

Glendale Presbyterian Church

February 14, 2024 | 7 PM
Ash Wednesday



Gather

Welcome & Announcements | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

Prelude | You Raise Me Up, Brendan Graham and Rolf Lovland | Carol Schmidt

Introit | GTG #414 | Be Still and Know That I Am God

*Call to Worship | Liturgist

One: It is love which calls us here.

**All: That love which may see its own shadow
yet continues to bring light to all.**

One: It is love which gathers us to this place.

**All: That love which whispers in our hearts,
the love which sings in our silent souls.**

One: It is love which surrounds us in these moments.

**All: That love which is fresh with each breath,
the love which endures forever.**

*Hymn | GTG #418 | Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

Call to Confession | Liturgist

Prayer of Confession

If it was only for a moment, God of our lives, it might not be too bad. But we abandon you far too often, far too easily. We are impatient people, not suffering those we consider to be foolish. We are jealous of what others have. We persist in demanding things be done according to our whims. We like to boast about all we have done. And the lists of the wrongdoings of others? Oh, we run out of space, trying to keep track of them.

Here at the crossroads of love and ashes, we pray for your forgiveness, God whose heart we break. Hear our faltering words, and whisper to us of your mercy. Take all our foolish choices and toss them in your bin of forgetfulness. Mark us with the ashes of the One who shows us how to be your people, Jesus, our Sibling, our Lord, our Friend. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: God will not leave us alone but walks at our side. God's grace marks us as Beloved children. God's love lasts far longer than that very short memory God has of our foolish lives. This is indeed good news.

All: It is God's compassion which welcomes us. It is God's peace which surrounds us. It is the constant love of God which embraces us with mercy. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

Imposition of the Ashes

Proclaim God's Word

Invitation to the Lenten Life of Love | Liturgist

Hymn | GTG #414 | Be Still and Know That I Am God

Reformed worship is centered around the Word, both the Word of scripture and Christ as the Word Incarnate.

In worship we gather around the Word, engage with the Word, and respond to the Word.

Bold text is read by the congregation.

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

You may access the online order of worship to follow along on any digital device:




In the presence of a holy God, we become aware of the ways we fall short of God's best hopes for us, and the ways we have hurt others. We turn to God in prayer, asking for forgiveness.

GATHERING

414 Be Still and Know That I Am God

Capo 4: (C) (Am) (C7) (Am)


E C#m E7 C#m



Be still and know that I am God.

(F) (C) (Dm) (Em) (Fmaj7) (G7)

A E F#m G#m Amaj7 B7



Be still and know that I am God.

**May be sung as a canon.*

In many situations, simplicity is more challenging than embellishment. The spiritual life is no exception, as these eight stark monosyllables from Psalm 46:10a make clear. The musical setting is similarly spare, using only five notes to create a sense of melodic spaciousness.

CONFESSION

418 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 O for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain
 watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!"
 par - don for you and for me. "Come home, come home!"

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,
 Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

This 19th-century gospel hymn has often been used as a hymn of invitation at evangelistic services. Its imagery is primarily based on Jesus' parable in Luke 15:11-32, commonly called "The Prodigal Son." Each singer thus becomes a wandering child who is urged to return home.

Scripture | Psalm 8 and John 15:12-27

Sermon | "Who Do You Say I Am?: Jesus as Friend" | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

Respond to God's Word

* Hymn | GTG #465 | O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

Affirmation of Faith | The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Words of Offering | Liturgist

Prayer of Dedication | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

*Doxology | GTG #697, verses 1 and 6 | Take My Life

Prayers of the People | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

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.

*Hymn | GTG #833 | O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

*Blessing and Benediction | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

Postlude | "Traumerei", Robert Schumann, Op.15, No.7) | Carol Schmidt

*Some Liturgies come from Thom M. Shuman's Lectionary Liturgies:
<http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/>*

