



## First Presbyterian Church of Ridgewood NJ

*We are a welcoming community formed in Christ, committed to sharing his love with others – with feet that carry us out into the world, with hands that serve, and with hearts in fellowship and faith.*  
– First Presbyterian Church Mission Statement, adopted October 2018



### THE THIRD SUNDAY *in* LENT SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

Watch live: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mmb2RCkzOaw>

*At 10:00 am the First Pres Sunday School students Pre-K thru 8<sup>th</sup> Grade will meet in Room One of the Christian Education Wing.*

*Let us be reminded that during worship, music is played and sung as an offering to God. Please refrain from applauding. Thank you.*

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#### PRELUDE

*Beautiful Savior* – arr. Charles W. Orr  
Linda Sweetman Waters, Organ

WELCOME *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ Rev. Bruce Ballantine

MINUTE *for* MISSION ~ Jessica Strader Paz  
*One Great Hour of Sharing*

#### CALL *to* WORSHIP

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

**We gather together to sing our praise to God's glory.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

**We gather with open hearts and souls, to receive the comforting presence of the Lord.**

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

**O God, as we gather in gratitude, may the words of our mouths  
and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer.**

**To you we lift our voices in praise!**

\*HYMN 138 – *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

#### SILENT CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE *of* FORGIVENESS

\*HYMN 579 – *Gloria Patri*

\*PASSING *of the* PEACE

OLD TESTAMENT READING ~ Maddie Eliya  
Exodus 20:1-17

MUSICAL OFFERING

*Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love* – Everett Titcomb

The Chancel Choir

Vera Coleman, Soprano and Joshua LeRose, Tenor

Linda Sweetman Waters, Organ

Dr. Edward Schmiedecke, Director

*Jesus! Name of wondrous love! Name all other names above! Unto which must every knee bow in deep humility!  
Jesus! Name decreed of old to the maiden mother told, kneeling in her lowly cell, by the angel Gabriel. Jesus! Name  
of priceless worth to the fallen sons of earth, for the promise that it gave, "Jesus shall His people save." Jesus! Name  
of wondrous love! Name of love!*

PSALTER READING ~ Hudson Feeney

Psalm 19

SERMON

*Living in Harmony* ~ Rev. Bruce Ballantine



**venmo**

CALL to OFFERING

Please venmo @FirstPres-RidgewoodNJ,  
drop your offering in the plate on your way out,  
or mail check to the church. Thank you!



**venmo**

PRAYER of DEDICATION

OFFERTORY SOLO

*Jesus Lover of My Soul* – Joseph M. Martin

Joshua LeRose, Tenor

*Jesus, lover of my soul, draw me to Thy wounded side, while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high. Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past, safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last. Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on Thee. Leave, O leave me not alone, still support and comfort me. All my trust on Thee is stayed, all my help from Thee I bring. Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of Thy wing. Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin. Let the healing streams abound, make and keep me pure within. Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of Thee. Spring Thou up within my heart, rise, rise to all eternity! Jesus. lover of my soul, draw me to Thy wounded side.*

THE SACRAMENT of THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING & 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.**

BREAKING of the BREAD

COMMUNION of the PEOPLE

PRAYER after COMMUNION

\*HYMN 420 – *God of Grace and God of Glory*

## BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*Lift High the Cross* – arr. Charles W. Orr  
Linda Sweetman Waters, Organ

### CHANCEL FLOWERS

*Chancel Flowers are given by the Sean and Alisha DeRemer  
in celebration of their son, Logan Hugh DeRemer,  
who recently received the Sacrament of Baptism.*

\*Please stand if you are able.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

*for* SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 20:1-17

<sup>1</sup>Then God spoke all these words: <sup>2</sup>I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation\* of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. <sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>For six days you shall labour and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. <sup>12</sup>Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup>You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup>You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. <sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

### PSALTER READING

Psalms 19

<sup>1</sup>The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. <sup>2</sup>Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. <sup>3</sup>There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; <sup>4</sup>yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, <sup>5</sup>which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. <sup>6</sup>Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hidden from its heat. <sup>7</sup>The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; <sup>8</sup>the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; <sup>9</sup>the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. <sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. <sup>11</sup>Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. <sup>12</sup>But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. <sup>13</sup>Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. <sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

# 138 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA 11.12.10

Reginald Heber (1783-1826)  
As in *Hymns Written and Adapted*, 1827; alt.

John Bacchus Dykes, 1861  
Desc. David McKinley Williams, 1948

*Descant*

4. Ho - ly,

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore Thee,  
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide Thee,  
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ho - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;  
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 Though the eye of sin - ful - ness Thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;

Ho - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,  
 On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 Who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 Per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

## 420 God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7

Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

John Hughes, 1907

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Thy peo - ple  
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn Thy Christ, as -  
 3. Cure Thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, Bend our pride to  
 4. Set our feet on loft - y pla - ces; Gird our lives that

pour Thy power; Crown Thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
 sail Thy ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
 Thy con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
 they may be Ar - mored with all Christ - like gra - ces,

Bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 Pledged to set all cap - tives free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

For the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.  
 For the liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.  
 Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal, Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal.  
 That we fail not them nor Thee! That we fail not them nor Thee!