

**First Sunday of Lent**

**February 14, 2016**

Rev. Dr. Charles A. Wiessner, Pastor

Dr. Lonieta Cornwall, Music Director

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**The Approach to God**

**PRELUDE**

Guest Pianist

**CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

*"Praise You"*

Chancel Choir

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Isaiah 54)

**Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me;**

**For teaching will go out from me, my justice to the peoples.**

**I will bring my deliverance,**

**My salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples.**

**My salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE #144**

*"I Greet Thee"*

**\*SALUTATION**

**LAW OF GOD**

**Luke 9:23**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

(unison)

Loving Savior, you have called us to follow you; but we are like sheep who have gone astray; we have all turned our own way. We have stuck our nose down into the grass and have ignored the needs of others. We seek comfort for ourselves instead of thinking about self-denial and taking up the cross. Lord, pick us up from the thorns and troubles where we have strayed, and lead us in your paths of righteousness. Amen.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**Isaiah 63:7-9**

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG OF PRAISE**

***The Joy of the Lord is my strength [3x]***

***He giveth living water and I thirst no more [3x]***

***He heals the broken hearted and they cry no more [3x]***

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory be to 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.*

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

*“God of Love”*

Chancel Choir

**The Word of God**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE**

**Isaiah 61:1-4** (Page 536 Old Testament)

**Luke 4:14-21** (Page 47 New Testament)

**\*MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP**

**\*HYMN #183**

*“We Would See Jesus”*

**SERMON**

**“Scripture Fulfilled”**

**Our Response to God**

**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH**

**What We Believe**

Apostles’ Creed

(Page 12 Hymnal)

**Who We Are**

**We are and will continue to be a community that loves and worships God in the Reformed tradition for the purpose of being known as a congregation that actively cares for those in need around us.**

**RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

*“I Need Thee Every Hour”*

Hand Bell Choir

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #55**

*“At Even, When the Sun Was Set”*

(Our monthly mission offering will be taken during the first verses)

**\*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

*“Three Fold Amen”*

**\*POSTLUDE**

\*The congregation may stand.

Today's Usher: Barbara Araromi

Usher for February 21: Carol Angrilla

MISSION SUNDAY

Our Mission for the Month of February is Phoenix Assisted Care. The Mission Offering will be taken during the first verses of our Closing Hymn.

GUMBO LUNCHEON

Our monthly luncheon will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Chicken and Sausage Gumbo, rice, and Peach Bread Pudding will be provided. Bring a salad, French bread, something to drink, or some tableware. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex so Pastor Chuck knows how much Gumbo to make and so the extras are covered. Feel welcome to bring a friend (just let Pastor know).

THE RECORD WE WROTE: JANUARY 2016

	<u>January</u>	<u>12 Mo Avg</u>
Income:	\$8,474	\$11,287
Expense:	\$16,626*	\$16,811

\* Mortgage is Interest Only

FOOD PANTRY

Needed items are as follows: applesauce, fruit cocktail, canned potatoes, canned mixed vegetables, beverages, canned tomatoes, spaghetti sauce & noodles, flour, sugar, baking mixes, personal hygiene items, paper products, diapers & cleaning products. Thanks for your help.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

There is a need for volunteers who can provide snacks on Sunday mornings following worship. Please see the sign-up sheet and sign up for the Sunday of your choice. Your help is greatly appreciated!

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