

First Presbyterian Church of St. Louis



March 20, 2022

Third Sunday of Lent

*Blessed are those who trust in the LORD.
They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.
It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.*

-Jeremiah 17:7-8

Gathering Music

Welcome

Bill Perman

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Dear Christ, you are the vine and we are your branches. Gathered together as your body, may we be reminded that when we are aware of your Spirit and bathed in your love, you flow freely through us and into the world. May we bear the fruit of your love. May we offer shade to all who need rest. May we offer a home in our branches for all who long for justice and peace. Prune away all that is dead within us so that your love continues to flow through us and into the world. Amen.

Hymn 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Tune: Ellacombe

***I sing the mighty power of God
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command,
and all the stars obey.***

*I sing the goodness of the Lord
who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures through the Word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky!*

*There's not a plant or flower below
but makes thy glories known.
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee
is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that we can be,
thou, God, art present there.*

Scripture Reading

Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Sermon

Bill Perman

Choir Meditation

Seek Ye First
Douglas E. Wagner

*Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
And its righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you
Allelu Alleluia*

*Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you
Allelu Alleluia*

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Year at a Glance:

- Thursday, April 14:** Maundy Thursday Worship
- Saturday, April 16:** Easter Egg Hunt & Service Project
- Sunday, April 17:** Easter Sunday Service
- Saturday, April 30:** Rebuilding Together Workday
- Sunday, June 5:** Confirmation

Part-Time Early Childhood Learning Center Caregiver Needed

First Presbyterian Church of St. Louis Parents' Day Out program is seeking a Part-Time Nursery Caregiver for 1 - 4 year olds. The candidate is responsible for maintaining a safe, engaging, and loving environment for young children. Their duties include implementing creative, play-based learning activities, designed to meet the physical and developmental needs of children. First Presbyterian's PDO program is a nurturing community that honors the child based in University City, MO.

Daily Responsibilities Include:

- Be sensitive to the needs of individual children
- Prepare and serve lunch and snacks to children
- Maintain a clean environment for the children
- Attend to diapering and potty needs
- Attend to general hygiene of the children
- Be a team teacher
- Developing programming with director's assistance
- Relate well to parents

Physical Demands Include:

- Be able to lift 25 lbs
- Easily be able to sit and stand
- Be comfortable with escorting children on 30 minute walks
- Be comfortable with being outside in a variety of temperatures
- Reasonable accommodations will be made for individuals with disabilities

The program runs Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, with staff hours 8:45am - 2:15pm.

Applicants should email pdo@firstpres-stl.org with their cover letter and resume. (Please put "Job Opportunity" in the subject line.)