



**March 17, 2019**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Worship Service**

**First United Methodist Church**

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Dr. Andrew C. Stoker, Senior Minister

# Second Sunday in Lent

\*Please stand as you are able.

Please silence all electronic devices.

Please ask an usher about using one of the receivers in our assisted hearing system.+

Prelude to Worship

*Air from The Water Music Suite*

G.F. Handel

Invitation and Intention for Worship

The Reverend Ann Willet

\*Processional Hymn No. 108 *God Hath Spoken By the Prophets*

EBENEZER

\*Prayer of Confession

Dr. Andy Stoker

**You asked for my hands,  
That you might use them for your purpose.  
I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them,  
For the work was hard.  
You asked for my mouth  
To speak out against injustice.  
I gave you a whisper, that I might not be accused.  
You asked for my eyes  
To see the pain of poverty.  
I closed them, for I did not want to see.  
You asked for my life,  
That you might work through me.  
I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved.  
Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you –  
Only when it is convenient for me to do so,  
Only in those places where it is safe to do so,  
And only with those who make it easy to do so.  
Lord, forgive me and renew me.  
Send me out as a usable instrument,  
That I might take seriously  
The meaning of your cross. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

While it is true that we have sinned,  
It is a greater truth that we are forgiven  
Through God's love in Jesus Christ.  
To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say,  
In Jesus Christ your sin is forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sacrament of Christian Baptism

Dr. Stoker  
The Reverend Willet

Ian James Holt, son of Daniel and Jamie Holt

Congregational Pledge

**With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that this child, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

Baptism Response *(Please join in singing.)*

STUTTGART

**Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign;  
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.**

Children's Sermon *(Please sing as the children come forward.)*

Leah Bailey

Refrain: **All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful:  
the Lord God made them all.**

**Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors,  
and made their tiny wings.**

*(Refrain)*

Call to Prayer

*Spirit of the Living God*

LIVING GOD

*(congregation join in singing)*

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.**

Pastoral Prayer

The Reverend Evan Jones

The 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson

John 1:1-5, 10-14

The Reverend Willet

*And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory,  
the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.  
John 1:14*

The Word of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Wearing Skin*

The Reverend Willet

Offering of Our Gifts

The Reverend JoNell Lindh

Offertory

*O God Beyond All Praising*  
Chancel Choir

Dan Forrest

\*The Doxology

OLD 100TH

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

\*Invitation to Christian Discipleship

The Reverend Willet

\*Hymn of Invitation No. 521

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

SOJOURNER

\*Benediction

The Reverend Willet

\*Choral Response

*Amen*

Larson

Postlude

*Fantasy in C Major*

J.S. Bach

The acolytes are Sydney Roberts and Abby Romine.

The altar flowers are given by the Jodie family in honor of Judy Hearne's 80th birthday.

The small cross on the altar celebrates the birth of Kennedy Frost Meeder, daughter of Preston and KC Frost Meeder. The cross was lovingly handmade by FirstChurch member Joan Bexley.

Dana Effler directs the Chancel Choir. Tim Effler is the service organist and accompanist.

+FirstChurch's assisted hearing system has fifteen receivers for use during worship in the sanctuary. These may be checked out from the Communications Department prior to each service. In addition, members and visitors are invited to bring their own portable FM radios with headphones and tune to 107.7 to hear the service.

This service is being broadcast on live streaming video on our church website and re-broadcast at 5:30 a.m. Sundays on WFAA-TV Channel 8.

***Join us for worship next Sunday, March 24  
Third Sunday in Lent***

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Dr. Andy Stoker's message: *Getting Lost*  
Psalm 119:169-176

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