friendship register
located on the center aisle under the pew in front*

Call to Confession

Jack Thomas

Leader: "For this reason, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person really works." Let us pray and confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

Jack Thomas

All: Heavenly Father, we are like strays who have wandered away. We have gone where we wanted to - in thoughts, words and deeds - even if it was where You told us not to go. Why do we keep doing this? Lord, have mercy on us poor sinners! Help us to follow Jesus and walk in paths of righteousness for His Name's sake, Amen.

(Time for Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness and Peace

Jack Thomas

Leader: "You were freed by the precious blood of Christ, like that of a flawless, spotless lamb. This was done for you, who through Christ are faithful to the God who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory."

****Gloria Patri***

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.**

****Passing the Peace***

Jack Thomas

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all

All: And also with you

Anthem Be Still

Be still and know that I am God, Be still and know that I am with you.
Be still and know that I will comfort you when you come to Me in your hour of need.

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am here for you;
and I will wipe your tears; you will be renewed.

Come unto Me, my child, be still and know that I will give you rest,
I am present in your pain and I always will remain your Comforter and Friend.
Be still and know that I am God, Be still and know that I am with you.
Be still and know that I will comfort you when you come to Me in your hour of need.

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am here for you;
And I will wipe your tears; you will be renewed.

Peace I leave with you; My peace I give unto you Peace, Peace, Peace.
Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God.
Be still, be still. Be still.

Children age 5 through middle school are invited to Children's Worship, please meet the adult volunteers in the back of the sanctuary at this time.

Prayer of Illumination

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

Scripture Reading Matthew 7:24-29

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Sermon Back to the Game

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

****Hymn #436 Freely, Freely***

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name, I've been born again in Jesus' name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you To share His love as He told me to.

[Chorus]

He said: 'Freely, freely, you have received, Freely, freely give;
Go in My name, and because you believe, Others will know that I live.'

All power is given in Jesus' name, In earth and heaven in Jesus' name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you To share His pow'r as He told me to. [Chorus]

Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

All: 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

Call for Offering

Jack Thomas

Leader: Let's worship God with our tithes and offerings.

Offertory

****Doxology***

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost**

****Prayer of Dedication***

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

****Hymn #434 God of Grace and God of Glory (verses. 1, 3, 4)***

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your pow'r;
crown Thy ancient Church's story, bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Cure Thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be
armored with all Christlike graces, In the fight to set men free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not man nor thee,
that we fail not man nor thee!

****Charge and Benediction***

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

****Congregational Benediction***

**Make us one, Lord, make us one;
Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let your love flow so the world will know
we are one in you**

Postlude