



Third Sunday
in
Lent

March 15, 2020

11:00 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church
Kannapolis, North Carolina

Our Mission is to Know Christ, Serve Him, and Make Him Known

~ Gathering before the Word ~

Welcome

Dr. Stuart Bond

Prelude

Oh, to See the Dawn

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Choral Call to Worship *Teach Us the Wisdom of God*
Chancel Choir

Raney

***Call to Worship - Week 3 - Suffering**

During Lent, we reflect on the meaning of suffering.

Through suffering, we become aware of God's presence.

All around us we see sorrow, brokenness and pain.

Through suffering, we come aware of God's power.

We struggle with our own trials and search in vain for answers.

Through suffering, we learn to trust God's promises.

We think of the magnitude of Christ's suffering on the cross.

Through suffering, we deepen our faith.

We cry out helplessly when our burdens seem unbearable.

Through suffering, we learn to comfort others.

***Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, grant us strength and courage to face the trials in our lives, and keep us grateful for all the joys. Cheer us in our sorrow and sustain us through our suffering. Keep us aware of our weakness and dependent upon your strength. Remind us of Christ's suffering on the cross and renew us by your Holy Spirit that we may follow your commands and proclaim your love to a suffering world. Amen.

Teach Us the Wisdom of God

Words and Music by
MARTY HAUGEN

Congregation:

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has
read-y for those who love him; Spir - it of
love, come, give us the mind of Je - sus,
teach us the wis-dom of God.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are placed below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

*Hymn of Praise

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Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love
(congregation please join in on verse 2 to the end)

Verse 1

Magnificent marvelous matchless love
Too vast and astounding to tell
Forever existing in worlds above
Now offered and given to all
Oh fountain of beauty eternal
The Father the Spirit the Son
Sufficient and endlessly generous
Magnificent marvelous matchless love

Verse 2

Creation is brimming with thankfulness
The mountains exultant they stand
The seasons rejoice in Your faithfulness
All life is sustained by Your hand
You crown every meadow with color
You paint every shade in the sky
Each day the dawn wakes as an encore of
Magnificent marvelous matchless love

Chorus

How great how sure
His love endures forevermore
Magnificent marvelous matchless love

Verse 3

What grace that You entered our brokenness
You came in the fullness of time
How far we had fallen from righteousness
But not from the mercies of Christ
Your cross is our door to redemption
Your death is our fullness of life
That day how forgiveness flowed as a flood
Magnificent marvelous matchless love

Bridge

United in Your resurrection
You lift us to infinite heights
Could anything sever or take us from
Magnificent marvelous matchless love

Thanksgiving & Prayers of the People

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.

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word with our Children

Pastor Stuart

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation now revealed in You our Christ.
What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King, what a beautiful Name it is.
Nothing compares to this, what a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

(Four year olds through 2nd graders may now be excused to Children's Church. An adult will now escort the children to the Children's Church Classroom, which is on the 3rd floor of the education building, where they will be picked up by a parent after the service.)

***Hymn of Preparation No. 859**

SLANE

Be Thou My Vision

Scripture Reading

Colossians 4:2-6

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Season with Salt

Dr. Stuart Bond

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostle's 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.**

Offering & Offertory

Uncreated One

Tomlin/Walt

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Hymn of Commitment No. 770** *In Christ Alone*

***Benediction**

Postlude

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Purcell

***All who are able please stand.**

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To Our Guests

Welcome! We are delighted that you are worshiping with us this morning. We hope you find today meaningful and refreshing. Please sign the attendance pad located at the end of each pew. If you have a prayer request, please fill out the blue prayer card or call the church office at 704-938-4623.

Children's Activity Bags are available for children age 3 to Grade 5. They include a children's bulletin related to the Sunday sermon, crayons, and scrap paper. An usher would be happy to bring you one.

Children's Church is available for children 4 years to 2nd Grade. After the "Word with Our Children," they will be escorted to their Children's Church in our Educational Building. Parents should report to their child's classroom after worship to pick them up.

Upcoming

Your elders have met to discuss what steps we can take to ensure safety during the Coronavirus situation.

1. We are going to disinfect the surfaces in our church weekly rather than monthly.
2. We will halt the Wednesday night meals--not because it is a danger in itself but because we realize that fewer people are going to be coming.
3. We will encourage you to not shake hands or hug during these days.
4. We will follow the public school protocol regarding closing: if they close, we will.
5. We are staying in touch with the guidelines from [coronavirus.gov](https://www.coronavirus.gov).

Wednesday Night meals are finished until the Fall; however, we will still have classes for children and adults beginning at 6:30 pm. Rev. Bond is leading the adult class with a discussion on the book "Who Stole My Church?" by Gordon McDonald. Children and Youth are continuing their studies from 6:30 - 7:00pm, then gathering in the Fellowship Hall from 7:00-7:30pm for a time of purposefully connecting with God through His word, the Holy Spirit, worship music, and faith-filled guided movements.

