



March 21, 2021

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE  
WELCOME  
CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We worship in the season of Lent, a time to examine our hearts and our lives

**People: and journey with Christ through the suffering of the world.**

Leader: Let us seek God with our whole hearts  
**People: and treasure God's word in our spirits.**

Leader: God has marked us as beloved  
**People: and called us together to worship.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy God, by the cross and resurrection of Jesus, you lift the suffering world toward hope and transformation and open the way to eternal salvation. As we move ever closer to the passion of Christ, may your law of love be written on our hearts as he draws all people to himself revealing your love for the world. **Amen.**

HYMN "The Lord is God" Hymnal 63

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us pray for the cleansing of our hearts, confessing our sins to the One whose mercy is everlasting.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *Spoken and Silent (After the corporate Prayer of Confession, please take a few moments of silence to individually confess our sins to God.)*

**Through the season of Lent, O God, we have prayed for clean hearts and right spirits. Forgive us, O Lord, if we have prayed**

**with our words but failed to pray with our actions. Forgive us of what we have done that has contributed to the suffering of another, and forgive us of what we have failed to do that could have lightened a neighbor's burden. Forgive us, O God, and wash us in your mercy. Forgive us, O God, and free us to try again.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, by the faith of Christ, your sins are forgiven. May you delight in the joy of your salvation.

**People: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 119:9-16

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 31:31-34  
John 12:20-33  
Hebrews 5:5-10

SERMON *Lent Series: Covenant People  
Written On Our Hearts*

*Rev. Piper Cartland*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER, followed by The Lord's Prayer (we say *sin*)

MINUTES FOR MINISTRY

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

HYMN "There is a Place of Quiet Rest" Hymnal 824

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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## Announcements

Month-to-Date Undesignated Income ----- \$12,776.00

Month-to-Date Regular Expenses ----- \$18,927.06

The prayer deacon this week is Stephanie Spencer. You can email her any prayer requests that you'd like Piper to mention during the pastoral prayer.

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Next Sunday March 28, we will have an **in-person worship** option available! If you choose to join us, please be aware of the risk mitigation plan emailed to the congregation earlier this week. A link is also posted on the homepage of our website.

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**Wednesday night Bible study** will meet on Zoom at 6:30.

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We are still in need of volunteers to assist with operating the **sound system for worship** on Sunday mornings. Because we are livestreaming from the sanctuary, it now takes two people to operate all of the equipment. If you can use an iPad you can operate the sound system and we will provide training. You will be able to be masked and maintain social distancing throughout. If you're interested in helping please contact the church office or Paul Cartland at [paul.cartland@erpresbyterian.org](mailto:paul.cartland@erpresbyterian.org)

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