

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

22 MARCH 2020

10:30 A.M.

ONLINE SERVICE

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*Creating  
community  
through  
compassion*



First &  
Franklin

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## **THE PEOPLE GATHER**

Welcome to First & Franklin Presbyterian Church.

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Rob Hoch

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Laurel Oldach

One: Live as children of light.

All: Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

To your name, Lord Jesus,  
help me to bow the knee  
and all its worshiping,  
bow the head  
and all its thinking,  
bow the will  
and all its choosing,  
bow the heart  
and all its loving. Amen.

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

*Descant*

3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

1. Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2. Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly  
 3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

dore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy  
 reign - eth, Shel - ters thee un - der His wings, yea, so  
 dore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

**CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy and merciful God,  
in your presence we confess  
our failure to be what you created us to be.  
You alone know how often we have sinned  
in wandering from your ways  
in wasting your gifts  
in forgetting your love.

By your loving mercy,  
help us to live in your light  
and abide in your ways,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

**DECLARATION OF PARDON**

Jesus Loves Me!

Lyrics: A.B. Warner, 1859  
Music: W.B. Bradbury, 1861

Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so:  
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Laurel Oldach

Lord, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that as the Scriptures are read  
and your Word is proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy  
what you say to us today. Amen.

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

John 9:1-17

**ANTHEM**

I Believe This Is Jesus

Undine Smith Moore  
(1904-1989)

*sung by the First & Franklin Sanctuary Choir,  
as recorded during the service of worship on January 19, 2020*

Jeremy Earnest, tenor

I believe this is Jesus;  
Come and see, oh, come and see.  
The light of God shines in his face,  
He offers all his pard'ning grace;  
Come and see, oh, come and see.  
Yes, Lord!

Text: Traditional spiritual

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

John 9:18-41

One: This is the word of faith that we proclaim.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*Sight for Sore Eyes*

**Rev. Rob Hoch**

*Following the sermon, we will observe a few moments of silence for prayerful reflection. You are invited during this time to use the chat feature to share prayers of thanksgiving and concern.*

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
3. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;

Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art—  
Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.  
Great God of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.  
Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

*After each prayer of intercession:*

L: God of grace,

P: **hear our prayer.**

*After prayers thanksgiving:*

L: Let all God's people say,

P: **to God be the glory.**

### PURPLE RIBBON LIST

03/10/2020	Kye Snell	29	Male	Unknown
03/15/2020	William Lockett	64	Male	Unknown
03/15/2020	Montrell Johnson	20	Male	Unknown
03/16/2020	Rodricus Milligan	30	Male	Unknown
03/16/2020	Sergio Jones	28	Male	Unknown
03/17/2020	Anthony Lewis	20	Male	Unknown

*Each ribbon represents a life lost to homicide in Baltimore City. The candle signifies our hope for peace and reconciliation.*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

### OFFERING OF LIFE AND SUBSTANCE

Balm in Gilead (from Three Spirituals for Organ in Jazz Styles)

Joe Utterback  
1944

### DOXOLOGY 591

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Laurel Oldach

Empowering and equipping God, the scriptures teach us that even the most unlikely and ill-prepared can be chosen by you for greatness in service. We offer these gifts to you as a recommitment of ourselves to carry on in the work of your kingdom, offering your love and light to all people. As the cold gray days of winter give way to the promise of newness in the light and warmth of spring, let us embody that renewal in our lives. May our spirits grow and turn toward your light as our eyes are opened to how it is that you would have us serve. Amen.

~Phil Adams



1. A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!  
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re - lieved;  
 3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;  
 4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His word my hope se - cures;

I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.  
 How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!  
 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.  
 He will my shield and por - tion be As long as life en - dures.

5. When we've been there ten thousand  
 years,  
 Bright shining as the sun,  
 We've no less days to sing God's praise  
 Than when we'd first begun.

*Choctaw*  
 Shilombish hoolitopa ma!  
 Ishmminti pulla cha  
 Hatak ilbusha pia ha  
 Is pi yukpalashke

*Kiowa*  
 Daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy he tsow'haw  
 Daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy hee.  
 Bay dawtsahy taw, gaw aym ow thah t'aw,  
 Daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy h'ee.

