

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 11, 2012

## *GATHERING*

Prelude: "The Old Rugged Cross"

Lenny Seidel

Invocation

Announcements and Passing the Peace of Christ

\*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord wills to be with us each day of our lives.

**People: Let us will to walk the way of the Lord.**

Leader: The Lord wills that we be with and for each other.

**People: Let us love and serve all our sisters and brothers.**

Leader: The Lord wills that we be the children of God.

**People: Let us put aside our ways so that we worship the Lord.**

\*Hymn: #327 "O Word of God Incarnate"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Patient and loving God, you have loved your children since the beginning; you have tried again and again to show them the way to life, the way to you. Yet too often, they—we—in times of fear, in moments of pride, turn from you to the human way alone. Show us, dear Lord, the foolishness of our ways. Help us to put aside our weakness. Fill us with your strength, your wisdom. Heal us at the foot of the cross. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri (p. 579)

## *PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD*

Anthem: "Lamb of God"

Samuel Webbe

8:00 – Jenny Keenan & Harold Yuninger

10:30 – Chancel Choir

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings: Exodus 20:1-17 (p. 63); 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (p. 156)

\*Hymn: #233 "Blest Are the Uncorrupt in Heart"

Children's Sermon

Children may leave for God's Place for Boys and Girls

Second Scripture Reading: John 2:13-22 (p. 87)

Sermon: **A FOOL FOR CHRIST**

## *RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD*

\*Apostles Creed (p. 14)(Ecumenical Version)

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: "Fairest Lord Jesus" arr. Gail Smith

\*Doxology (p. 592)

\*Hymn: #302 "I Danced in the Morning"

\*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "Bless the Lord, O My Soul" arr. Cindy Berry

The End of Worship  
The Beginning of Service

\*Those who wish may stand

Rev. Robert W. Birch, Minister

Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

VISITORS AND MEMBERS: WELCOME! During the offertory the Friendship Book will be passed from the end of the pew. Please sign it and indicate other information as appropriate. Pass the book back down the pew and notice the names of the other worshippers. Greet one another warmly after the service.

### **WORSHIP HOUR INFORMATION:**

It is an ancient Scottish custom for the pulpit Bible to be brought into the sanctuary and placed by a layperson before the service begins.

8:00 a.m. Janet Huffman

10:30 a.m. Edwin Margerum

IN THE NURSERY (babies through 4 yrs.): 8:00 – Cathy & Taryn Shenk  
10:30 – Lois Snader and Michael McLaughlin

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of  
Harold B. Keneagy's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Given by his loving family

**PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: John+ & Valaria Ferguson  
Presbyterian Village  
7 Locust Street, Box 283  
Oxford, PA 19363

**TODAY: Last day to order Easter flowers**

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Services of Worship

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for infants through adults

**MONDAY:**

6:00 p.m. Leacock Movers and Shakers

**TUESDAY:**

6:00 p.m. Lenten Study

7:45 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

**WEDNESDAY:**

6:00 p.m. Leacock Movers and Shakers

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**SATURDAY:**

9:30 a.m. Presbytery Mtg. @ Avondale PC

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Services of Worship

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for infants through adults

IN THE NURSERY: 8:00 – Sue Funk

10:30 - Craig Keenan & Darwin Eshleman

**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Last week's offering total was \$2,938.54

Total in Organ Fund is \$46,880.82

**TODAY** is the last day to order Easter flowers. If you would still like to do so please pick up an order form at the back of the sanctuary or in the Narthex and put it in the secretary mailbox or in the offering plate.

**Today is Girl Scout Sunday.** Girl Scouts of America was founded on March 12, 1912. The Scout Sunday tradition began in the 1940s to make people in houses of worship more aware of scouting and to give scouts a chance to live out their pledge which included "Duty to God."

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** offering runs through Lent. Envelopes are available in the pews. Please prayerfully consider giving to this special fund for people in need.

**Men and boys (14 and older)** who are interested in playing for the church softball team, please come for a meeting on Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions please call Ehren Graybill at 717-468-4405.

**Attention all Deacons and Elders:** Reminder of the date change for the combined Session/ Deacon meeting. The meeting will be March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. If any Deacon is unable to attend, please call Lois Snader at 687-5698.

**STRESS RELIEF BOXES:** Starting today through Sunday, April 1st, we will be collecting donations in the Narthex which will be sent to our college and military young adults. Postage to send the boxes would also be appreciated. The Congregational Life Committee thanks you very much for your help on this project.

**Saturday, March 31** is work day. There is a "Work Day List" in the Narthex for you to put items that you feel need attention. We want to try to make sure everyone's concerns get addressed. Please plan on coming out and helping, it is a great time to socialize.

**Presbyterian Women** will be collecting used clothing, still in *nice, clean shape*, for a Clothing Bank to be held at the March 29<sup>th</sup> Community Meal. Clothing that is left will be taken to the Lancaster County Council of Churches Clothing Bank. There is a collection box out in the Narthex this week and on the 18th. Thanks for your support.

**Tuesday** we will continue our **Lenten Study**, entitled "**Old Stories in New Wineskins--Seeing Parables in New Ways.**" Together, we will look at some of Jesus' parables from new directions and fresh eyes. We will begin with a light meal at 6:00. Please come and join us as we undertake our journey through Lent.

<u>Sunday School Elective</u> -- Winter Quarter---9:20AM each Sunday—Up-Coming Sunday School Adult Elective Topics			
<u>Elective</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>March 11</u>	<u>March 18</u>
Bible Study Discussion	Library	Growing Through Pressure to Compromise	Growing through Perplexing Situations
Current Issues Discussion	Fellowship Hall	Care of God's Creation	God's Creation/Food