



March 26, 2023 | 10:30 A.M.
Fifth Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE

Ah, Holy Jesus
Holy is the Lord

Johann Crüger (1640), arr. Larry Sue
Franz Schubert, arr. Larry Sue

First & Franklin Handbell Choir

GREETING

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
All: **And also with you.**

stand, in body, spirit, or voice

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness.
Come into God's presence with singing!
All: **For the Lord is a gracious God,
Whose mercy is everlasting;
And whose faithfulness endures to all generations**
One: Let us worship God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 466

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

all are seated

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: **Eternally merciful Lord, we confess that far too often, we do not live up to your hopes for us. We keep the gifts you give for ourselves. We turn a blind eye to the needs of others. We fail to understand how a God like you could have any faith in sinners like us. Open our eyes to see beyond ourselves, Lord. Give us ears to hear what doesn't get said, and hearts that can open to the world around us. We ask forgiveness so that all your people might dwell in the light and love of your Son, Jesus Christ.**

There follows a moment of silence for prayers of confession.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have
mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the good news! Through the light and the power of our Savior Jesus Christ, you are loved, you are strengthened, and you are forgiven.

stand, in body, spirit, or voice

RESPONSE TO OUR FORGIVENESS

Scottish Chant

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

all are seated

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: Prepare our hearts, Loving God, that we may receive your Word. Silence in us all voices but your own, so that our hearing and understanding may lead us to do your work in the world. In Jesus' name, we pray.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Ezekiel 37: 1-14*

Liturgist

One: The Word of God, for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Breathe On Me, Breath of God

T. Tertius Noble (1867-1953)

Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am wholly Thine,
Till all this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life of Thine eternity.

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All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *What Does It Mean to Be Resurrected?*

Rev. Janine Zabriskie

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HYMN OF RESPONSE

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

THE CALL

Come, my way, my truth, my life:
 Come, my light, my feast, my strength:
 Come, my joy, my love, my heart:

 such a way, as gives us breath; such a truth, as ends all strife;
 such a light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in length;
 such a joy as none can move; such a love as none can part;

 such a life as con - - - - - quers death.
 such a strength as makes his guest.
 such a heart as joys in love.

Following the hymn, you may bring any prayer request cards to the front of the sanctuary, or signal an usher to assist you.

all are seated

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Purple Ribbon List (March 10-16)

Breon Traquan Ennis	20	Male	Black	<i>We hang a purple ribbon on the Park Avenue side of our building to remind us to pray for the victims, survivors, and perpetrators of these acts of violence in Baltimore City. If you would like to join in putting up a ribbon after worship, please signal an usher.</i>
Juan Hill	32	Male	Black	
Antwan Horton	35	Male	Black	
Delmyn Javier Lopez Ortiz	39	Male	Hispanic	
Journey Sharp	2	Female		
Andre Simms	32	Male	Black	

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

*If you wish to give online via our website, use [this link](#) or scan the QR code.
If you would like to give your offering by mail, please send it to the church office.*



AT THE OFFERTORY

Meditation on BEACH SPRING

B.F. White (1844), arr. Larry Sue

First & Franklin Handbell Choir

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DOXOLOGY 591

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all creatures here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Phil Adams

One: God of mankind and creation, accept these offerings as heartfelt gratitude for all that you have provided and as our pledge to continue your work in the world. Help us to feel new flesh added to our bones and breath restored to our spirit as we renew our commitment to roll away the stones of apathy and despair, call forth those paralyzed by fear and uncertainty, and unbind the oppressed by loosening the trappings of poverty, prejudice, and injustice. May our lives reflect the joy of faith in a story bigger than our own, hope in times of despair, and a perspective wider than this age. We pray all this in the name of Jesus Christ our guide and mentor. Amen.

remain standing for

HYMN OF RESPONSE 422

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

Fanfare on AZMON

Alec Wyton (1921-2007)

O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*It is the custom of this congregation to remain in the sanctuary for the postlude. Those wishing to exit may do so.
Grace and joy to all who have joined us in worship! Please join us for fellowship in Reid Chapel.*

GUEST PREACHER: Rev. Janine Zabriskie

A fourth-generation theologian, Rev. Janine Zabriskie was born in New Jersey, grew up in the Hudson Valley region of New York, and as an adult has lived in Chicago four times, Austin TX twice, New Hampshire, Columbus OH, and Dallas. She came to Baltimore in 2019 when she accepted a job as a Staff Chaplain at the University of Maryland Medical Center. She holds an M.Ed from the University of Texas, as well as an M.Div from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Her favorite things include hockey, cooking, reading, and British television.

