



MARCH 2020

PASTOR'S ARTICLE

By Tom Dendy

Pray then like this: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name.

MORNING

You gave us much to think about, to explore, wonder at, direct our lives toward, when you gave this model prayer, Lord Jesus. As I read it over once again, I am reminded that you taught it as a model: not just a set of sacred words to be repeated till the phrases become blurred, lose their meaning and their cutting edge. All our praying, you suggest, might well be shaped around its two basic concerns: around God and humankind.

You teach here, first of all, that God is Father and at the same time Sovereign Ruler of the universe. In these four brief opening phrases—

Our Father who art in heaven

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

—is held together, captured for us once for all, all the glory and the intimacy, the transcendence and the immanence, the power and the passion, the justice and the redeeming grace that thinkers have filled volumes upon volumes attempting to explain. You tell us that the personhood, the presence which called and yet calls galaxies into being, which devised the intricate timing of the atom, the exquisite structures of the living cell, is also, and above all else, loving; cares in a way far beyond understanding for each created human life; and seeks, down all the ways of history and science, to win us and our love back to himself.

And if you had taught us nothing else but this, Lord Jesus—shown us that somehow our envisioning, our understanding, our experience of God from now on must encompass not just the imagery of the royal court (thrones, pomp, majesty, and might) but also must embrace the deepest joys and pains for family, of parenthood—then we would still be forever in your debt. The devotion with which we cherish our first newborn; the pride with which we watch our children grow as they crawl, walk, talk, read and write, run and swim; the frustration, agony balanced with the occasional ecstasy, of guiding them through the years of adolescence; the wonder as they emerge into full and splendid adult independence—all this is now embodied within God our Father and our Sovereign Lord.

This is a miracle, as much as any healing you performed, Lord Christ. And as I pray these words this morning, join countless millions across the globe, countless generations down the ages, in saying them, I thank you for their insight, their comfort, and their power. Amen.

EVENING

In this prayer for every age, Lord Christ, you speak to us, instruct us, not only about God but also about ourselves.

Three needs are now spelled out, three basic requirements, as if it were, for life:

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.

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Pastor Tom Dendy

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March 8, 2020

2am

SESSION REPORT

By Cecilia Evans

The session had a combined Planning Session and Stated Session Meeting on February 17. The new session came with ideas on how to retain and grow Celebration in Carolina Forest.

We discussed the power of prayer and how each member can help us by praying for us to discern God's will as Celebration continues their mission and ministry.

One of the ideas is praying through the various neighborhoods for the spiritual well being of the residents.

How Should We Pray?

- ♦ Pray for discernment – Seek the gift of seeing the community through Christ's "lens," and to discern what God is already doing there; ask God to show you how you can pray with greater insight for the people, events, and places in the community.
- ♦ Pray for blessings – Pray for every person, home, school, business and situation you encounter.
- ♦ Pray with empathy – See and feel what your neighbors live with every day; offer intercession for signs of brokenness and give thanks to God for the blessings and gifts in the community.
- ♦ Pray from Scripture – Prayers based directly on God's word can be especially powerful. You might start with Jeremiah 29:5-7; Luke 10:1-2; Mark 12:30-31; or Revelation 21:3-5a.
- ♦ Pray in God's power – Allow times of silence for God's spirit to speak to you, or through you. These are just some suggestions as we look to bring our neighbors closer to the church.

Discussion centered around how we can attract more members and the programming that will engage current members. If you have an idea, please share it with a session member.

We were so pleased to announce the Association of Smaller Congregation has given a \$3,500 grant for steeple repair.

The preschool continues to think of creative ways to use their space by providing various before and after preschool care to assist families.



CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY

Join us on Saturday, March 14, 2020, from 9am—12noon to help get our church property and grounds in shape for Easter and spring. All able-bodied persons come on out and bring your gloves and yard tools and help beautify our church.

5th Sunday Offering

We will receive our 5th Sunday Offering on March 29.

