

February 25th, 2024

Second Sunday of Lent

Our PCAS Vision: "To be a Light by Living, Loving, Learning,
and Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Order of Worship

*(*Please rise in body and/or spirit)*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Londonderry

Setting by Terry Osman

Candle Lighting

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Hear and believe the good news: God has called us "my people"!

**People: God has set up a covenant, over and over again,
choosing us even before we can choose,
faithful even when we are faltering.**

Leader: In the flood, in the wilderness, in exile;
in certainty and doubt, abundance and scarcity;
God's promise is true to the thousandth generation.

**People: We see the rainbow, we hear our names, we learn the
commandments,
we look up for our help, we know in our hearts:
we love because God first loved us,
we follow because God first came to us,
we can be faithful because God is faithful.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God together.

*(We mark time this Lent by extinguishing a candle for each of the 6 weeks until
we reach the Cross).*

***Hymn #187**

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Call to Confession

Leader: Remember that our Lord Jesus Christ is able to sympathize with us in our weaknesses. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Enduring and Steadfast God, distracted by many things, we confess that we have failed to truly see one another and uphold one another in love. We have placed others beneath us. We have been fair weather friends. We have chosen not to recognize the full humanity of our neighbors when that means embracing many dimensions of diversity. Have mercy on us, Lord. Help us learn to truly see one another and uphold one another in love. Amen.

Moment for Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord God said: I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. In Christ, all God's promises are "Yes."

Receive the good news:

People: Through Christ, our minds and hearts are cleansed, healed, and renewed!

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-3

This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God!**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Church and 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.

***Passing the Peace**

***Hymn** Peter's Denial

In the garden, boldly, would Peter have fought;
Now he answers coldly, Nay, I know Him not.

Refrain

*I would stand forever near my Savior's side,
Lest to glory yonder I should be denied.*

Tho' life's stony pathway be with dangers fraught,
Let my falterings never say, I know Him not. (*Refrain*)

Though long years of sorrow be my earthly lot,
Let my murmurings never say, I know Him not. (*Refrain*)

In the dark temptation, vows and prayers forgot,
Let my yielding never say, I know Him not. (*Refrain*)

So, in toil or pleasure, deed or word or thought,
Let me never, never, say, I know Him not. (*Refrain*)

Second Scripture Lesson: Mark 14:26-31; 66-72

This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: "Denial and Recognition"

Offering

Offertory Be Thou My Vision

Setting by Sandra Eithun

***Doxology**



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea- tures
here be- low; praise *him a- bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
Fa- ther, Son, and Ho- ly Ghost. A- men.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn #182** I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

***Benediction**

Postlude Joyfully Rejoice Setting by Terry Osman

Today's flowers are in loving memory of our father Charles Banks, by his daughters Tracy and Alison Banks and his wife Jane Banks.

Worship Leaders

Pastor:	Rev. Katja Gruening
Director of Music Ministries:	Marcello Velame
Liturgist:	Sue Starke
Music Ministry:	PCAS Children's Bell Choir
Ushers:	Rich Vodhanel
Zoom Hosts:	John Palframan Rich Vodhanel
Social Hour:	Planning and Administration

Lenten Prayer Group

Wed. February 21

Wed. February 28

Wed. March 6

Wed. March 13

7-8pm at The Manse

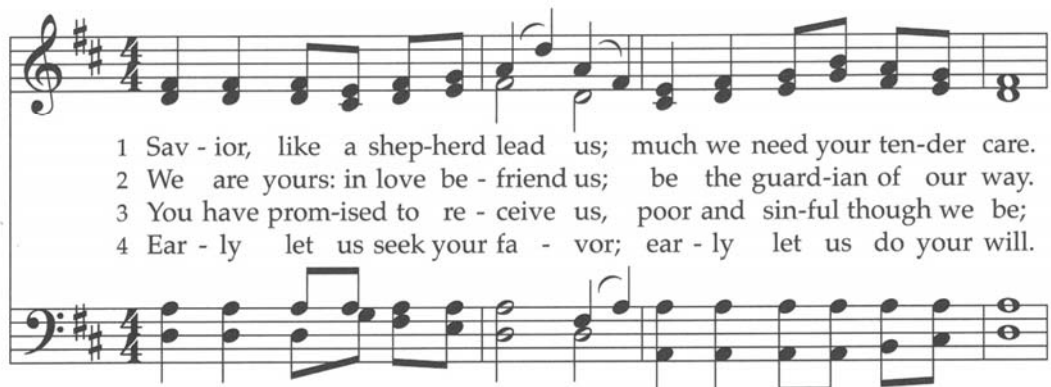
Learn a little about different prayer practices, and share what what's happening in your life or in the world that you would like to bring to the Lord in prayer. We'll take time to pray for one another and for all of those needs.