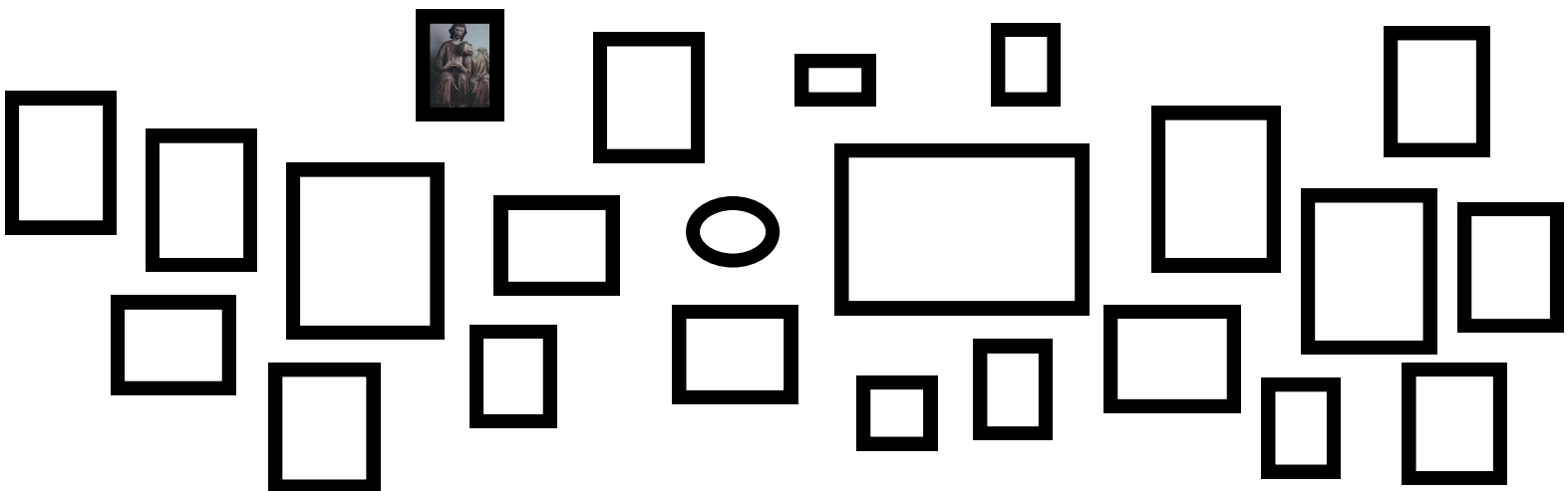
The Apostles' Creeds from the ancient church comes as close as any other confessional statements to expressing the faith of all Christians, of all traditions, throughout church history.

Tithes and offerings may be left in the offering plate. Those who prefer to donate electronically are invited to donate through our church website:



Our congregation has a practice of staying seated for the duration of the postlude.

Our worship does not end with the postlude, but continues out into the world, where we are sent to love and care for God's people.



465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

죄짐맡은 우리구주



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!



O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need-less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?
 Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak-ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so-lace there.



This text was written by an Irish-born immigrant to Canada to comfort his mother in Ireland when she was going through a time of special sorrow. The role of prayer as a source of strength and consolation is underscored by its repeated use as a rhyme word in all three stanzas.

Take My Life

697

1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat-ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with-hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as

cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne,
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee,
 ever, only, all for thee.

This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go 833

The musical score is written for voice and piano in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1 O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my
2 O Light that fol-lowest all my way, I yield my
3 O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I can - not
4 O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not

wea - ry soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that
flick - ering torch to thee; my heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, that
close my heart to thee; I trace the rain - bow through the rain, and
ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, and

in thine o - cean depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.
in thy sun - shine's blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.
feel the prom - ise is not vain that morn shall tear - less be.
from the ground there blos - soms red life that shall end - less be.

This intense hymn of commitment to God (addressed as Love, Light, and Joy) closes with an invocation of the ultimate testimony to those attributes (the Cross). The composer, a Scotsman, named this specially-composed tune for the 11th-century patroness of Scotland.

Prayer Requests

Healing and Wholeness

Prayers for Jaime Krob and family, whose father, Bob Daniels passed. Prayers of thanks for the life of Bob.
Prayers for Bob's wife, Nancy, as she moves forward.
Prayers for David Henrion and family after his Grandmother Evelyn Webelhuth's death on Tuesday, February 13th.
Prayers for Clarice's brother, Reggie who is going through medical testing.
Prayers for Clarice's great-niece, Mollie who is dealing with blood pressure complications in pregnancy.
Prayers for Ron Dyess following a hospitalization.
Continued prayers for Randy's brother, Buddy, who is in hospice care.
Continued prayers for Joan's granddaughter, Ellen, and for her Aunt Joan.

Announcements

Have a question about an event? An announcement to share? Contact the church office at 314-822-2545 or by e-mail to glendalepres@gmail.com

From the Discipleship Committee

We are looking for Sunday School teachers for our final block of the (school) year, March through mid-May. If you are interested in teaching, please inform Matt Krob (matt.krob@slu.edu). Thanks!

