

Lord, teach us to pray.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 14, 2010

10:45 a.m.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL GREETING “” The Adult Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP (Study Catechism Question 120)

One: What is prayer?

All: Prayer means calling upon God whose Spirit is always present with us.

One: In prayer we approach God with reverence, confidence and humility.

All: Prayer involves both addressing God in praise, confession, thanksgiving, supplication, and listening for God's word within our hearts.

One: Let us listen for God's word within our hearts as we worship God together.

***HYMN 75** “O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair” alt. WAREHAM

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Study Catechism Question 121)

One: What is the purpose of prayer?

All: Prayer brings us into communion with God. The more our lives are rooted in prayer, the more we sense how wonderful God is in grace, purity, majesty and love. Prayer means offering our lives completely to God, submitting ourselves to God's will, and waiting faithfully for God's grace. Through prayer God frees us from anxiety, equips us for service, and deepens our faith.

One: We admit that we are often out of communion with you, O God. Our lives are rooted in the values of this world, and so we reduce you to a comfortable but uninspiring friend. We are reluctant to give ourselves completely to you, afraid of where following your will would lead us next. We are often impatient with your grace, and prefer to hold onto our anxiety, depend on ourselves and live a shallow faith.

All: Forgive us when our prayers seek to change you but not us. Change our perspective, God. Give us a new sense of how wonderful you are as we offer our lives anew to you. Set us free to see ourselves, all people and this world as you do.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

One: By God's mercy, we are forgiven.

All: By God's mercy, we are made whole.

One: By God's mercy, we are equipped to serve others.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

***RESPONSE TO GRACE 341** "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!" #1

HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 9:28-36

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

SERMON "Prayer: the Power to Change our Perspective"

Chip Low

RESPONDS IN LOVE AND SERVICE

***HYMN 324** "Open My Eyes That I May See"

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

HYMN 2193 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER ("sins")

GOD'S RESPONSE TO PRAYER (Study Catechism Question 122)

One: How does God respond to our prayers?

All: God takes all our prayers into account, weighing them with divine wisdom, and responding to them by a perfect will. Although for the time being God's answers may seem beyond our understanding, or sometimes even bitter, we know nonetheless that they are always determined by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. God answers our prayers, particularly for temporal blessings, only in ways that are compatible with the larger purposes of God's glory and our salvation. Communion with God is finally the answer within the answers to all our prayers.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ""

***RESPONSE** "Let All Things Now Living"

**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving To God our creator triumphantly raise;
Who fashioned and made us, protected us and stayed us, By guiding us on to the end of our
days.**

**We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing With glad adoration, a song let us raise:
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving To God in the highest: hosanna and praise.**

***PRAYER TO DEDICATE OUR LIVES**

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

We greet each other with a hand-shake or embrace and say: **“The peace of Christ be with you!”**

We respond to that greeting by saying: **“And also with you!”**

***HYMN 339 “Be Thou Our Vision”**

***BENEDICTION (Study Catechism Question 123)**

One: What encourages us to pray each day?

All: **The God who has adopted us as children is the God who encourages and commands us to pray. When we pray, we respond with love to that greater love which meets us from above. Before we enter into prayer, God is ready to grant all that we need. We may turn to God with confidence each day, not because we are worthy, but simply because of God's grace. By praying we acknowledge that we depend on grace for all that is good, beautiful, life-giving and true.**

***CHORAL BLESSING “” The Choir**

POSTLUDE

***Please stand, if able.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS, March 14, 2010 Pull Out Section

You are cordially invited: to the Installation of Charles (Chip) Low as the 20th pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown on **March 14 at 4 p.m.** The Service of Installation will be followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall.

Let's Get To Know Each Other The Congregational Life Committee will be sponsoring informal gatherings at church and in member's homes with Chip and Tami Low. You are invited to attend! There will be signup sheets in the Gathering Space. Sign up for a date that works for you and we will get back to you with more details.

If you would like to HOST a gathering (and YES we are looking for hosts) please let Marianna Sherman (737-8294) or Karen Gerth (914-318-6429) know that you would like to do so. We can work with your schedule.

