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# “Encourage One Another”

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**Sunday, March 12, 2023**

# Order of Worship

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Pastor Darin

## INTROIT

*For Behold, Darkness Shall Cover the Earth*

Grayson Osteraas/  
Carol Pike

## CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 29:2-4

Pastor Darin

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name,

**Worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

**the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.**

The voice of the Lord is powerful,

**the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

## OPENING PRAYER

*(You may stand in body or spirit as you sing.)*

Pastor Darin

## \*HYMN

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

No. 39

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Rachel Buchin

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rachel Buchin

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*(Silence for individual confession.)*

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rachel Buchin

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

## \*RESPONSE

*Glory Be to The Father*

No. 581

## \*PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor Darin

The grace and peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*Lamb of God*

Carol Pike

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rachel Buchin

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Joshua 1:1-9

Rachel Buchin

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses's assistant, saying, <sup>2</sup>“My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. <sup>3</sup>Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. <sup>4</sup>From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. <sup>5</sup>No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. <sup>6</sup>Be strong and courageous, for you shall lead this people to possess the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. <sup>7</sup>Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. <sup>8</sup>This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. <sup>9</sup>I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Darin

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Pastor Darin

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

“Encourage One Another”

Rev. Darin Seaman

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed, traditional

Pastor Darin

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Ghost, born  
of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He**

descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

\*HYMN

*Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

No. 722

WE GIVE OUR OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

Offertory Music

Prayer of Dedication

*Etude 22*

Rachel Buchin

Tamara Calhoun

Rachel Buchin

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Darin

\*HYMN

*Lead Me, Guide Me*

No. 740

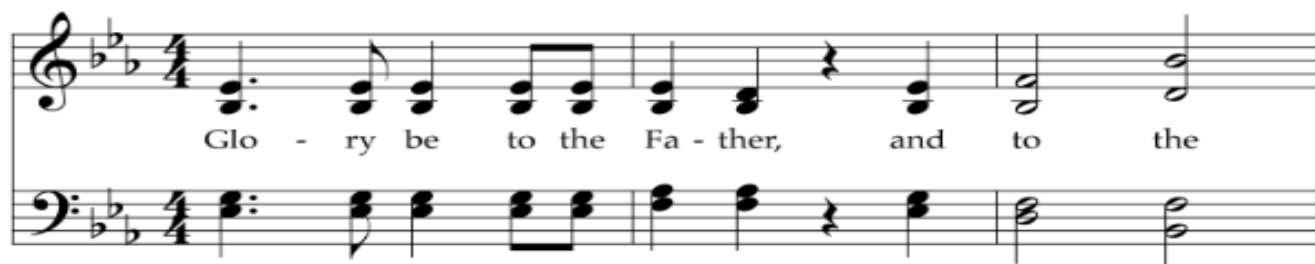
\*BENEDICTION

Pastor Darin

SERVICE MUSIC

## Glory Be to the Father

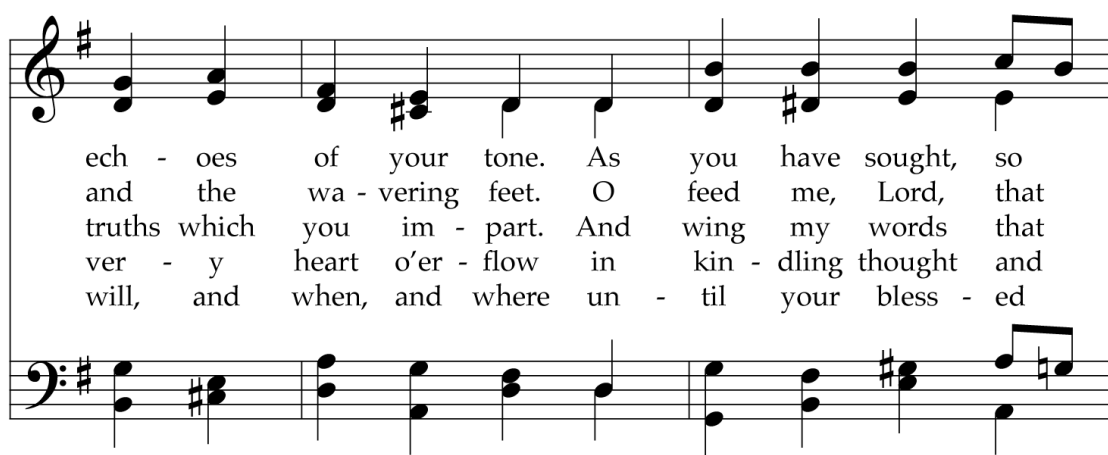
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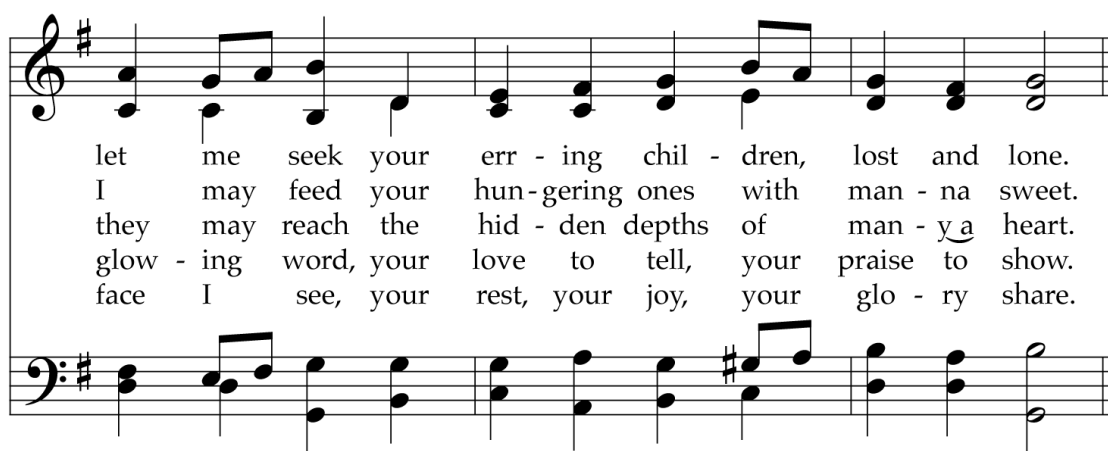
# 722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak



