

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORT RICHEY  
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 11, 2018 – MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 A.M.

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*O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise. Psalm 95:1, 2*

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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP WITHOUT COMMUNION

PRELUDE: “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly” – Wagner

***WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME***

WORDS OF WELCOME

\*OPENING HYMN: “What Wondrous Love Is This” No. 85

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

**All: *slow to anger and abounding in love.***

One: The Lord of life is lifted up!

**All: *Let us look to him and live.***

One: Let us worship God.

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

**Loving God, giver of all light and life, you sent Jesus Christ into the world not to condemn, but to save. Help us to lift up the light of Christ so that the world might believe in him and receive the gift of eternal life; through Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

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***WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD'S PRESENCE***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

All: ***God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. We grumble and complain when you have provided all we need. We continue to walk in darkness when you have given light to the world. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to trust in you so that we may not perish but may have eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Congregational Response: “Threefold Amen” (SEATED)

***WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD***

SCRIPTURE: John 3:14-21

\*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.***

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SERMON: “Love Story”

Dr. Guild

SILENT MEDITATION

***WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD***

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: "the Apostles Creed" (see card in hymnal rack)

Concerns and Celebrations of the Church

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND PETITION  
AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (see card in hymnal rack)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" – Held

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***WE GO OUT TO PROCLAIM GOD'S NAME***

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

\*CLOSING HYMN: "Go With Us, Lord" No. 535

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

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\*CONGREGATION TO STAND (those who are able) CCLI # 11273863

**WELCOME VISITORS!**

We are glad you are here today! Please sign the Attendance Pad so that we will know who you are and where you live. ***Is this your first time here? Please see an usher for your “welcome” gift!***  
And if you are in search of a new church home, we cordially invite you to consider joining this community of faith. Our pastor and elders will be glad to speak with you about church membership.

**PLEASE SIGN UP TO JOIN US!**  
**RENEWAL RETREAT MARCH 17**

Renewal Retreat: The Practice of Prayer  
Who: All Members, Friends, Inquirers,  
What: Renewal Retreat will focus on Prayer and the beliefs and practices of being Presbyterian Christians  
When: March 17, 9:00AM to 4:00PM: Lunch will be served (*corned beef and cabbage!*)  
Where: First Presbyterian Church, Port Richey  
Why: To renew our lives by deepening our faith.  
Topics: The Practice of Prayer; Presbyterian History and Theology; Understanding the Bible; Presbyterian Worship and Music.

Leaders: The Rev. William Cooley, Ruling Elder Ken Webster, Minister of Music Priscilla Ortoski, The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Guild

**CEDARKIRK**

Come experience Cedarkirk summer camp for the first time! Explorer Camps are for our youngest campers who have completed 1st through 3rd grade. These programs provide safe, meaningful camp experiences for children who would like to try camp, but aren't sure they want to be away from home for a full week. Read about these exciting events on our website at [www.cedarkirk.org](http://www.cedarkirk.org)

**EASTER POTLUCK MARCH 25**

The Church Life Committee is planning an Easter Potluck Luncheon to be held on **Sunday, March 25**, immediately following our worship service. Please sign up in the narthex to indicate what dish you will bring (***the hams will be provided!***). ~Roslyn Linnen, Chair

**PACKAGES FOR THE HOMELESS**

***Following Sunday worship, we plan to assemble packages for the homeless;*** we still very much appreciate donations of any of the items listed on the flyer posted on the Narthex bulletin board (there are extra flyers you may take with you). Here is the list again:

dental floss, toothpaste (regular size), toothbrush, small tissue, small bar soap (1.75 oz.), pair of socks, PCPT one-day bus pass, 12 oz. hand sanitizer, \$5 McDonald's gift card, travel pack of wet wipes, granola bars, gallon size zip lock bags. (There is a large red tote to collect these items.) **THANK YOU!**

**UPCOMING LUNCH OUTINGS...**

The Church Life Committee is planning some Sunday (noon) lunch outings: April 22 – Brits Pub and Eatery (in Hudson), May 20 – Grand Sushi Hibachi Buffet (in Port Richey), and June 24 – Carmelita's Mexican Restaurant (in New Port Richey). ~Roslyn Linnen, Chair

**SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS**

*The Bierlys*  
*Heidi Brown* (daughter of the Bierlys)  
*Karen Buller*  
*Stephen Cook*  
*Michael Davis* (friend of Robin S.)  
*Diane Griffin*  
*Dolores Griffin*  
*Alexander Hamilton* (husband of Roslyn Linnen's niece)  
*Angie Hulgin* (friend of Dolores Griffin)  
*Don Jones* (friend of Lory Cors)  
*Ginger Leatherberry*  
*Shirley Love*  
*Jim & Vi McDonald*  
*Leslie Miller* (friend of Bev Webster)  
*Holly Peet*  
*Don & Michele Salerno*  
*Connie Turkette*  
*Frederick Zarndt* (brother-in-law of Robin S.)  
***Our Military Servicemen and Women***  
***Our President, Our Nation, and Our Church***  
***We are keeping names on the prayer list for 4 weeks. Call Gladys Almgren @727-868-6404 or the office.***

