

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church where our motto is "Roots Down, Branches Out"
Celebrating 125 years of Ministry on Morton Hill, since 1892

"Sometimes I wish someone would do this for me, put me right in the middle of it with Jesus, put me right in front of his face and make it so he will look me in the eye and see me and fix what is wrong with me." -- Rev. Martha Spong on Mark 2:1-12

Sunday, February 18, 2018

1st Sunday in Lent

Announcements, Birthdays and Recognition of Visitors

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Elder Prayer Blessing

Elder Nancy Thompson

Prelude and Setting the Table for Worship

~ GOD GATHERS US ~

Call to Worship *(Please stand in body or spirit)* *(from the Iona Community)*

One: From Bethlehem to Nazareth, from Capernaum to Jerusalem, from then to now,

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus!

One: To heal the sick, to mend the broken-hearted, to comfort the disturbed, to disturb the comfortable, to cleanse the temple, to liberate faith from convention.

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus!

One: To carry the cross, to lead the way, to shoulder the sin of the world and take it away,

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus!

One: Today, to this place, to us,

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus!

Opening Hymn *(Please stand in body or spirit)* *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* Glory to God #408

Prayer of the Day

Holy One, as we begin a season of Lent, we confess that we are deeply attached to the values and ways of our world. We seek power when you invite us to work for the good of all. We seek riches when you invite us to work for shalom. We seek glory when you invite us to walk humbly with you. We are bound by fear when you invite us to walk in love. Despair clings to us when you invite us to hold fast to hope. Forgive us and make us new, O God. Thank you for a new day to be formed and transformed by your never ending love and grace. May it be so. Amen.

~ WE HEAR GOD'S WORD ~

A Time for Young People

Peter Helm

Children 5 & under can go with Mrs. Lopez to the nursery. Kids K+ can get worship bags from coat rack at this time.

Song of Illumination

Come, Bring Your Burdens to God

Glory to God #851

Scripture

Jeremiah 8:18-22

Mark 2:1-12

(After each scripture reading)

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks Be to God

Sermon

Jesus Will Mess You Up

(sermon title taken from a sermon title on Mark 1 and 2 preached by Rev. Martha Spong)

Pastor Laurie Hartzell

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

Song of Response

There is a Balm in Gilead

Glory to God #792

Special Music

Mrs. Lodie Elliott

Moment in Black History

Margie Troike

Offering & Offertory *Nursery children collect quarters for our "Open Wide Our Front Door" and Ghana Mission Youth Leave for ICE Class with Julie; Children leave for Kids' Time with Claudia Pozo and Peter Helm*

Doxology *(Please stand in body or spirit)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Praise Christ, all creatures here below

Praise Holy Spirit evermore

Praise Triune God, whom we adore, Amen

Joys and Concerns

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

~ WE ARE SENT ~

Closing Hymn

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Glory to God #339

Benediction

Participants in Today's Service

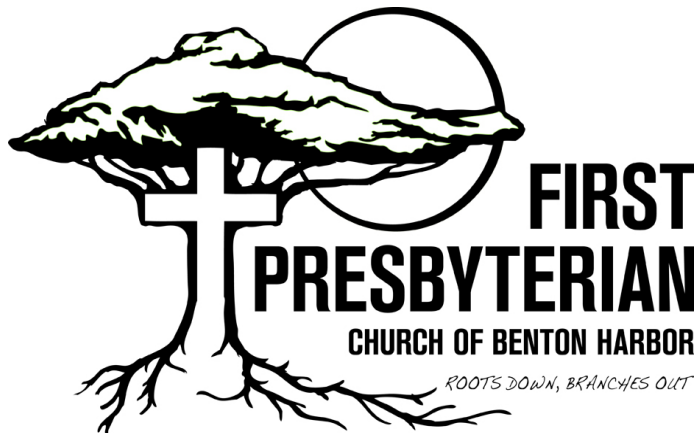
Worship Leader: Rev. Laurie Hartzell
Musicians: Susan Burkholz and Nancy Thompson
Children's Sermon: Peter Helm
Worship Assistant: Jackie Baker
Nursery: Annabelle Lopez
Greeters: Marge Anderson and Jeannette Holton
Audio: Bob Ziebart, Gordon Helm & Ben Schadler
Ministers: All the Church Members

Church Staff Members

Pastor: Rev. Laurie Hartzell
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Doug Peterson
Church Pianist: Susan Burkholz
Music Minister: Nancy Thompson
Youth Missioner: Julie Brien
Youth Teacher: Gentry Phillips
Custodians: Lee Hamilton & Charase Dorsey

MISSION STATEMENT

We of First Presbyterian Church of Benton Harbor are a small family of believers committed to bridging the gulf of racial and class separation. As a part of the body of Christ in Benton Harbor and acknowledging Christ's claim on our lives, our congregation is called to proclaim the Gospel and witness to Christ's love, both within the faith community and in our larger community. In doing this we will share our faith with openness, love, warmth and respect for the dignity and individuality of all people; we will welcome and value diversity; we will strive to meet the needs of people in our community for sustenance and nurturing and we will seek to deepen and broaden our own faith as we journey. We will do these through the doctrine and structures of the Presbyterian Church (USA).



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