

# Union First Presbyterian Church

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SECOND SUNDAY IN  
LENT

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March 5, 2023

11:00 A.M.

Reverend Diane Flynn, Minister

Patti Reep, Organist

Deborah Snyder, Choir Director  
& Pianist

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

From where will our help come?

**Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Who is our keeper?

**The Lord is our keeper, by day and by night.**

How long will God protect us?

**God will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

MORNING PRAYER

\* Hymn of Praise #31 CLH "To God Be the Glory"

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith. In Christ's name 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 "There's a Cross for Me"

SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 3:1-17

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON Series: Heart to Heart Talks "Hush, Hush!"

MOMENT FOR SILENT MEDITATION

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

**Gracious God, we dedicate to you not only these gifts, but also ourselves, in deep gratitude for your call on our lives, your guidance in the baptismal journey, and for blessing us that we may be a blessing to others. Accept what we bring for your own good purposes. In Christ we pray, Amen.**

\* Closing Hymn #249 CLH "There Is a Redeemer"

\* 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](mailto:revdcflynn@gmail.com).

**Special Called Congregational Meeting** – Today at noon.

**Deacons Meeting** – Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

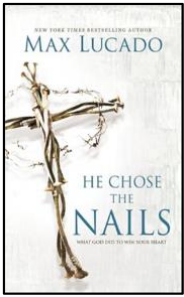
**Session Reports Due** – Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> to Deb Snyder & Rev. Flynn

**Choir Practice** – Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**Lent Small Group “He Chose the Nails”** – Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

**Session Meeting** – Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**Potluck Dinner**- Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at noon. Sponsored by the Deacons



**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** – **Today at noon.** There will be a brief congregational meeting following worship for the purposes of approving the terms of call for the pastor.

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If you have an announcement for the bulletin, please provide your information by Wednesday morning to Jan Cannon at 724-494-9382 or by e-mail at [djjcannon@yahoo.com](mailto:djjcannon@yahoo.com).

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 8 – Sarah Patton

March 10 - Brent Fiscus

- Kathy Snyder

March 9 – Vicki Coven

March 11 – Bruce Hall