

Union First Presbyterian Church

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FIRST SUNDAY IN
LENT

February 26, 2023

11:00 A.M.

Reverend Diane Flynn, Minister

Patti Reep, Organist

Deborah Snyder, Choir Director
& Pianist

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

The word of the Lord is our daily bread.

People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?

Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.

People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?

We worship and serve the Lord our God alone.

MORNING PRAYER

* Hymn of Praise #421 CLH “All the Way My Savior Leads Me”

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil. You know the things that tempt us and the things that give us life. You know our nakedness, and you know our sin. We confess that we have disobeyed your word, denied your providence and care and relied on our own cleverness. Have mercy on us, we pray: cover us with your grace, feed us with the bread of life, and re-create us in your image; through Jesus Christ our Savior we pray, Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* GLORIA PATRI #579 PH

* Passing of the Peace.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also, with you.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

ANTHEM “In Memory of You”

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 4:1-11

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON Series: Heart to Heart Talks “Not Today, Satan!”

MOMENT FOR SILENT MEDITATION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER Pg. 16 PH

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

* OFFERTORY

* THE DOXOLOGY #592 PH

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We give you thanks and praise, O God, for the free and abundant gift of grace you have given us in Jesus Christ. Let the simple gifts of our lives be a sign of our unending gratitude for your undying love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord we pray, Amen.

* Closing Hymn #151 CLH “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

* BENEDICTION

* Response #525 CLH “At the Cross” (Chorus Only)

* Congregation please stand if you are able.

PH - Presbyterian Hymnal (Blue Hymnal)

CLH - Christian Life Hymnal (Red Hymnal)

Visitors, please sign our guest book located in the vestibule.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Diane Flynn can be reached by calling/texting 412-997-0642 or by e-mail at revdcflynn@gmail.com.

Communion – Today during worship.

Worship Committee Meeting – Today following worship.

Session Meeting – Tuesday, February 28th at 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall.

Choir Practice – Wednesday, March 1st at 7:00pm.

Lent Small Group “He Chose the Nails” – Thursday, March 2nd at 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Special Called Congregational Meeting – Sunday, March 5th at noon.

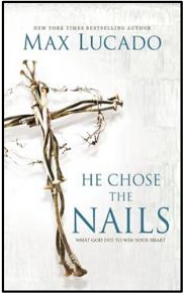
Deacons Meeting – Monday, March 6th at 6:30pm.

Session Reports Due – Tuesday, March 7th to Deb Snyder & Rev. Flynn

Session Meeting – Monday, March 13th at 7:00pm.

Potluck Dinner- Sunday, March 19th at noon. Sponsored by the Deacons

Shrove Tuesday Dinner – Thank you to all those who participated in the Shrove Tuesday Dinner last week. It was great to see old friends and neighbors bring their families to share a meal and catch up with one another. Donations received will go to One Great Hour of Sharing.



Lent Small Group “He Chose the Nails” by Max Lucado March 2nd at 6:30pm - Jesus’ last moments were not left up to chance. God chose the path; he selected the nails. God was never more sovereign than in the details of the death of his Son. The only required act for our salvation was the shedding of blood, yet he did much more. In this video and discussion series, we’ll learn how much God loves and cares for us, take comfort that Jesus understands everything we face in this life, remember that there’s nothing we can do to earn God’s gift, and stand firm in the promise that we are forgiven and welcome in God’s presence. Search the scene of the cross and listen for God’s gentle whisper, “I did it just for you.”

Special Called Congregational Meeting – Sunday, March 5th at noon. There will be a brief congregational meeting on Sunday, March 5th following worship for the purposes of approving the terms of call for the pastor.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb. 26 – Dana Elder
- Geoffrey Stuber

Mar. 1 – Melissa Reep Cushey