SERVICE OF WORSHIP (8:30, March 10)

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1 Corinthians 1:23

GATHERING MUSIC "We Pray to Live Your Purpose, Lord"
ORGAN PRAISE "Lift High the Cross"
INTROIT "Lift High the Cross" Hillert The Sanctuary Choir; Jim DeJarnette
CALL TO WORSHIP (based on 1 Corinthians) Katie Fowler Leader: Lift high the cross! People: The love of Christ proclaim! Leader: To all who are being saved, the message of the cross is the power of God! People: Let all the world adore Christ's sacred name!
HYMN OF PRAISE, No. 287, vs. 1, 3, 4 "Lift High the Cross" Mark Israel, Stephen Hock, Jim Crosbie, Trumpets
DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS
PRAYER OF ADORATION
WELCOME AND GREETING
SONG OF PRAISE "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, You have shown us the way of life through Your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, and our reluctance to bear the cross. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

PRAYER OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

* SONG OF RESPONSE

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed Matt Holtzman

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION Stan Stevens, Elder

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

"Blessed Assurance"/"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" arr. Dobrinski Vivace Ringers; Jan Weiser, Director

SERMON

THE CROSS: "The Cross Is Our Message"

1 Corinthians 1:17-24 Tim McConnell

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

"We Claim Our Savior's Cross"

We claim our Savior's cross, and bow before the Lamb.

We count all else as loss, and praise the great "I AM!"

Refrain We claim the cross!

Through Christ, in Whom we're being saved, We claim the cross!

The power of the Lord, will overcome all wrongs.

To Christ, the living Word, our praise alone belongs! Refrain

The love of Jesus Christ claimed us at Calvary.

Forgiveness brought new life and hope and victory! Refrain

Words: James DeJarnette; tune: Darwall's 148

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION Heather Bauman, Elder

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"The Cross" Courtney

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN OF PREPARATION, No. 255, vs. 1–3

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

SERMON

THE CROSS: "The Cross Is Our Message"

1 Corinthians 1:17–24 Tim McConnell

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP (9 and 11 a.m.)

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SONGS OF PRAISE AND PRAYER Chris Cullins, Greg Hartnett, Renee Brown

CHILDREN'S SERMON (11 a.m.) Scott Nilsen

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION Elders Linda Boyles (9 a.m.) and Alan Jacobs (11 a.m.)

OFFERING

COMMUNITY PRAYER

SERMON

THE CROSS: "The Cross Is Our Message"

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RESPONSE AND SENDING

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NEW TO FIRST PRES?

We're so glad you're here! We hope you experience the Light and Life of Christ while you are with us. The best way to connect with others who are new and have your questions answered is to meet at the Welcome Center at 10:05 a.m. for **Coffee with a Pastor.** See you there!

Find us online at firstprescos.org

Manage your communication preferences at my.firstprescos.org. firstprescos

Lunch with Pastor Tim – Once each quarter, our Lead Pastor shares lunch with those who have recently started attending First Pres. Contact Dianne at 719-884-6189 or dreitan@firstprescos. org if you are interested in joining us for lunch.

Bible Study 101 – Meets Sundays, March 10–31, at 10:10 a.m. in Room 210 for those starting to explore the Bible.

Accessibility – Hearing Loop is available for T-coil programmed hearing aids in both worship venues, or an usher can assist you with a headset that works with our Williams Sound assistive technology. Service dogs are welcome. Acces-

GIFTS TO SANCTUARY FLOWER FUND

In Memory of:

Forever and loving memory of Richard Blankinship by his wife Barbara Blankinship and family.

My mother Phyllis Traxler by Doug Traxler

IN MEMORIUM

Mr. William Inazu – 2/26/19 Mrs. Gloria "Vicki" Chapman – 3/1/19 Mr. George Holland – 3/5/19

Information on those who have gone to be with the Lord may be found at www.first-pres.org/memorials.

sible entrances are located on Bijou Street near the Sanctuary and near the back of the Worship Center opening to the South Parking Lot.

