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Please keep the following people in your prayers:

All Who are in long-term care Facilities
All who reside in War Torn Nations
All who are Coping with Loss
All who are Suffering with Illness

Announcements

2024 Per Capita is \$40 per Member

\$9.80 is remitted to General Assembly; \$3.81 is remitted to Synod and \$26.39 remains with the Presbytery. This contribution is voluntary but encouraged.

Wednesday, February 21

“Lent in Plain Sight” (A Seven-week Lenten Study) at 6:00 pm at McAlister’s Deli
Books are \$10 - To purchase a book and/or participate,
Please sign up at the Cross or on Facebook or call Church Office

Friday, February 23

Men's Prayer Group at 7:00 am at Kirby's IGA

Sunday, February 25 (2nd Sunday of Lent)

8:00 am Worship Music Practice
8:50 am Adult Sunday School
9:00 am Youth, Junior & Senior High Sunday School
10:15 am Worship at the Cross - 6:00 pm Youth Group Meeting

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Ways to Connect - We are always happy to hear from you!

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First Presbyterian Church

Effingham, IL

10:15 am

February 18, 2024 - 1st Sunday of Lent

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn Numbers are in the Glory to God Hymnal
***Indicates Standing**

*Call to Worship

from Psalm 25

- One:** To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in You; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me. Let none who look to You be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- Many:** **Lead me in your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; in You have I always trusted.**
- One:** Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are everlasting. Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; but remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- Many:** **All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep the covenant and testimonies. My eyes are ever on the Lord, for only God will release my feet from the snare.**
- One:** Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart and free me from my anguish. Look on my affliction and my distress and take away all my sins.
- Many:** **Guard my life and rescue me; do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge in God, my everlasting hope.**

***(175 V1-3, Descant) Seek Ye First**

***Invitation & Prayer of Confession**

Our Savior, Jesus Christ, was driven into the wilderness for 40 days and was tempted in every way. We confess before You that we have given into temptation and have sinned. We have hungered after that which does not satisfy. We have compromised with evil. We have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith and have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such love and trust that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will.

***Words of Assurance**

***(581) Traditional Gloria Patri & A Sign of Peace**

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you. **Many: And, also, with you.**

The Message by Commissioned Elder, Ken Albrecht

"Don't Underestimate...."

Isaiah 26:3-4 NIV

26:3 You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. 4 Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal.

John 16: 25-33 NIV

25 "Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about my Father. 26 In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. 27 No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. 28 I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father." 29 Then Jesus' disciples said, "Now you are speaking clearly and without figures of speech. 30 Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God." 31 "Do you now believe?" Jesus replied. 32 "A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me. 33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

***Statement of Faith (Please Stand)**

Together

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor and binds us together with all believers in the one Body of Christ, the Church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior and to serve Christ in our daily tasks as we watch for God's new heaven and earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

***(465 V1-3) What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

Prayers of the People

Please Be Seated

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.

Offering Invitation & Offering

"Face the Cross"

Upon the cross of Jesus my eye at times can see
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me.
Face the cross, He hangs there in your place. See the Lamb upon the killing tree.
Stand and look into the Savior's face as on the cross, He dies for you and me.
Face the cross and see the dying Son. See the Lamb upon the killing tree.
See his anguish and his tears of love. Face the cross He dies to set us free.
Turn not away, turn not away. His nail-pierced hands are reaching out to you.
Look upon the One without a sin, spotless Lamb upon the killing tree.
Feel his pain and love from deep within, so great a price, yet paid so willingly.
Turn not away, turn not away, face the cross.
Face the One who suffers in your place. See the Lamb upon the killing tree.
Light of the world now clothed in darkness grim as on the cross He hangs in agony.
Face the cross and turn not away, turn not away. His nail-pierced hands are reaching out to you.
Turn not away, behold his wounded side. Turn not away, behold the crucified.
Face the cross He hangs there in your place. **(2x's)** Face the cross and see the King of Grace.
Turn not away, turn not away face the cross . . .

***(606) Traditional Doxology & Prayer of Dedication**

***(10 V1, 2 & 4) Sing Glory to the Name of God**

***Blessing & Benediction**

Go Now in Peace

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith; steadfast, strong and true; know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love.



Go out to serve and to live the Word!