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Janine Zabriskie, *Guest Preacher*
Jason Kissel, *Minister of Music & Arts/Organist*

Dave Pierson, *ushers*
John McLucas, *liturgist*

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

Clarence Baney	Don Juedes	Meredith Piplani	Ben Riniker	Betty Schroll
Anne Culbertson	Kirk McAuliffe	Jacob Plaisted	Steve Roach	Sandra Smith
Jake Elfner	John McLucas	Anna Pollitt	Doug Savin	Randy Veale
Zhenya Gnezdilova	Alex Mendelsohn	Lauren Redditt	Marianne Shick	Rachel Walsh
Jim Harvey	Laura Oldham	Daveen Rim	Jan Trammell-Savin	

HANDBELL CHOIR

Jim Harvey
Becca Hollaway
Mike Johnson
Marianne Shick
Alex Mendelsohn, *director*

FIRST & FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Jason Kissel, DMA, <i>Minister of Music & Arts/Organist</i>	Anna Pollitt, <i>Office Administrator</i>
George Meagher, <i>Sexton</i>	Aaron Houston, <i>Audio Engineer</i>
Deborah McCrimmon, <i>Director of Christian Arts & Education</i>	

SESSION

DEACONS

CLASS OF 2023	CLASS OF 2024	CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2023	CLASS OF 2024	CLASS OF 2025
Becca Hollaway	Paul Fowler	Dave Pierson	Marla Holt	Anne Culbertson	Ryan-Paul Johnson
John McLucas	Alex Mendelsohn	Marianne Shick	Randolph Veale	Michael Johnson	
	Allie Pyan	Kris Stinson			

CALENDAR

Current as of March 22

3/26	Sun	11:45am	Cuban Feast Fundraiser
3/28	Tue	6:30pm	Session Meeting
3/29	Wed	6:00pm	AIDS Action Baltimore Town Hall (Reid Chapel)
3/29	Wed	6:00pm	Lenten Meditative Service (Sanctuary)
4/2	Sun	10:30am	Palm Sunday Service
4/7	Fri	7:00pm	Good Friday Service of Tenebrae
4/9	Sun	10:10am	Easter (Prelude at 10:10am, Service at 10:30am)

For more information about these events, visit firstfranklin.org or call the office at (410) 728-5545.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CUBA FEAST FUNDRAISER: The aromas will waft into church as you worship on March 26 – and a delicious food awaits you in the chapel – 11:45am-1:00pm. Betty Schroll, Steve Holloway, and Audrey Suhr have prepared a lunch of really good Cuban dishes, on tables decorated by Judy Dadds. We'll have photos and share stories of our sister church in Taguasco, Cuba, and even sing their song of memories. We're asking for a free-will donation, 100% of which goes to support their church's clean water project- most homes in town have hand pumps on the street- and their other mission projects to help families, elderly, and children in their town. There will be a raffle basket, too, of nifty items that Dave Sargent and Betty brought back from their visit this past summer. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend – even bring your friends! No need to RSVP – we're just counting on you!

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Members with the last name L-R are encouraged to sign up to provide coffee hour refreshments. We are still seeking volunteers for May 14 and 28, and June 11 and 18. Contact Mike Johnson, email the office at information@firstfranklin.org, or call (410) 728-5545 for more information.

EASTER BREAKFAST AND EGG HUNT: On April 9th, Easter Sunday, members Frank McNeil and Paul Fowler will continue their tradition of hosting an Easter breakfast at 9:00am. Mini-casseroles and orange juice will be provided, but guests are encouraged to bring a dish to share. There will also be an egg hunt for the children, arranged by Judy Dadds. Please RSVP by March 31st on the sign-up sheet in the narthex, or at www.firstfranklin.org/events.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing -- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People -- all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Received during the season of Lent, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. Donations may be sent to the church office earmarked One Great Hour of Sharing, by using the donation page on the church website, or during the Palm Sunday and Easter services.

UPCOMING SPIRE SERIES CONCERT: On Friday, April 21, 2023 at 7:30pm, the Spire Series will proudly present "From Elegance to Extravagance," a classic music concert featuring Jessica Tong on violin and Michael Sheppard on piano. Tong and Sheppard share a rare, singular vision in their approach to music-making and have presented adventurous programs that integrate both well-loved and lesser-known masterpieces for violin and piano. This performance will feature pieces by Franz Schubert, Francis Poulenc, Lili Boulanger, and Richard Strauss. Tickets may be purchased online at www.firstfranklin.org/the-arts/the-spire-series.