If anyone is interested in joining our new Security Team, please contact Ryan Walker at 704-223-5255.

You are cordially invited to attend our St. Patrick's Day (slightly late) Joy Group covered dish luncheon on Friday March 20th at noon in our Fellowship Hall. We'll provide a couple of Shepherd's Pies and beverages and ask that you bring something to share. Please sign up and join us for a time of food, fellowship and fun!

Kannapolis City Schools has joined a new app – Purposity – that will allow you to follow and meet needs of KCS students. Simply download the app from your app store, and "follow" Kannapolis City Schools. If you see a need that you can meet, the app allows you to select that need and fund it all in one place. Just another way we can reach out to our community in support of students!

The Middle/Senior High Youth want you to get creative! They are starting a "Creative Kids" drive to collect items that they will bag up and deliver to the Salvation Army Homeless Shelter and CVAN for kids who enter those residences. Our goal is 50 bags – 25 girl and 25 boy. Please place the following items in collection bins outside the Narthex and Fellowship Hall: crayons, markers, pencils, coloring/activity books, puzzle books, blank paper, watercolor paint trays, stickers, play doh, puzzles, and small boxes of building bricks. See Emma Sechler if you have questions. Thank you for your support!

Collection continues for the Jackson Park Elementary food pantry and clothing closet. See an information sheet in the Narthex for specific needs. Donations may be placed on the bookshelf in the Youth Room.

Mark your calendar for Women without Reservations upcoming events!

- Friday, March 27 *****note date change***** - Outing to Barn Dinner Theatre in Greensboro for "9 to 5: The Musical".

All women of the church are invited to join us! Please see Tracy Casey or Michelle Walker for more information.

All youth are invited to Flour Power cooking studio in Cornelius, NC (21714 Catawba Avenue, Suite A-1) on Saturday, March 28 at 3:00pm for a cooking class! Please RSVP to Michelle by **TODAY**.

A CPR/ AED training is being scheduled for Saturday March 28th (please note date change) 9 am - 12 pm in the fellowship hall. This training will be open to anyone in the congregation who wishes to attend at no cost. A signup sheet will be placed in the narthex so please sign up so we know how many to plan for.

All women of the church are invited to First Presbyterian Church, Mooresville for their annual Spring Gathering! The event will take place on Saturday, March 28th, 2020 from 11am-1pm with special guest Anna Parsons Nobles. Please RSVP to the church at (704) 664-5275 if you are interested in attending.

The Missions Team is sponsoring a second trip to Southport, NC on April 15 - 19. We will continue Hurricane Recovery work in the area. Please see Debbie McDaniel or Michelle Walker if you are interested in going with us!

"Play ball!" We are going to see the Cannon Ballers in their new stadium on Sunday, May 17. Bring a covered dish to share for lunch immediately following the worship service. Then walk with us to the Cannon Ballers Stadium for their 1:30pm game and some great fellowship! Baseball Tickets are \$10.00 per person and we have 40 reserved now. Children age 3 and under are free as long as they sit on a parent's lap - occupying a seat means paying for a ticket. Please see Michelle Walker or Terri Pruett in the church office if you would like a ticket and pay when you sign up. Don't miss out on the fun!!!

If you would like to contribute flowers for worship, please see the sign-up poster on the bulletin board just outside the church office. The cost for an arrangement is \$56.



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The Session

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Organist

Irene Davis
Nursery Director

Servants

Greeter: Ryan Walker

Elder Lock-Up: Renee Goodnight

Children's Message: Pastor Stuart

Children's Message next week: Andrew & Jenna Baker

Children's Church: Alpha Barger & Sharon Stricker

Children's Church next week: Ryan & Michelle Walker

Videographer: David Reed

Acolytes: Noah Walker & August Williams

Acolytes next week: Caylin Lowder & Landon Walker

Nursery: Hannah Efird (11:00)

Nursery next week: Ali Craft

Ushers: Amy Hurst, Doug & Amelia Goodnight, Mal
McDaniel

Ushers next week: Mark Goodnight, Ron Lisenby, Bill &
Sharon Stricker

This Week

TODAY

9:30 a.m. - **Coffee Hour**
CE Team
10:00 a.m. - **Sunday School**
11:00 a.m. - **Worship Service**
12:30 p.m. - **Confirmation Class**

MONDAY

6:00 p.m. - **Saltshakers**

TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. - **Narcotics Anonymous**
8:00 p.m. - **Alcoholics Anonymous**

WEDNESDAY

6:30 p.m. - **Adult & Children's**
Classes
6:30 p.m. - **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**
7:30 p.m. - **Alleluia Ringers**

THURSDAY

10:30 a.m. - **Thursday Morning**
Women's Bible Study
12:00 p.m. - **NA**
6:30 p.m. - **Boy Scouts**
8:00 p.m. - **AA**

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