*Cherokee*  
 Ooh nay thla nah, hee oo way gee'.  
 E gah gwoo yah hay ee.  
 Naw gwoo joe sah, we you low say,  
 E gah gwoo yah ho nah.

*Creek*  
 Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet  
 Ah non ah cha pa kas  
 Cha fee kee o funnan la kus  
 Um e ha ta la yus.

*Navaho*  
 Nizhóníigo jooba' diits' a'  
 Yisdáshítinigíí,  
 Lah yóóiiyá, k'ad shénáhoosdzin,  
 Doo eesh'íí da nt'ée.

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

Johann Gottfried Walther  
(1684-1748)

All musical scans are taken from the following hymnals:

*Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2013);

*The Presbyterian Hymnal* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 1990).

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

**Rev. Rob Hoch**, *Pastor*

**Laurel Oldach**, *Liturgist*

**Jason Kissel**, *Minister of Music & Organist*

**Taylor Brooks**, *Tech Support*

**John McLucas**, *baritone*

**Marianne Shick**, *soprano*

*Pastor Rob's schedule runs from Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
(not including Sunday). To meet with Rob, please set up an appointment.*

## THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

Sarah Buskirk	Donald Juedes	Doug Savin
Mark Corser	Marcus Kim	Betty Schroll
Ken Davies	Michael Manganiello	Marianne Shick
Nicholas Dogas	Savannah McElhaney	Sandra Smith
Jeremy Earnest	John McLucas	Jan Trammell-Savin
Jim Harvey	Lisa McNulty	Randy Veale
Becca Hollaway	Laura Oldham	Chris Wallace
Grace Hughes	Meredith Piplani	

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Jason Kissel, *conductor* | Paula Crews, *librarian* | Jim Harvey, *librarian*

## THE INTERGENERATIONAL CHOIR

Nonso Anaedozie	Gabriel Hoch	Evan Piplani Smith
Gwendoline Hoch	Iris Hoch	Meredith Piplani Smith
Imogen Hoch	Marianne Shick	Tavian Shamar-Lee Stewart

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Nick Dogas, *conductor*

**STAFF**

Rev. Robert Hoch, Ph.D., *Pastor*  
Jason Kissel, DMA, *Minister of Music & Organist*  
Wanda Morgan, *Office Manager/Wedding Coordinator*  
Paula Crews, *Office Assistant*  
Nick Dogas, MM, *Associate for Youth Music Ministry*  
George Meagher, *Sexton*  
Taylor Brooks, *Audio Engineer*  
Deborah McCrimmon, *Director of Christian Arts and Education*  
LaShonda Edmonds and Jewel Caldwell, *Nursery*

**PARISH ASSOCIATES**

Rev. Susan Haugh  
Rev. Jack Hodges  
Rev. Jan Trammell-Savin, D.Min.

**SESSION**

<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>
Sarah Lloyd	Laurel Oldach	Sonce Reese
John Boyd	Jim Schroll, <i>Clerk of Session</i>	Allie Pyan
Michael Johnson	Scot Spencer	Beth Seeley
Moderator: Rob Hoch		

**DEACONS**

Muddassar Iqbal	Nusrat David	Martha Armenti
	Jeff Mace	Taylor Brooks

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR OFFERINGS

As we all recognize real concerns for our friends who will experience hardships through this disruption in regular routines, so too, we need to be mindful that your weekly contributions are critical to helping us maintain the financial obligations of the church. Payroll, mortgages, electricity and the rest are needs we must continue to cover, and your continued support of your pledges will be even more important while we are tele-worshiping. In addition to accepting your pledges by mail to the church office, we have recently added a PayPal link to the top of our new website which will allow us to process donations with this link: **GIVE**. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

### LIVE VIRTUAL CONCERT | Scot Fulton | SUNDAY MARCH 22

Greetings, Friends – With the coronavirus casting its broad shadow, we, like many of you, are “holed up”. As the music gigs I had planned to do this Spring have all been cancelled, Sasha suggested that I try doing a “virtual” concert as a way to connect with friends, especially those who may be feeling isolated at this moment, and to help lift the spirit of this moment. So, let’s try it. Please join me for some music this Sunday March 22 at:

**5:00 pm Rome, Italy time**

**12:00 pm (noon) Eastern Time**

You will need access to the internet to listen in. Here’s how to register and log on for the program. Click on the following website:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3565658340425303308>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. It’s easy from there, as I recall.