Youth Bell Choir Rehearsals are held on Sundays **from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Room 14.** New members are welcome.

ADULT ED LENTEN STUDY -- An Orthodox Heretical Bible Study: The Parables of Jesus and Peter Rollins Our Lenten Study will examine some selected New Testament stories in tandem with the contemporary parables in *The Orthodox Heretic* by Peter Rollins. Just as Jesus challenged the religious authorities of his time, Rollins challenges the institutional church. This study promises to take us out of our comfort zone!

Sunday mornings, March 14, 21 & 28, 9:30-10:30 am in the library-lounge; **Led by Shawn Cribari.**

Wednesday evenings: March 17, 24 & 31, 7:30 – 9:00 pm in the library-lounge **Led by Chip Low.**

The Orthodox Heretic and Other Impossible Tales by Peter Rollins can be purchased at Barnes & Noble in the Cortlandt Town Center (books are at the front check-out counter under the name Cribari.). It can also be purchased online at Amazon or Barnes & Noble.

Confirmation Class: Call Nicole Mulcahy for information, 603-3324

Mar. 14: 4 p.m. Installation Service

Mar. 21: 4:30-6 p.m., class, Lounge 15

Knit Togethers meet **March 22** at 10-11:30 a.m., Room 15. All are welcome. Yarn donations are appreciated. Call Norean Radke, 962-4370/Lois Ostling, 962-2809.

Food Pantry: 9-11 a.m. Next dates **March 27, April 9 & 23, May 14 & 28.**

Cereal Tea Instant Coffee Hot Chocolate Crackers Peanut Butter
Pasta Soup Cookies Paper Products Diapers Personal
Hygiene Products

Prayer Shawl Group: . **March 17, 10:30 a.m**

This group normally meets before the women's circle on the first Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. and the third Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Call Marianna Sherman at 737-8294.

The Presbytery of Hudson River and the Congregation of The First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown cordially invites you to witness the Installation of the Reverend Charles L. Low, Jr., as the 20th pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown on March 14 at 4 p.m. The Service of Installation will be followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall.

Seniors' Lunch Bunch:

March 17: Will meet at 12 noon for their annual St. Patrick's Day luncheon. It will be catered from Grand Central. Cost is \$15 each. Sign up on Seniors' bulletin board. Wear green.

April 21: Will meet at 12 noon for potluck lunch. Everyone bring a dish to share.

May 19: Will meet at 12 noon for potluck lunch. Everyone bring a dish to share.

Midnight Run on March 19: see insert

Jan Peek Volunteers: **March 27:** Humphrey & Santagata Families **April 24:** Confirmation Class. Call Bud Coccodrilli (245-6475). Thanks to **Prauda/Dixon families** for the February dinner.

Women's Circle Bible Study: **April 7, 10:30 a.m.** The Women's Circle meets in the lounge (Rm. 15). Their current study is "Joshua, A Journey of Faith." All women are invited to join. Call Kathy Anderson (603-3408) with questions.

New Member Classes: will be held on **April 18, 25, May 2 & 9** at 9:30 a.m. in Room 17. New members will join with the church on May 16. If you are interested in becoming a member or exploring the possibility, please call Barbara in the church office at 245-2186 or email her at office@fpcyorktown.org.

Flowers needed **April 18; May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31.** Arrangements are \$25 each. Call 245-2186.

Are you interested in Quilting? We are curious if there are those that would be interested in forming a "Quilt Togethers" group. All skill levels welcome. Please email Tricia Dineen : triciadineen@gmail.com<<mailto:triciadineen@gmail.com>>.

OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE READY: in the rear backward-facing pew.

From the Communications Commission -- FPCY is now on facebook. Go to www.facebook.com, and search for "First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown". Or go to our website www.fpcyorktown.org, and click on the facebook icon in the upper right of the screen.

The **new banner**, "Go and make disciples of all nations... baptizing, teaching them..." from Matt. 28: 19-20 has been designed and created by Barbara Wilkens. It is meant to illustrate Matthew's account of the last words of Jesus to his followers after the crucifixion.

