

People: God is speaking.

Leader: Let us worship.

People: Amen.

***Hymn** “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High” 618

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy God, too often we treat your Word like a radio station—something we can tune in and out of when it’s convenient. Our minds are full of ads, emails, news updates, and notifications. In the midst of this clutter, we tend to gravitate toward the voices that think like us—easily ignoring the voices being silenced, easily ignoring your voice. Forgive us for failing to listen. Forgive us for getting caught in distractions. Forgive us for forgetting what your voice sounds like. Drain the distractions from our minds and help us turn once again toward you. With earnest hearts we pray, Amen.

Sung Response “Wait for the Lord” 90

Wait for the LORD, whose day is near.

Wait for the LORD; be strong; take heart!

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, even when we tune God out, even when we prioritize other voices, even when we do all the talking and fail to listen, we are still held by God. Our sins are forgiven. Nothing could ever separate us from God’s love. So with joy in our hearts, please repeat after me: I am loved!

People: I am loved!

Leader: I am held in grace!

People: I am held in grace!

Leader: I belong to God.

People: I belong to God. Amen.

*Congregational Response

“Glory to God in the Highest”

(back cover Hymnal)

*Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Anthem . “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” (Erik Meyer)

Second Reading Matthew 4:1-11

Message “Tempted” Rev. Wil Reinowski

Music “In Christ Alone” (K. Getty, S. Townsend)

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to Offering

The offering basket is located at the back of the west aisle of the sanctuary. Feel free to leave your offering at this time.

Offertory “Came to My Rescue”
(Sampson, Thomas, Davies)

***Doxology** 606

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

We give you thanks and praise, O God, for the free and abundant gift of grace you have given us in Jesus Christ. Let the simple gifts of our lives be a sign of our unending gratitude for your undying love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn** “Forty Days and Forty Nights” 167

Benediction

Postlude “Grand Choeur” (Cesar Franck)

Please remain seated until the conclusion of the postlude.

*** Please stand as you are able.**

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In this image, the words of the Tempter hover like a ringing in Jesus’ ears, saying: “Take charge. Hoard your power. Dominate. Control.” Somehow, Jesus has deciphered that these words are simply background noise.

In Our Prayers ✨

We pray for Liam B. and Terry West for healing. We also pray for our Special Care friends Luella Glick and Jean Gripe.

Central Happenings

SUNDAY – February 26

10:00am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

WEDNESDAY – March 1

10:00am WOW (Fitch Parlor)

12:00pm Charity Knitters (Discipleship)

5:30pm Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY – March 2

10:00am Library Team (Fitch Parlor)

7:00pm Central Choir Practice (Rehearsal Hall)



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for deeper faith

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Central Presbyterian Church

First Sunday in Lent
February 26, 2023

Welcome

Prelude

“Kyrie”

(Cesar Franck)

*Call to Worship

Nancy Nargi

Leader: Listen!

People: There is hope to be found here.

Leader: Listen!

People: God calls you by name here.

Leader: Listen!

People: There is love that abides here.

Leader: This world is full of chatter, so may we do our best to listen.