

**Third Sunday in Lent**  
**Gifts of Women Sunday**  
**March 4, 2018 10:00 AM**

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**\*Tower Bells**

**WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

**The Gathering** *(The worship service begins with the Prelude. Let us silently prepare our hearts and allow others the same opportunity)*

**Prelude** Circle J. Friedman & C. Weil

**\*Poem:** The Empty Glass by Kathryn Stripling Byer Courtney Hall

**\*Call to Worship:** Valerie Gatz

One: We gather to worship God, for God is good.

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: We gather to worship God, for God has called us, God's own people, and has given us gifts to be a faithful people.

**All: We remember that God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: Let us now offer worthy worship to God,

**All: whose steadfast love endures forever.**

**\*Hymn** "Open My Eyes" No. 324

**Prayer of Confession:** *(please be seated)* Faith Finne

Loving and merciful God, you have searched us and known us and still you love us. We confess that we take this love and mercy for granted; we are careless with our gifts and resources, and we refuse to focus on you and your will for all creation. You call us to lead with love but we are reluctant leaders or we lead with only rules and efficiency in mind. Grant us, O God, caring hearts, attentive minds and renewed commitment to follow you and to help lead others to you. In the saving grace of Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.

**Personal Prayer of Confession** (In Silence)

**The Assurance of Pardon** Kathleen Goggins-Nickles

**\*Gloria Patri (No. 579)**

**\*The Peace:**

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

(Greet those about you, sharing signs of peace and reconciliation)

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**Old Testament Lesson** Psalm 32: 8-11 (Blue Bible p. 480; Black Bible p. 507) Jim Baker

**Hymn** "This Is the Day" *"This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made. We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made."*

**A Time For Children:** Lois Ross

"Jesus Loves Me" ( No. 304) as children & leaders leave for Sunday School

**New Testament Lesson** Ephesians 4: 1-6 (Blue Bible p.182; Black Bible p. 193) Jim Baker

**WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

**Sharing of Gifts and Gratitude:** Karen Lee & Jay Batterman

**\*Hymn** "In Remembrance of Me" (see insert)

**Affirmation of Faith:** Annette Ray

**In a broken and fearful world the spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, And to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**Litany of Women:**

One: Loving God, we thank you for mothers and fathers who lovingly raised and are raising their children and teaching them to be kind and thoughtful people. We thank you for the times they teach children how to work

through difficult times, remembering they are always loved.

**All: We thank you for teachers and pastors who challenged us to explore meaningful ways to be servant leaders serving with compassion and a sense of justice, with openness to all your people.**

One: We thank you for strangers who do not look like us or sound like us, but serve as examples and role models as they lead and interact with others in tender, loving and caring ways.

**All: We thank you for children and youth who are curious and searching and invite us to join them on their journeys. We are grateful that they remind us of the importance of play and not taking ourselves too seriously.**

One: God, we also pray this day for those who do not lead with love. We pray for those who lead with a hardness of heart that shows disregard and disrespect for the human family and their welfare.

**Prayers of the People And Lord's Prayer**

Doris Bernstein

**The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

Susan Dingle

**Offertory**

God Is God

S. Earle

Tony Nish and Jay Batterman

**\*Doxology (Hymn 592) and Prayer of Dedication**

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**Invitation**

**The Words of Institution**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE GOD THANKS AND PRAISE.**

**Prayers and Lord's Prayer**

**Sung Response:** Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, broken and shared, life for the world. Let us be wine, love free-ly poured. Let us be one in the Lord.\_\_\_\_

**Distribution of the Elements**

**Sharing Bread and Cup** (Please hold until all are served; the bread is gluten free & grape juice is in the cups)

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*Hymn**

**"Day by Day" (see insert)**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

(Please remain standing for the Benediction and clasp arms with those in your pew.)

**\*Postlude**

I Bing Unto Myself Today

Fetler

**\*(Those who are able may stand.)**

Music Team:

Kim Palermo-Bogardus and Mary Mraz

Ushers:

Dawn Carroll Nish and Sandy DeLong

Greeters:

Deb VanDuzer, Stacy & Avery VanDuzer

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL THIS MORNING are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Richard Winters by Penny Winters and Family.

*For those worshiping with children under the age of 3, our downstairs Nursery is a clean, safe space and is staffed with a qualified and trained Nursery Care Giver. Ask an Usher or Greeter for instructions.*

**First Sunday for Food** – please remember those in need by bringing non-perishable food to church with you on the First Sunday of each month.

