

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
March 26, 2017
"Fourth Sunday In Lent"

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

OPENING RESPONSE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 23)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside still waters and restores my soul.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

*HYMN "Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us" 387

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful God, we confess that we have often failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray, and free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Minister

*GLORIA PATRI

FIRST READING John 9:1-12

HYMN "Open My Eyes That I May See" 324

SECOND READING John 9:13-23

SERMON "Afraid To Adventure" Rev. Janell Blair

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from Romans 8

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; and we know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. We are sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER (debts, debtors)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

* HYMN "What Wondrous Love Is This" 85

POSTLUDE

*Those who are comfortable doing so are invited to *stand*

Welcome: To all who worship with us this morning. Visitors and members are asked to please sign the Ritual of Friendship pad. Thank you for worshipping with us!

Announcements: During Lent, our congregation will join with First United Methodist and Wesley United Methodist churches for Brown Bag Luncheons each Tuesday at Noon. We will alternate hosting congregations and pastors will take turns leading a Lenten devotional. We will conclude each day by 1:00pm. If your schedule allows, please join in this opportunity for worship and fellowship with our fellow Christians!

This week's Lenten Luncheon will take place on Tuesday, March 28, at Noon at First United Methodist Church. Bring your brown bag lunch and join in the fun!

Birthdays: March 26 – Pat Hester.

Anniversaries: No anniversaries this week.

Flowers: Flowers were purchased this week by Toni Pool in honor of Courtney's birthday.

Refreshments: Sue Hooten, provided refreshments for the Congregation today.

Newsletter: Deadline to submit articles and information for April newsletter is **March 24, 2017**. If you have an article or announcement please turn it in to Silvia or slip it under the door to her office.

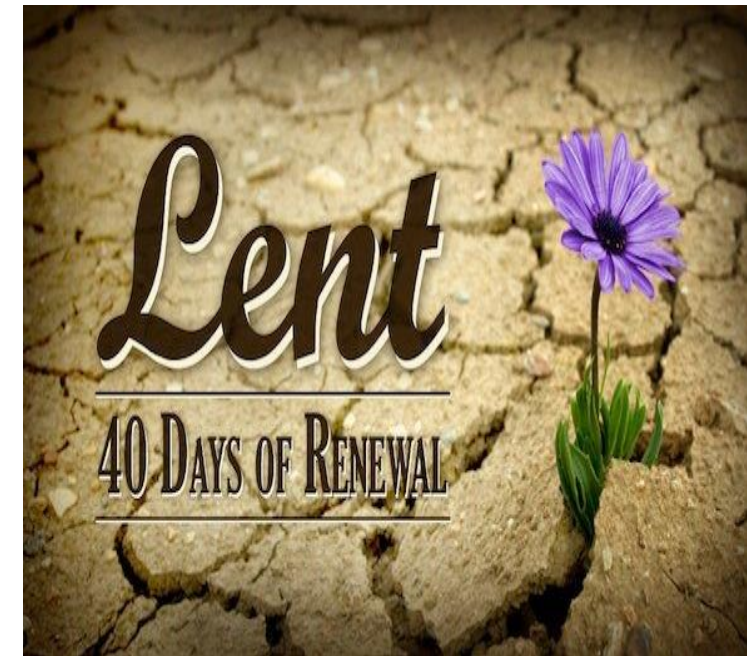
Pastor: Rev. Janell Blair (361) 920-2492

Pianist: Marilyn Pearce

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9: 30 a.m. Sunday School – Upstairs Parlor Sunday School - Room 104 Ed. Wing
10: 1 0 a.m. Fellowship Time – Southeast Vestibule **Session** – Session meeting – April 23, 2017
10: 30 a.m. Morning Worship

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