Prayer – Need prayer? Look for a Prayer Team member at the end of worship, fill out a prayer card in the pew pocket or friendship folder, or email prayer@firstprescos.org.

Connect with First Pres Ministries

Nursery | firstprescos.org/nursery | 884-6139 Children | firstprescos.org/children | 884-6126 Students | firstprescos.org/students | 884-6126 College | firstprescos.org/college | 237-1522 Adults, Men, Women | 884-6117 Caring Ministries | firstprescos.org/care | 884-6145 Mission Engagement | firstprescos.org/ missionengagement | 884-6233

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

Mission Emphasis: Voice of Truth works to reach Arabic-speaking people and Muslims worldwide with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray that God would be magnified in their work, encouragement for the Arab pastors they work with, and for believers around the world who are being persecuted for their faith.

Local Church: Friendship Baptist Church

Pray for those in hospitals or short-term rehab:

Penrose

Mrs. Suzanne Rydman Mr. Charlie Upton

Brookdale / Skyline

Mr. Paul Nelson Mrs. Debbie Collier

Encompass

Mrs. Sherry Hall Mr. Dave Collier

Center at Centennial

Mr. Doug Hinchman Mrs. Elfriede Smith

Health Care Resort

Mrs. Elsie Wood

Morning Star Mrs. Kathleen Witham

Sunny VistaMr. Don Pollitt

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Next Sunday, March 17 "Needed Sacrifice" Pastor Tim McConnell will preach from Hebrews 10:4–10.

Lenten Art – Two special exhibits open this morning with a reception outside the Sanctuary. Our Arts Community presents their annual Lenten Exhibit on the first floor. On the second floor, *The Cross of Christ—A Lenten Experience* is open to the community Wednesdays 5–7 p.m. and Thursdays 3–5 p.m. throughout Lent.

High School Ministry Sunday Celebration tonight! 7–8 p.m. in the Weber Street Center.

Lenten Prayer and Scripture Reading – We will meet in the Sanctuary for prayer every Monday during Lent, 5–5:45 p.m., March 11 through April 15. Daily Scripture readings are available at first prescos.org/lentenreadings and on bookmarks in brochure racks and at the Welcome Center.

READY TO SERVE?

Sunday Morning Hosts help those who are new to First Pres feel welcome and find their way on Sunday mornings. Contact Dianne at dreitan@ firstprescos.org if you're interested in being trained as a host.

Alpha (alphausa.org) is a course that explores the Christian faith, designed for those outside the church. Do you have a passion for creating space for honest, safe conversation about God and faith? We are building a team to facilitate Alpha, and there are a variety of ways to serve. Learn more: contact Ina at imeyer@firstprescos.org.

Lenten Life Groups are beginning and will run for six weeks. View groups and register at first prescos.org/lifegroups or at the Welcome Center.

Library Book Fair, March 6–20, outside the library. Monetary donations support library operations.

Cuba Mission Report, Tuesday, March 12, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 418. All are welcome.

GTW Dinner, March 13: Mountain Pie Company

Men's Breakfast – Saturday, March 16, 8:30–10 a.m. in the Aspen Room. Cost is \$10. Mayor John Suthers is our speaker. Register at firstprescos.org/men.

Easter Flowers – Make a \$10 contribution toward the purchase of Easter flowers in memory of your loved one. Names of those remembered will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Pick up a form at the Welcome Center or print at firstprescos.org/easterflowers. Submit by April 8.

The Get-Set Food Pantry is running low on canned fruit (peaches, mixed fruit, pears, mandarin oranges and pineapple tidbits). Help feed our preschoolers a healthy lunch by bringing items marked "Get Set" to the Welcome Center.

See all opportunities at firstprescos.org/serve.

Work at First Pres | firstprescos.org/jobs

Open Positions: Program Coordinator for Communication, full-time; Graphic Designer, full-time; Manager of Life Safety Ministry, part-time; Director of Early Childhood Programs and Preschools, full-time; Nursery Caregiver, part-time.