This offering is used to help with the upkeep and improvement of our property

LADYBUGS

By Kathy O'Halloran

Our January Lady Bugs dined at Crepe Creation at Market Common. There were five LadyBugs in attendance that day; a couple of the ladies were feeling under the weather or had previous commitments. Those of us that attended enjoyed our time together having breakfast or crepes. We collected \$30 in donations. Our next LadyBug luncheon will be on Thursday, March 5, at noon at the Old Bull and Bush Pub located at 4700 17 Bypass (on the frontage road). If you plan to attend, the sign-up sheet will be in the narthex. Let me know if you need a ride. All LadyBugs, their family and friends (females, of course) are welcome for fun and fellowship.

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Food, then forgiveness, and a future: or, perhaps, provision, pardon, and protection... three needs for being human. "Our daily bread" reminds us we are human. We are not spiritual beings, isolated souls, imprisoned for a time in solid flesh; but we are living beings, flesh and blood, whose physical daily needs are recognized, an essential part of God's provision for us.

This is an eminently practical prayer, Lord, no theoretic musing on existence, but a clear, specific request—a desperate request, in fact, by all too many still today—for simple sustenance enough to make it to another sunrise. So much of your message was like this, Lord Jesus, based in and around the most ordinary physical stuff of life: a loaf of bread, a lost coin or wandering sheep, a marriage or a job or the sowing of a field, the catching of fish, the building of a house. In all this you assure us that God cares about the details, about whether or not we have food enough to eat. Indeed, the Father has provided on this earth more than sufficient to support all his children. And so long as there are folk who still can pray this prayer for daily bread in vain, then the rest of us, God's children, are failing in our stewardship. We deny, in this, the very prayer we utter here: "Lord, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Which brings me to forgiveness—another basic need, another affirmation of my humanness, bound to know failure and defeat upon occasion, caught in the maze of life that leads so easily to love of self, not God, to fear of others and not trust, to self-protection and not self-surrender, to grudges, spites, and hurts that linger far too long and block the healing paths for grace to flow and cleanse and purify. Your forgiveness, both given and received, is a fundamental need as real as food to eat.

Finally, you teach us to pray for protection: protection not so much from danger, want, or sickness; these are all a part of life, after all. The protection you encourage us to pray for is safekeeping against evil. And I suspect you mean by that, against the powers that would lead us to betray our selves, to see our very souls. For if life is more than mere survival; if integrity and justice, creativity and love—the very qualities you teach in the Beatitudes—are closer to the essence and the purpose of our living than our comfort and physical well-being; then the greatest danger, the only true, eternal threat, is to our spiritual selves. You taught that we could save our lives, and in the effort, lose our souls, Lord Christ. This prayer seeks protection from that fate.

Then hear me, Lord, as in the closing moments of this day I say, Again, with renewed comprehension and with wonder, the words you taught us to pray, saying... Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name... Amen.

From pages 84—87 of Prayers from the Mount: Daily Meditations on the Sermon on the Mount by J. Barrie Shepherd. Copyright 1986, published by the West Minister Press.

A little LENTEN history from The Presbyterian Outlook - By Jennifer Lord

For some Presbyterians, celebrating Lent is not intuitive – it may not have been part of their family's pattern growing up. It is, however, connected to the way in which the Christian celebration of Easter evolved. "What is helpful for all Christians and Presbyterians in particular to remember is that the time of Lent came into being after Easter was decided upon as an annual celebration," said Jennifer Lord, a professor of homiletics and liturgical studies at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Jennifer Lord went on to say, "We think early on that the Christians celebrated Easter, celebrated resurrection, weekly." Every Sunday was understood as "Little Easter!"