1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing  
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering  
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious  
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my  
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you



ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so  
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that  
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that  
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and  
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed



let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
 I may feed your hun - gery ones with man - na sweet.  
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - na heart.  
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.  
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

# 39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 \*Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.  
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.  
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!  
오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주



Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.  
날 마 다 자 비 를 베 푸 시 며



All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.  
일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니



Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!  
오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

# 740 Lead Me, Guide Me

Capo 1: (D)  
*Refrain* E $\flat$  (A7) B $\flat$ 7 (Em) Fm

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, for if you

(A) B $\flat$  (D) E $\flat$  (A7) B $\flat$ 7 (D) E $\flat$

lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each

(A7) B $\flat$ 7 (B7) C7 (Em) Fm (D) E $\flat$  (A7) B $\flat$ 7 (D) E $\flat$  *Fine*

day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

(D) E $\flat$  (B7) C7 (Em) Fm (A7) B $\flat$ 7 (Em) Fm

I am weak and I need your strength and power to help me

(A) B $\flat$  (D) E $\flat$  (D) E $\flat$  (D7) E $\flat$ 7

o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the dark-ness your

(Em) Fm (D) E $\flat$  (A7) B $\flat$ 7 (D) E $\flat$  *to Refrain*

face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

# The Week Ahead

## **Mon., March 13**

11:00 am—NAPS  
12:30 pm—Book Club  
5:00 pm—Adult CE  
5:30 pm—Personnel  
6:30 pm—Finance  
7:00 pm—Worship  
7:00 pm—Narcotics Anon.

## **Tues., March 14**

9:00 am - Men's Bible Study  
1:30 pm—Mission Committee  
4:30 pm—Property  
4:30 pm—Handbells  
6:00 pm—Lower Town

## **Wed., March 15**

9:15 am—Women's Bible Study  
2:00 pm—Prayer Meeting  
6:15 pm—Chancel Choir

## **Thurs., March 16**

## **Fri., March 17**

7:00 am - Men's Bible Study  
8:00 am—Men's Quartet Rehearsal

## **Sat. March 18**

## **Sun., March 19**

9:00 am—Sunday School  
10:00 am—Worship



# **First Presbyterian Church Happenings**

## **Serving Us Today**

Rachel Buchin (Worship Leader), Dan Owen/Gail Aalderks (Ushers), Don/Bonnie Ramsey (Greeters), Don Fortner, Grayson Osteraas, Carol Pike, Tamara Calhoun (Music), Jay Espelien, Andrew Giese/Karen Ondracek (A/V), Julia Owen/Rickie Espelien (Nursery)

## **Lenten Devotions**

Lenten devotions are being provided for your use. The devotionals were written by Teri McDowell Ott, editor of the Presbyterian Outlook.

## **Adult Sunday School**

Join us and share with us your favorite parable so that we can study it together. The class meets at 9:00 a.m. in the library.