Sanctuary is open: Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to encourage church members and users of our facilities to meditate, pray or pursue quiet contemplation. Use the door at the top of the ramp.

We need -- 3 more tulips and 10 more daffodils!!

EASTER FLOWERS may be ordered to celebrate the joy of Easter, in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special event. This year tulips and daffodils are available. To order, fill out this form and return it to the Church Office or you may call in your order to the Church Office, 245-2186. **Orders must be received by MONDAY, March 15.**

Name _____

Plant Preference: Tulip(\$12) _____ Daffodil (\$12) _____

Inscription for Bulletin: _____

_____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Flowers may be picked up after 11:45 a.m. on Easter or left for the following Sunday.

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Chip Low, Pastor

Worship Services: Sunday, 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.; Healing: 3rd Sunday at 12 noon

Church School & Adult Education: Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Barbara Darragh, Administrative Assistant; Simona Frenkel, Organist, Choir Director

Yorktown Presbyterian Preschool 962-8712; **Jose Sandoval, Custodian**

Beth Gruber, JoAnne Marsh, Church School Co-Superintendents; Mayra Chica, Crib Room Caregiver

Stephanie Hare, Disciple Editor; Mark Linehan, Carl Anderson, Webmasters; Dick Hunter, Historian

Tom Travis, Frank Hodgkinson, Tricia Dineen Co-Treasurers; Lisa Graham, Ruth Deemer, Tellers

Ellen de Jong, Rod Drysdale, Gary Eliasson, Auditors

Deacons:**2010 Class:** Todd Child, Gloria Coccodrilli, Louise Fang, Kristin Hodgkinson, Carter Humphrey, Fran

Schiel, **Class 2011:** Ryan Mulcahy, Jill Pagliettini, Chuck Radke, Mable Seymour, **Class 2012:** Katharine

Frase, Terri Froehlich, Barbara Humphrey, Sue Nelson.

Moderator: Katharine Frase, *Vice-Mod.:* Chuck Radke, *Sec.:* Sue Nelson; *Finan. Sec.:* Gloria Coccodrilli

Elders:

2010 Class:

Carolyn Blaney, Judy

Chessa, Connie Knapp, Dick Seymour, Marianna Sherman, Ken Shulman, Barbara Wilkens, Abigail Winsted

2011 Class: Pam

Darreff, Karen Gerth, Bill Herman, Frank Hodgkinson, Ian Spence **Class 2012:** Ellen Miles, Carol Myers,

Barbara Santagata, Lynda Spring, Ann Timmons, John Winget **Clerk of Session:** Gordon Braudaway

Midnight Run: An inventory of the Midnight Run supply closet was recently done. We would like to make at least 40-50 kits here at church with supplies we currently have. The supplies most needed to make kits here at church are:

<u>Item</u>	<u># have</u>	<u># needed</u>
toothpaste	5	35--45
razors	17	23--33
deodorant	5	35-45
wash cloths	4	36-46
shaving cream	0	40-50

Also, it was noted that we are short on sweat pants--have 4 pr, knit hats--3, gloves/mittens--0, warm outerwear: coats, heavy sweaters, etc.--0.

We could also use some more tee shirts; sizes med. and lrg.

Any help you can offer would be appreciated.

We will be going on a **Midnight Run** on **Friday, March 19th**.

We need:

- 1. Folks to go on the run**
- 2. Kitchen help the night of the run**
- 3. Men's long underwear; sleeping bags**
- 4. 40 – 60 toiletry kits, in total: TRAVEL SIZE** Each set goes into a zip lock bag.