The Council of Nicea, in 325, set Easter as an annual celebration tied to the timing of Passover – a link to the Jewish tradition of following the lunar calendar. **Easter is set for the first Sunday that occurs after the first full moon after the spring equinox.** "The development of Lent was to prepare people to be baptized on Easter," Lord said. At that time, baptism was for adults, and Lent became 40 days of baptismal preparation – counting the days from Ash Wednesday to Easter, except for the Sundays in Lent, because "Sunday is always a celebration of the resurrection," Lord said, and thus Sundays are feast days not fast days and are excluded from the 40 days of Lent.



PRACTICAL TIPS

By Terry Pettijohn

Practical tips for experiencing the fullness of Lent

Presbyterians Today February 19, 2020

‘Living liturgically’ By David Gambrell

We see the days marked on church calendars -- Baptism of the Lord Sunday, Ash Wednesday, Palm/Passion Sunday, All Saints Day, etc. -- but what importance do they have on our spiritual formation, our faith, our evangelism? How can understanding the liturgical year, and incorporating it into our daily lives, deepen our relationship with Christ? The Christian year provides a wonderful framework for practicing the great mystery of our faith. This series of columns focuses on such practices -- providing ideas and tips for “living liturgically,” be it in church, at home or out in the community.

Lent at a glance

In the first few centuries of Christian tradition, the season of Lent emerged as a time of penitential preparation for the celebration of Jesus’ resurrection from the dead. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with Holy Saturday, spanning 40 days (not counting the six Sundays). Holy Week, the final week of Lent, begins with Palm/Passion Sunday and concludes with what is known as the “Paschal Triduum” or “The Great Three Days” -- Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil.

Public worship

Repentance and reconciliation are central themes of the season of Lent. Accent these themes in worship by:

Emphasizing the element of confession by including -- or extending -- a time of silence for self-examination. Gradually lengthen this period of silence throughout the season.

Leading the confession and pardon from the baptismal font, highlighting the nature of baptismal discipleship as dying to sin and rising to new life in Christ (Romans 6:1–11).

Learning a new musical setting of the Kyrie eleison (“Lord, have mercy”), perhaps from another culture or liturgical tradition, and singing it throughout the season of Lent.

Personal discipleship

Three recommendations for spiritual growth during the Lenten season are:

Use a daily lectionary (visit pcusa.org/lectionary), Lenten devotional, six-week Bible study or some other reading plan to immerse yourself in Scripture throughout the forty(-six) days of Lent.

Explore six different spiritual practices (contemplation, journaling, meditation, etc.) during the six weeks of Lent and then choose one to focus on in the following year.

Work to renew or restore broken relationships by reaching out to estranged friends or family members with a personal letter or (where appropriate and possible) a visit.

Mission in the community

Lent calls us to confront the brokenness and suffering of the world. Here are three practices related to social justice and the healing of creation:

Get involved with an organization that advocates for racial justice and reconciliation or seeks to address discrimination, prejudice and bias in public policies.

Volunteer with an agency that helps people who are poor, hungry and homeless in your local community, or works to eradicate systemic poverty in the nation and world.

Take inventory of your ecological footprint, and then find ways to reduce your consumption, increase what you recycle and use cleaner sources of energy.



MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

By Kathy Wechter

In conjunction with the Preschool we will be collecting personal hygiene items April 20-April 30. We will be creating hygiene kits to hand out to those less fortunate. We are collecting **TRAVEL SIZE** items such as shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, lotion, washcloths, deodorant, band-aids, first aid cream, combs and brushes, razors etc. For men's articles, they need socks, underwear, t-shirts etc. There will be a basket in the hallway for your donations. Our goal is 1,000 items. These **hygiene items** will be packaged in May and provided to Helping Hand and the Community Kitchen for their guests. Please begin collecting these items and bring them to the church during the collection period.

From dust you came to dust you shall return. Ash Wednesday was a dreary afternoon but Celebration was able to share the Ash Wednesday blessing with 78 members of our congregation and the community.

This is Celebration's 3rd year providing Drive-Thru Ashes.

Thank you to Ken Krenzer, Kerry Kelly, Pastor Tom, Terry and Bernie Pettijohn, Terry Baker, Wayne Harms (not pictured), and Cecilia Evans (the photographer) for making this possible.