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

3/12 Susan Leathem  
3/17 Connie Turkette  
3/20 Gladys Almgren  
3/26 David Gregory

**HOLY WEEK**

3/29 – 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service at Trinity Presbyterian Church of 7 Springs  
3/30 – 12:00 p.m. Good Friday Service at First Presbyterian Church of Port Richey  
4/1 – 10:00 a.m. – Easter Sunday at FPCPR

**SUNDAY FUNNIES: BULLETIN BLOOPERS!**

*Submitted by Allan Love*

“The pastor will light his candle from the altar candles; the ushers will light their candles from the pastor’s candle; the ushers will turn and light each worshipper in the first pew.”

“Song lyrics: ‘What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and briefs to bear.’ [No doubt, a lawyer wrote that one. And in fact, Jesus does bear our legal briefs before the Father, right?]”

“Church sign: Jesus Saves! Safeway sign across the street: Safeway saves you more!”

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

3/12 – 10 a.-1 p. Administrative/ Property/ Finance Committee  
3/17 – 9 a.-4 p. Renewal Retreat  
3/19 – 10 a.m. Feed the People Committee  
3/25 – 11:30 a.m. Easter Potluck  
3/29 – 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service at Trinity Presbyterian of Seven Springs  
3/30 – 12 p.m. Good Friday Service  
4/1 – 10 a.m. Easter Service

**PER CAPITA THANKS**

Thank you very much to all of those who supported the 2018 per capita drive. We received \$1,520 from our membership, and we paid \$1,982.72, which left us just \$462.72 to draw from our General Fund. Thank you so very much to all who made donations. ~Ken Webster, Treasurer

**Church Staff**

Pastor:  
**Dr. Jeffrey G. Guild**

Clerk of Session:  
**Bev Webster**

Treasurer:  
**Ken Webster**

Church Secretary:  
**Robin Stiles**

Director of Music:  
**Priscilla Ortoski**

Custodian:  
**Julie Kovar**

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**9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**  
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Call the office for an  
appointment with the pastor.

**SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES: 3/11-3/117**

**Sunday**  
9:30 a.m. Elders Prayer Time  
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
**11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour/Light Breakfast**  
11:00 a.m. Meet to assemble packages for homeless

**Monday**  
10:00 a.m. Admin/Property/Finance Committee Meeting

**Tuesday**  
7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts  
8:30 p.m. N.A. Meeting

**Wednesday**  
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts  
8:00 p.m. N.A. Adult/Parent

**Thursday**  
8:30 p.m. N.A. Meeting

**Friday**  
10:00 p.m. N.A. Meeting

**Saturday**  
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Renewal Retreat

**LITURGIST – Ken Webster**

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 3/4**

Attend.: Sun. 3/4: 50 TOTAL: \$1,959.00

A full report is available through the treasurer’s office.

**MISSION ACTIVITIES**

**Friday, March 23:**

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Community Worship  
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Community Meal  
11:30 a.m. – 1:30p.m. – Food Pantry & Clothing Boutique

**Every Sunday:**

11:00 a.m. – 12:30p.m. – Community Meal & Clothing Boutique



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**CHURCH LIFE**

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**PACKAGES FOR HOMELESS**

We plan to meet immediately following the worship service on Sunday, March 11, to assemble packages for the homeless. (Thank you, thank you to everyone who has donated items!) See you there!

*~Lyz Alamo*

**THANK YOU, DEBBIE!**

Thank you to Debbie LaPointe for updating our Fellowship Hall Display Case for each season! Debbie always has cute and creative ideas (check it out)!

**WEDNESDAY LENTEN WORSHIP AT TRINITY PRES. CHURCH OF SEVEN SPRINGS**

Trinity Presbyterian Church of Seven Springs, 4651 Little Road, New Port Richey, has been offering Lenten Worship Services each Wednesday evening starting at 6:30pm., February 21-March 21. Guest pastors have been invited to preach their favorite Easter sermons (including our own Pastor Jeff THIS Wednesday, March 14). Everyone is welcome to attend.

**EASTER LILIES**

Easter lilies will be sold before and after the Sunday services beginning March 11, to beautify our church on Easter morning (\$7 per plant). They may be taken home after the service. Lilies will be in memory of loved ones and in celebration of life (see Debbie LaPointe).

*~Worship Committee*

**MONDAY, MARCH 12, 10 A.M. ADMIN/PROPERTY/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

We are “consolidating” several church committees into one larger committee, which should be more effective in planning the life of the church.

The “APF” Committee meeting will be held on Monday, March 12, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Please come to this meeting (*and bring a sack lunch!*) if you are part of the **ADMINISTRATIVE, PROPERTY, or FINANCE COMMITTEE**. See you on March 12!