We each come to prayer with a different comfort level, experience, and preferred style or practice. We welcome you wherever you are on your prayer journey. Perhaps this is the opportunity you are seeking to grow in faith during Lent!

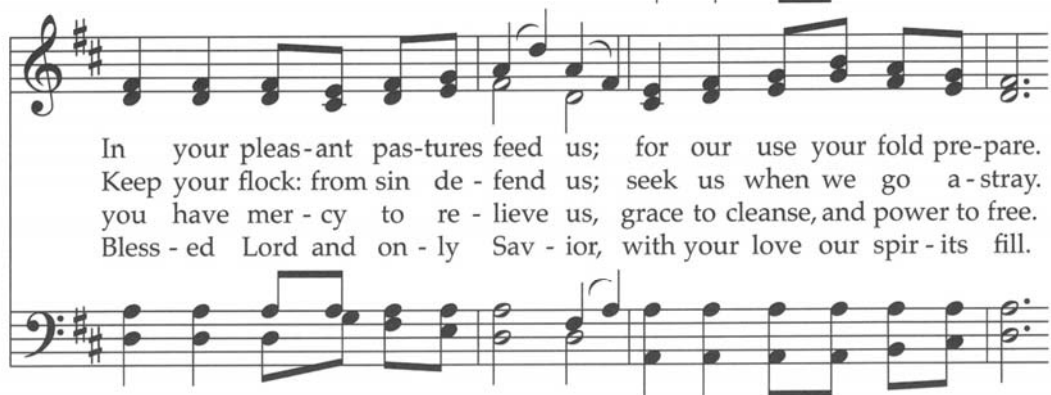
Join us every week, or drop in once or twice as you are able.

Our time of prayer will be followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments. If you can help with snacks on any of the evenings, let Pastor Katja know.

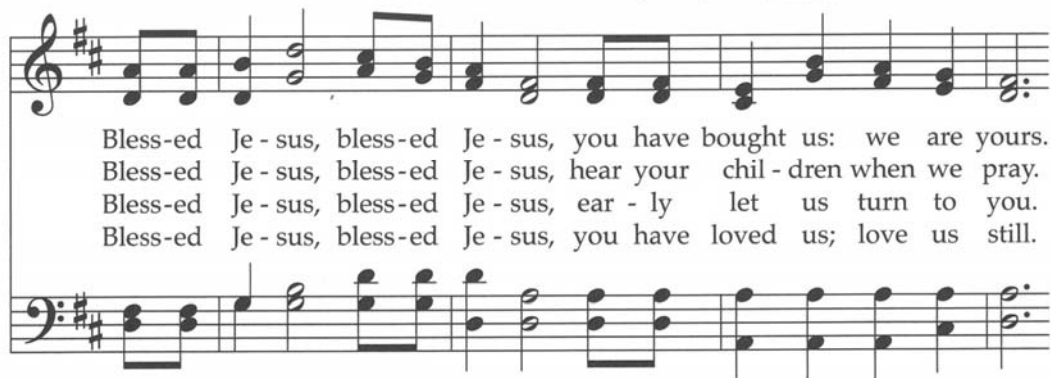
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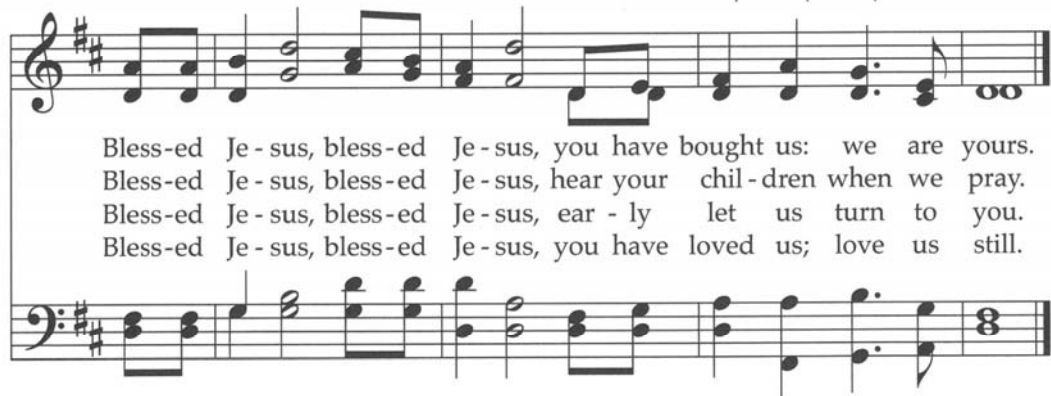
1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
 2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.
 Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a-stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
 Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.
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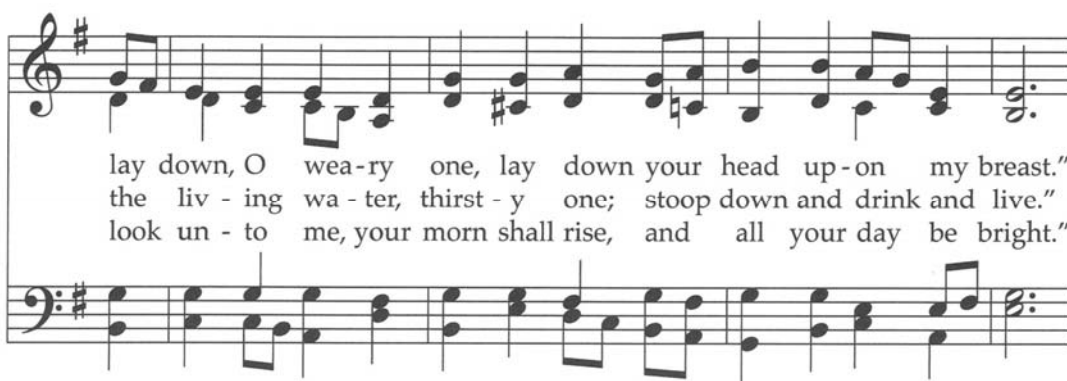
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This unattributed hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1-18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer's name.