EMERGENCY CONTACT FORMS

Who would we call in an emergency if something happened to you while at church or you were hospitalized? We are updating our records and we have an emergency contact form that can be used in case that need arises. They are available in the church office or we can email you a copy and you can fill it out and return it to Linda. We will keep it confidential until such a time it would be needed.



Sunday, March 8

BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY

Take a moment to wish those who have a birthday this month birthday wishes. If your birthday is not listed, please let Linda Berry in the office know.

Mar 2—Mary Biellak
 Mar 6—Davis Walsh
 Mar 12—Wayne Mook
 Mar 17—Lou Brooks
 Mar 18—Sarah Abushakra
 Mar 23—Nanette Kelly
 Mar 26—Barbara Walters



If you do not see your birthday, please contact Linda in the office.

The Preschool Art Show and Basket Raffle are just around the corner. You may be asking yourself just what exactly is a basket raffle? A basket raffle is a great way to raise money for our school. Each class chose a theme for their basket and our preschool families donated items to fill those baskets. We also reached out to the community and gathered donations from local businesses.

The baskets and other items will be raffled off the night of the Art Show on March 5, 5-7pm. We will sell raffle tickets for \$1 each or 25 for \$20. We will begin selling tickets on February 18. Tickets can be purchased in the preschool office during regular preschool hours, on Sunday, February 23 and March 1, after church services or the night of the Art Show. If you have friends or family that would be interested in purchasing raffle tickets, please feel free to sell as many as you like. You will need to write your name and phone number on the back of each ticket before placing it in the container specific to the basket you are trying to win. We will have the baskets on display several times before the night of the Art Show. At the end of the Art Show, we will draw a ticket from the container of each basket and announce the winner. You do **NOT** have to be present to win. If the winner is not present at the time of the drawing, the item will be placed in the preschool office and the winner will be notified the next day. There will also be a silent auction to bid on for a Myrtle Beach vacation which includes a 2-night condo stay, various restaurant gift cards and entertainment for the family. This will be held the night of the art show.

Our ten classroom theme baskets are: Spa Day, Taste of Italy, Gift Cards, Lottery Tickets, BBQ, Family Fun, Legos, Arts & Crafts, Dinner and a Movie, Summer.

We have received donations from the following businesses:

Buffalo Wild Wing
Myrtle Beach Family Golf
Alabama Theatre
Northern Bites
Alligator Adventure
Wicked Tuna
Morgan Rhea
Mystical Golf
Ocean Annie's

Handley's Pub
Hungry Howies Pizza
The Carolina Opry
Chesapeake House
Hollywood Wax Museum
Backyard Bar & Grill
Badhare Clean Mission
CCU
Blackbeard's Pirate Ship

Stone Theatres
Anderson Brothers Bank
Scottos Pizza
Rockin Jump
Duck Donuts
C&G Auto
Jersey Bagels & Subs
Fun Warehouse
Dolphin Cruise



MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW, THIS WILL BE A NIGHT YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS!!!!



PRESCHOOL

By Susan Spraker

This month will be a very busy one for our preschoolers. There is a rumor that a surprise visit from a tiny leprechaun is a possibility. Every year we try to set a trap to catch that sneaky fella, but he always seems to outsmart us. As soon as we turn our back he sneaks in and makes a mess everywhere.

Last month ended with our registration for the fall 2020-2021 school year. We registered more children than ever before. However, we do still have some afternoon preschool openings for the fall, so tell all your friends. Word of mouth is our best form of advertising.

We are once again having our basket raffle fundraiser along with our annual art show. We have collected donations from preschool families, as well as local businesses, and have made theme baskets to raffle. I must say these baskets are even more impressive than last year! The baskets are now on display until the night of the Art Show which is March 5 from 5-7pm. Tickets can be purchased in the preschool office daily or on Sunday after church. You **DO NOT** have to be present to win. This is the only fundraiser that the preschool has, so we want it to be a huge success. It is a great opportunity to win some fantastic prizes. You don't want to miss out!! Have a great month!

