

**McKEESPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WORSHIP SERVICE**

4th Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2024

WE ENTER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PRELUDE

"Old Rugged Cross"

**Candice Holsinger, Organist
Arr. Bennard**

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

OPENING PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 139)**

(L) On this the fourth Sunday of our 40-day Lenten Journey, we invite you, O God, to search us – without restrictions - and know our hearts

(C) Test us and know our deepest thoughts

(L) Search us, our Lord, and see if there is any wicked way in us

(C) Lead us deeper into the way of everlasting Life

(L) Return us to Yourself, O God, for You are gracious

(C) You are merciful

(L) You are slow to anger, quick to relent

(C) You abound in steadfast love

(ALL) Search us, O Lord, and lead us deeper into You.

***HYMN**

"Just As I Am" (Vv. 1 & 2)

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***PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Romans 7:24)**

Merciful Lord,

We confess that we have sinned against You and others.

Our worship of the hollow gods of this world runs deep in us.

We blindly follow their rules and place our trust in their promises.

We think more and less of ourselves than we ought.

We think more and less of others than we ought.

Afflicted people that we are!

Who will rescue us from this body of death?

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (Romans 7: 25a, 8: 1-2)**

Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus

has set us free from the law of sin and of death.

In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

(ALL) Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI**

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**Glory be the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

JOYS

Leader: "For (joy), Gracious God..."

All: "we give you thanks"

CONCERNS

Leader: "For (concern), Merciful Lord ..."

All: "hear our prayer."

Let's pray together 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Please contact the church by email or phone with your prayer requests during the week.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Please welcome the children & youth to the front of the sanctuary.

ANTHEM

"In Christ Alone"

**(Praise Band)
Arr. Keith Getty**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Kings 5: 1-16a

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."⁴So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. ⁶He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy."⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel."

⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage.

¹³But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

¹⁵Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant." ¹⁶But he said, "As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing!"

SERMON

"Infant Baptism"

Rev. Michael Stanton

THE RESPONSE

WE COMMIT TO THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY

"My Shepard Will Supply My Needs"

**(Praise Band)
Arr. Isaac Watts**

***DOXOLOGY**

***HYMN**

"Just As I Am " (Vv. 3, & 4)

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THE EXIT

WE ENGAGE THE WORLD OF GOD

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

Candice Holsinger, Organist

**All those who are able, please stand"*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 10, 2024

FELLOWSHIP II:

Please join together for friendship and fellowship after today's service.

DEACONS MEETING:

There will be a Deacons meeting held directly after today's service

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE, please contact the church office.

POPCORN SALE:

The Mission Committee is having a popcorn sale in March. Orders can be made March 1 until March 31; all orders and money must be in by then. We will be available to take orders after Fellowship on Sundays.

The fundraiser is to help with the cost of making Welcome Bags for the Malawi/South Sudan visitors this May.

The popcorn will be distributed at church on May 5.

If anyone would like to help by selling popcorn, please let Joanna Stettmier or Carol Lasch know. It would be greatly welcomed.

EYEGASSES, HEARING AIDS:

Lions Club of White Oak is collecting old eyeglasses, hearing aids, and used, clean, non-labeled prescription bottles. If you would like to dispose of any of these items, please give them to Carol Lasch or drop them off at the church office.

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