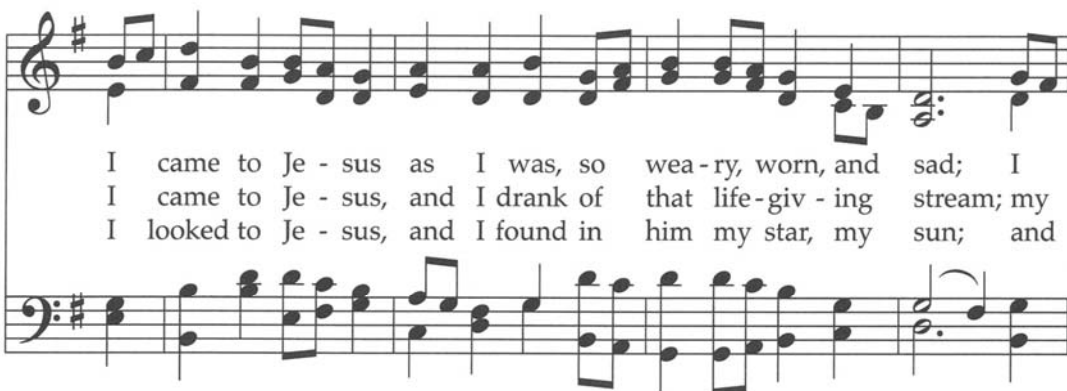
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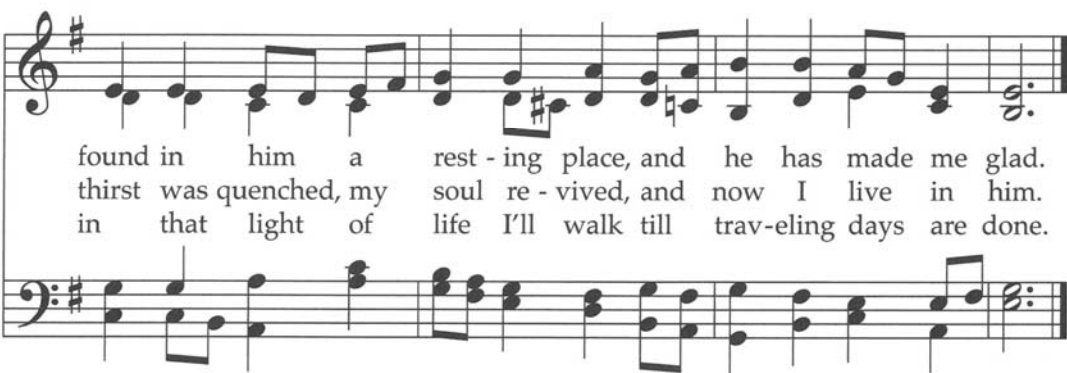
1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and