MARCH 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 1st Sunday in Lent Book Discussion 9am Adult Bible Study 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10 Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am Children's Church Nursery Communion	2 Adult Bible Study 10am	3 Quilters 10:00 am Daisy Scouts 5pm	4 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	5 LadyBug Luncheon Old Bull and Bush 12pm	6 World Day of Prayer	7
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins at 2am 2nd Sunday in Lent Book Discussion 9am Adult Bible Study 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10 Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am Children's Church Nursery, He~Brews Cafe	9 Adult Bible Study 10am	10 Quilters 10:00 am	11 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	12 Team E cooks at The Shepherd's Table 1pm	13	14 Property Clean-Up Day 9am-12noon
15 3rd Sunday in Lent Book Discussion 9am Adult Bible Study 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10 Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am Children's Church Nursery, He~Brews Cafe	16 Adult Bible Study 10am	17 St Patrick's Day Quilters 10:00 am Daisy Scouts 5pm	18 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	19 Team D cooks at The Shepherd's Table 1pm	20 Breakfast Buddies Olympic Flame 9am	21
22 4th Sunday in Lent Book Discussion 9am Adult Bible Study 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10 Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am Children's Church Nursery	23 Preschool Closed Adult Bible Study 10am	24 Quilters 10:00 am	25 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	26	27	28
29 5th Sunday in Lent Book Discussion 9am Adult Bible Study 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10 Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am Children's Church Nursery	30 Adult Bible Study 10am	31 Quilters 10:00 am Daisy Scouts 5pm				



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CELEBRATION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OUR IDENTITY STATEMENT

We are Christ followers who are open, accepting, loving and welcoming to all!

Congregational Care Note – If you want to request a home visit from the Elder of the Week or Pastor, please contact the church office.

VOLUNTEERS SERVING THIS MONTH

Elder of the Week

Mar 1—Wayne Harms
 Mar 8—Anthony Tiani
 Mar 15—Jeanne Bredbeck
 Mar 22—Cecilia Evans
 Mar 29—Ken Krenzer

Liturgist

Mar 1—Nancy Thornburgh
 Mar 8—Priscilla Mulligan
 Mar 15—Carla Baker
 Mar 22—Anthony Tiani
 Mar 29—Kathy O'Halloran

Visitors Table/Greeter

Mar 1—Heidi Cherry
 Mar 8—Linda Miller
 Mar 15—Nanette Kelly
 Mar 22—Barbara Barranco
 Mar 29—Carol Lagassee

Nursery

Mar 1—Donna Woodard
 Mar 8—Nanette Kelly
 Mar 15—Vicki Simon
 Mar 22—
 Mar 29—Donna Woodard

Media Shout

Mar 1—Bernadine Lamar
 Mar 8—Katrena White
 Mar 15—Katrena White
 Mar 22—Bernadine Lamar
 Mar 29—Bernadine Lamar

Sound Booth

Mar 1—Anthony Tiani
 Mar 8—Bernadine Lamar
 Mar 15—Anthony Tiani
 Mar 22—Wayne Harms
 Mar 29—Anthony Tiani

Ushers for the month—

Corey Jacobs, Kathy O'Halloran,
 Beth Bruton, Terry Baker

Communion Elders— Ken Krenzer,
 Katrena White, Barbara Barranco, Myra
 Burrows, Nancy Torcivia

Chimes

Mar 1—Cindy Smith/Janet Rouseff
 Mar 8—Kathy O'Halloran/Janet Rouseff
 Mar 15—Cindy Smith/Janet Rouseff
 Mar 22—Kathy O'Halloran/Sharon Mook
 Mar 29—Cindy Smith, Janet Rouseff



If you cannot serve on your Sunday, please change with someone and let Linda know in the office. Thank you!