For those of you who are alone, I strongly suggest that you listen with headphones for the best experience, as computer speakers aren’t the best when it comes to music, especially compressed music like what we will be generating here.

When the music is done, please drop me a note letting me know whether it worked on your end -- at [scottcolefulton@yahoo.com](mailto:scottcolefulton@yahoo.com). That will help me know whether it is worth doing again. In the meantime, take good care, keep your chins, your wings level, and stay healthy.

## **TAIZE SERVICES FOR LENT** | 6:15pm - 7:00pm

Join us online for a brief meditative service of prayer and song. Service lasts for about 35-45 minutes.

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

Zoom Event Click: [TAIZE](#)

Facebook Live: [FFFacebook](#)

## **EASTER EVENTS**

Session will be revisiting our Easter schedule at its next meeting, March 24th. Please stay tuned.

## **HYMNALS**

If you wish to have a copy of the pew hymnal delivered to your home, please contact Minister of Music & Organist, Jason Kissel at [jkissel@firstfranklin.org](mailto:jkissel@firstfranklin.org), or 443-631-6480. Singing is one way to celebrate our unity in God's spirit during times of physical separation. Having a hymnal in your hands during online Sunday services can not only strengthen our collective experience, it also serves as a rich source of study, meditation and prayer throughout the week.

## **THE SPIRE SERIES 2019-2020 SEASON**

We are wildly excited about our 10th Anniversary season of The Spire Series. Always dedicated to supporting the performing artists in our local area, The Spire Series will welcome three of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra's most extraordinary musicians joined by pianist Daniel Pesca for a sublime evening that will include Gabriel Faure's Piano Quartet No. 2. Finally, to wrap up the season, we will host the 4th Annual Baltimore Piano Marathon in May, 2020. Patron Subscriptions and individual tickets are on sale now through our website! Be sure to click on our Event links on Facebook and share the news.

## **THE ARTS AT FIRST & FRANKLIN**

If you are interested in connecting with others who enjoy working in the arts ministry, kindly let us know! For information about The Spire Series, First & Franklin's concert series, please contact Beth Seeley at [bseeley1@verizon.net](mailto:bseeley1@verizon.net). To learn about Art Under the Spire, our visual art gallery, please contact Jean Trout at [ggtia@comcast.net](mailto:ggtia@comcast.net).

**CONGREGATION GIVING AND ATTENDANCE FOR  
MARCH 2020:**

March 1	75	\$ 12,055.00
March 8	65	\$ 2,062.73

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of Thanksgiving for my mother's 90 birthday.  
John Johnson

Prayers of Thanksgiving for Tim Gillham's successful surgery.

**Prayers of Intercession**

Prayers for people impacted by the coronavirus.

Prayers for our healthcare workers who are on the  
frontline of the coronavirus pandemic.

Prayers for the people of Italy, my second home.  
John McLucas

Prayers for my sister, Julie, whose cancer has spread to  
her spine and liver. Jeannie Trout

Prayers for the wife and sister of Alan Anders due to  
glioblastoma brain tumor on top of debilitating stroke  
Rol Anders & Audrey

Prayers for all those who have been hit with the flu.

Prayers for Anne Silbermann for healing after surgery.

Prayers for Carol Gilroy for healing after more surgery

Prayers for Jim Schneider for ongoing health concerns.

Prayers for Jim Haugh who has heart disease and is  
undergoing treatment and therapy.

Madge Franklin (prayers for healing and comfort)

*Upon submission, names will remain on the prayer list for two weeks.  
If you wish to extend, please contact the office at [information@firstfranklin.org](mailto:information@firstfranklin.org).*