**Nomination Forms for the election of Church Officers are available in the Christian Education Building and Narthex of the Church.**

## THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY	11:00 AM	Fellowship Time
MON.,	5:30 PM	Zumba meets in C. E. Building
	7:00 PM	AA Meets in the 1836 Manse
TUES.,	10:00 AM	Prayer Group meets in the 1836 Manse
	12:30 PM	AA Meets in the 1836 Manse
	6:30 PM	North Fork Chorale
WED.,	11:00 AM	Ecumenical Lenten Service – Holy Trinity Church
	6:00 PM	Maureen’s Haven
THURS.,	6:00 PM	Supper and 6:30 Romans Bible Study
FRI.,	6:00 PM	Overeaters Anonymous
SAT.,	10:30 AM	Women’s AA Meeting
SUN.,	9:00 AM	Bible Talk – Ex. 20: 1-17; Ps. 19; I Cor. 1: 18-25; John 2: 13-22

### Web Manager to Assist NFSA

The North Fork Spanish Apostolate, an organization based in Riverhead and focused on helping immigrants and others in need on the East End of Long Island, is looking for part-time volunteer help with its website, facebook page and possibly other media. The NFSA has a website and a facebook page, but both need updating to add photos and events, now and then on a periodic basis every 2-6 weeks or so. In addition, if this web manager had other ideas for promoting the NFSA’s online profile, these suggestions would be welcome and encouraged. Please let us know if you know of anyone who may have these basic web management skills and a bit of free time every few weeks to receive photos and upcoming events from the NFSA for posting online and possibly to suggest other ways to promote the NFSA. This is both a wonderful opportunity to help an organization performing important services for our East End communities and also valuable experience for someone trying to build up a resume. Feel free to reach out to Stewart Ross at [stewross@yahoo.com](mailto:stewross@yahoo.com) for more information or with any suggestions.

**Welcome to the First Presbyterian Church of Southold!** Our identity can be seen in our most recent vision statement: *“We rejoice in the variety of talents, experience, and concerns each individual brings to this congregation through the Holy Spirit. We will gain strength from this diversity as we strive to be nurturing, relevant, and vibrant disciples of Jesus Christ.”* If you would like more information about our church, please indicate this in the Attendance Registration. Rev. Kelley or one of the members of the Church Growth Committee will be glad to speak with you.

**In Times Of** illness or need, please inform the Church Staff. It is not safe to assume that they will hear of it any other way. Privacy laws make it difficult for us to “find you” in hospitals; in the event of a hospitalization, please give the information to Jan or Carol in the office (765-2597).

**Easter Flower Memorial Donations** are now being received for Easter Flower Memorials. Send contributions to the Church Office with the name of the donor as well as the name(s) of the person in whose honor/ memory the gift is given. Deadline March 29<sup>th</sup>.

### Holy Week Schedule for First Presbyterian Church – Southold

Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> – **Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service** 7:30 PM  
(Including Holy Communion)  
Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> – **Good Friday**  
12:00 – 1:00 PM An Informal Service of Meditation, Silence and Prayer  
7:30 PM A Service of Meditation, Song and Prayer  
Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – **Easter Sunday**  
Ecumenical Easter Dawn Service at Founder’s Landing 6:30 AM  
**Easter Worship** 10:00 AM

A New Flower Chart for 2018 has been posted in the Narthex of the Church. Please add your name and the name/s of the person you would like to memorialize. The cost is \$30.00 and flowers can be taken home after church or given to a shut-in.

*The Juniata College Concert Choir*  
*Under the direction of Dr. Russ Shelley*  
*performs in Southold for their nineteenth season*



*A wonderful treat is in store for you when you see and hear this talented group of young people performing a cappella music from several cultures and traditions.*

*Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 8 p.m.*

*First Presbyterian Church*

*53100 Main Road, Southold*

*No charge – a free will offering will be received*

"We are not just a group of 40+ performing our set of songs but a single entity sharing our combined soul to the listener by introducing them to a dear friend of ours, the music that we sing."

~Neil Thorn, Bass

**"God Is God"**

I believe in prophecy.

Some folks see things not everybody can see.

And, once in a while, they pass the secret along to you and me.

And I believe in miracles.

Something sacred burning in every bush and tree.

We can all learn to sing the songs the angels sing.

Yeah, I believe in God, and God ain't me.

I've traveled around the world,

Stood on mighty mountains and gazed across the wilderness.

Never seen a line in the sand or a diamond in the dust.

And as our fate unfurls,  
Every day that passes I'm sure about a little bit less.  
Even my money keeps telling me it's God I need to trust.

And I believe in God, but God ain't us.

God, in my little understanding, don't care what name I call.  
Whether or not I believe doesn't matter at all.

I receive the blessings.  
That every day on Earth's another chance to get it right.  
Let this little light of mine shine and rage against the night.

Just another lesson  
Maybe someone's watching and wondering what I got.  
Maybe this is why I'm here on Earth, and maybe not.

But I believe in God, and God is God.