The Discipleship Committee will collect food for the Souper Bowl of Caring THROUGH February! Please bring your non-perishable goods to church and leave them in the giant pink bucket at the church's front entrance. All proceeds will go to the Webster Rock Hill Ministries. Monetary donations are also accepted and can be given to Matt Krob or Peggy Mayfield directly or through the WRHM website at (www.wrhm.org/donate). Please let Matt or Peggy know if you donate online so we can record these gifts.

PC(USA)/GPC "101" Class

February 25 and March 2, after worship

For those of you interested in joining church, or just learning more about GPC, and the PC(USA) as a whole, we invite you to attend two Sunday learning sessions. Don't miss this unique learning opportunity. Everyone is welcome!

Easter Egg Hunt Supplies

We are collecting packages of individually wrapped candy and plastic refillable Easter eggs. Please bring your donation to church by Sunday March 24. Thank you!

Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30 at 9:30 a.m. More details to come!

Concert

On Monday, Feb. 19, 6:30 p.m. GPC will be hosting singer-songwriters Spencer LaJoye and Sadie Gustafson-Zook for a concert. Please be sure to attend! Admission is a suggested donation of \$10-\$20.

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women, please join us for our meeting on Tuesday, February 20, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 208.

Easter Flowers

If you're interested in purchasing Easter flowers you will find an order form included in the bulletin. Orders are due by March 17. If paying by check please indicate payment is for Easter flowers on the check.

From the Care Committee

Fellowship-

First, thanks to all who have volunteered to bring treats! Keep signing up - store bought treats are fine!! All are invited to stay a while and visit with your church family and friends while you enjoy refreshments.

Celebrate Pi day on March 10-

Here is our excuse to eat some pie! We'll have a pie sign-up sheet outside the office. Consider bringing a pie for all to enjoy. Store bought is fine! But we wouldn't be mad if you made your favorite pie to share! Thanks again for sharing your baking skills!

Coffee Shop Office Hours

Pastor Kathleen's coffee shop hours next week will be at St. Louis Bread Co in Webster Groves, Wednesday, 2/21 from 1-3 pm.

Welcome

Welcome to Glendale Presbyterian Church! We are glad to have you join us for worship. If you are new to GPC, it is our prayer that you will experience the presence of God while you are here. At GPC, we share God's love through our work and play in our church and community.

Children & Worship

Children are always welcome in worship. The "Prayer Ground" is located in the front of the sanctuary where children are welcome to sit as is most comfortable to them and to engage with the materials up there throughout the service. In addition, the nursery is available for use by small children and their grown-ups near the Parking Lot Entry to the church. During the school year, children are invited to attend Sunday School following "Opening the Word with Young Disciples."

Worship Bags

All ages are invited to pick up a GPC worship bag in the Narthex (back of the sanctuary) that has items to be utilized to enhance their worship experience.

New Members

New members are received by the Session. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join the GPC family. Please contact Pastor Kathleen at 314-944-3334 or pastorhenrion@gmail.com for further information.

Prayer Request Cards

Blue prayer request cards are available upon entry to the building, as well as in pews. Please use them to note any joys or concerns you wish to have lifted in prayer. Place your prayer request card in the basket at either entrance to the Sanctuary before worship begins. If you need to fill it out during the beginning of worship, feel free to drop your prayer requests in the basket during the first hymn. The cards will be shared with the congregation, in worship, on the video of worship, and in the newsletter unless otherwise requested on the card.

Pastoral Care

To notify the church of illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; or to pass along a prayer request; or to arrange for Home Communion, Please contact the church office at 314-822-2545 or by e-mail to glendalepres@gmail.com or you are welcome to contact Kathleen directly via call or text at 314-944-3334. Or by email at pastorhenrion@gmail.com

Serving the Church

Interested in serving the church in some way? Contact the church office at 314-822-2545 or by e-mail to glendalepres@gmail.com and we'd love to connect you.

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Liturgist | Beth Ford

Song Leader | Paige Stroud

Usher | Leslie McKinstry

Greeter | Caroline Chamberlin

Online Host | Steve Chamberlin

Music Director | Carol Schmidt

Pastor | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

Sunday, February 18, 2024

Liturgist | Martha Keeley

Song Leader | Debbie Rose

Usher | Jan Nolan

Greeter | Elaine Bidstrup

Online Host |

Sunday School | Leslen Sanders

Fellowship | Bidstrups

Counters | Peggy Mayfield, Vicki Sorrells

Music Director | Carol Schmidt

Pastor | Rev. Kathleen Henrion



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