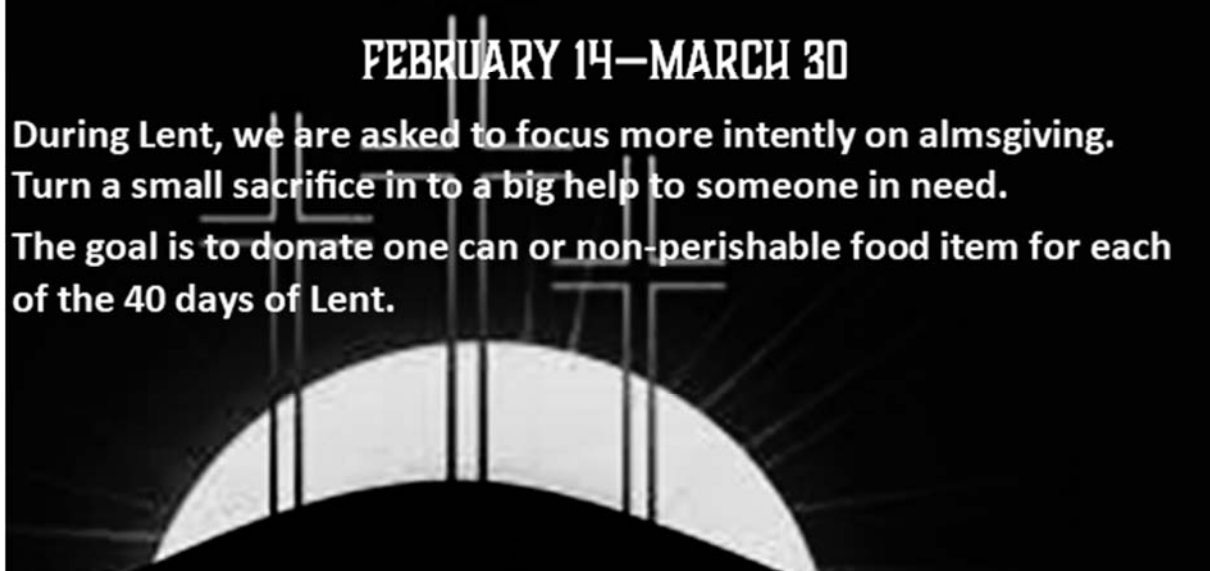
found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
 thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
 in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.

Each stanza here pairs an invitation from Jesus with a response from the narrator. These three invitations recall how Jesus welcomed those who were heavy laden (Matthew 11:28), offered living water (John 4:10-14), and identified himself as the light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5).

40 CANS FOR LENT

FEBRUARY 14—MARCH 30

During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on almsgiving. Turn a small sacrifice in to a big help to someone in need. The goal is to donate one can or non-perishable food item for each of the 40 days of Lent.



Donations can be dropped off at the Church House.
All Donations will go to the Eatontown Food Panty

Meeting Schedule Week of February 26th

26	FEB, MON	● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH)
		● 7 – 9pm	Boy Scouts (FH)
27	FEB, TUE	● 9 – 10:30am	Zoom Bible Study
		● 9:30 – 10:30am	Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH)
		● 11am – 12pm	Overeaters Anonymous (TR)
		● 5 – 7pm	Mental Health Association of Monmouth County (FH)
28	FEB, WED	● 7 – 8pm	Lenten Prayer Group (Manse)
		● 8 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Bible Study (TR)
29	FEB, THU	● 6 – 7pm	Bells (SR)
		● 7 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani choir practice (FH)
2	MAR, SAT	● 8 – 9:30am	Men's Group (offsite)
		● 7:30 – 9pm	AA (TR and FH)
3	MAR, SUN	● 8:45 – 9:30am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday School
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
		● 11am – 12pm	Coffee Hour (FH)
		● 11:30am – 12:30pm	Worship Committee (TR)
		● 12 – 1pm	Deacon's Meeting (O)
		● 3:30 – 4:30pm	AA (TR)
		● 5 – 6pm	AA (TR)
● 6 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Worship (FH)		