## **Contemplative Prayer Series**

Sundays in March (3:30—4:30 pm)

We are joining with others for a contemplative prayer series during March. We are meeting at the Franciscan Welcoming House (1600 11th Ave S St. Cloud). If you would like to attend, please see Pastor Darin or call 320-217-2108.

## **Mother Hubbard's Cupboard**

March is Minnesota FoodShare Month. We can do our part by donating non-perishable food and self-care items to this month's **Mother Hubbard's Cupboard**. As in the past, tables will be set up in the Narthex where you can leave your donations. Examples of items needed are: soup, canned vegetables, canned fruit, pasta, dry cereal, boxed dinners, dish soap, shampoo, paper towels, etc. Please be careful to check that expiration dates have not passed, as we do not donate food that may no longer be good. Also, please donate only new, never been opened items. If you prefer to make a donation of money, please mark on your check that the money is for Mother Hubbard's Cupboard. Donations from this campaign will be distributed to Catholic Charities, Homeless Helping Homeless and Place of Hope. Thank you for helping us feed our neighbors in central Minnesota.

## **Class 101**

Interested in membership? Want to learn more about our congregation? After worship on Sunday, March 26, Pastor Darin will host Class 101. We will meet in the library and a light lunch will be served. Call the church office (251-8277) to sign up.

# First Presbyterian Church Happenings

## Worship Next Week (March 19):

Ryne Pentz (Worship Leader), Randy/Kathy Arnold (Ushers), Jan Larson (Greeter), Jay Espelien, John Scott/Melinda Anderson (A/V),

## Nursery

We have a Nursery available for children from age 0-4+ If your little one is fussy, feel free to bring him/her to the Nursery at any time during worship. The Nursery is located down the hall from the sanctuary on the left hand side. All are welcome.

## Equal Exchange

We have Equal Exchange products available in the Fellowship Hall after worship. Find the delicious coffee and chocolate products to purchase and take home. Support a small farmer with a fair price for these products.

## G.I.F.T. Sunday (Generations in Faith Together)

Sunday, March 26, 9:00 a.m.

YOGA by Laura from Laurel Leaf Yoga & Retreats.

***No experience necessary! Everyone is welcome!*** Bring a friend!

Laura is an excellent yoga instructor with deep knowledge and experiences. You don't want to miss this opportunity!

Bring your yoga mat if you have one. Water bottle and towel. Dress in a comfortable outfit.

RSVP to Tomoko ([torebell@hotmail.com](mailto:torebell@hotmail.com), 320-266-8276) by March 23.

## Easter Flowers

Orders are being taken for Easter flowers to adorn the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Please complete the order form (with payment). Forms are also located toward the back of the sanctuary. Orders will be taken until **March 26<sup>th</sup>**.

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor/Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Payment/Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Flower type \_\_\_\_\_

Drop off at the office or place in the offering plate.

### Type and Cost

Easter Lily - \$14  
Daisy Mum - \$18.50  
Blue Hydrangea - \$29.00  
Pink Hydrangea - \$29.00  
White Hydrangea - \$29.00  
Begonia - \$18.50  
Tulips - \$14  
Calendula - \$18.50  
Daisy Mums - \$18.50  
Bulb Garden - \$18.50  
Daffodils - \$14.00  
Hyacinth - \$14.00

**Our Mission Statement**  
*"Bringing the Living Hope of  
the Gospel to the World by  
Knowing and Serving Jesus  
Christ"*

**Our Vision Statement**  
*"The Kingdom of God made  
known one sacred space at a  
time"*

**Office Hours:**

**Monday –Thursday**  
**8:00 am -12:00 pm**  
**1:00 pm - 4:30 pm**

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## SESSION

Pastor Darin Seaman, Moderator  
Bobbie Lampi, Clerk

Class of 2023: Tom Horn (Finance), Jeanne Duininck (Fellowship)  
Darlene Scherbing (Mission), Rodney Kadlec (Property)

Class of 2024: Joni Karl (Fellowship), Kim Tollefson (Personnel), Alvin  
Yu, Stephanie Randolph (Youth/Family)

Class of 2025: Rhonda Siltman (Mission), Randy Hammond (Property)  
Lynn Rae Olson (Campus), Ryne Pentz (Worship &  
Evangelism)

## DEACONS

Class of 2023: Mary Jost, Betty Vigen, Sandy Johnson, Janis Cimperman,  
Barb Isaacson

Class of 2024: Gary Lenzmeier, Stephanie Merrill, Randy Arnold, Kathy  
Arnold, Carol Dirks

Class of 2025: Kari Ahles, Margaret Brooks, Karen Larson, Julia Owen,  
Duane Scherbing

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## STAFF

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