In order of importance

**soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, washcloth
razor, shaving cream, deodorant, lip balm or moisturizer.**

- 5. Between 100 and 150 bag meals.** These should include
(http://www.midnightrun.org/howto_sandwichguide.php):
 - A hearty sandwich.** A substantial sandwich is what most sets apart a loving bag meal from a less desirable one. We realize that it's also the most expensive item. But there's an emotional value in getting a sandwich piled high with turkey, ham, roast beef, chicken salad or meatloaf. It truly says, "Someone is thinking of you." Variety is nice, so we ask that at least some of the sandwiches not be bologna or peanut butter (you get a lot of those in soup kitchens).
 - Fruit.** Something durable like an orange or banana. Apples are okay in some meals, but hard for those with missing teeth to eat. Individual fruit cups are okay (with spoon).
 - A hard-boiled egg** or a high protein equivalent.
 - A juice box.**

- **A dessert or two.** Granola bars are fine, and sweet things—such as cookies, candy bars and brownies.

Sign up during coffee hour or contact Connie Knapp at 914.941.7997 or caknapp@acm.org.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 14

Fourth Sunday of Lent, One Great Hour of Sharing

- 8:30 a.m. **WORSHIP**, Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. **Coffee Hour**, Fellowship Hall, Finance Committee Meeting, Treasurers' Office 19
CHURCH SCHOOL, CE building; **ADULT FORUM**, Lounge 15
10:45 a.m. **WORSHIP**, Sanctuary
12 noon. **Coffee Hour**, Fellowship Hall
12 noon **YOUTH BELL CHOIR**, Board/Music Room 14; 1-4 p.m. Simona, Music Room 14
4 p.m. **SERVICE OF INSTALLATION**, Sanctuary, followed by Reception, Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 15

- 9:15 - 11:00 a.m. Mommy & Me Program, Child Care Room 12
10:30 a.m. & 12:45 p.m. Noon Unity (closed), Room 16;
2:00 p.m. Recovery, Inc., Lounge 15
6:30 p.m. SPARC, Rm 2 & 16
7:00 p.m. N.A., Room 1
7:30 p.m. NarAnon, Room 3

Families Anonymous, Room 4

Tuesday, March 16

- 9:15 - 11:00 a.m. Mommy & Me Program, Child Care Room 12
10:30 a.m. & 12:45 p.m. Noon Unity (closed), Room 16
11:45 a.m. Noon Unity Women's Meeting, Room 17
2:30 p.m. Hospice Board, Room 3
7:00 p.m. A.A., Room 1
Al-Anon, Room 4
SPARC, Kitchen 10
7:30 p.m. **OPERATIONS COMMISSION**, Board/Music Room 14
MISSION COMMISSION, Lounge 15

8:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Regular, Room 4

Wednesday, March 17

- 9:15 - 11:00 a.m. Mommy & Me Program, Child Care Room 12
10:30 a.m. **PRAYER SHAWL GROUP**, Lounge 15
10:30 a.m. & 12:45 p.m. Noon Unity (closed), Room 16
12 noon **SENIORS' LUNCH BUNCH**, St. Patrick's Day Celebration, Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m. **LENTEN SERIES, Lounge 15, led by Chip Low**

Thursday, March 18

- 9:15 - 11:00 a.m. Mommy & Me Program, Child Care Room 12
10:30 a.m. & 12:45 p.m. Noon Unity (closed), Room 16
6:30 p.m. **BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL**, Board/Music Room 14
Boy Scout Troop 165, Fellowship Hall, Rooms 2, 3,
7:30 p.m. N.A., Room 1
8:00 p.m. **ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL**, Board/Music Room 14

Friday, March 19

- 10:30 a.m. & 12:45 p.m. Noon Unity, Rm 16 (10:30 closed; 12:45 meeting)
5:30 p.m. SPARC, Room 1 & 17
7:00 p.m. A.A.(closed), Beginners, Fellowship Hall and STEP/TOAC Room 1
8:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Room 4
8:30 p.m. **MIDNIGHT RUN, kitchen**

Saturday, March 20

9:00 a.m. A.A., Room 1

Sunday, March 21

Fifth Sunday of Lent,

- 8:30 a.m. **WORSHIP**, Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. **Coffee Hour**, Fellowship Hall,
CHURCH SCHOOL, CE building; **ADULT FORUM**, Lounge 15
10:45 a.m. **WORSHIP**, Sanctuary
12 noon. **Coffee Hour**, Fellowship Hall, **DEACONS' MEETING, Room 16**
12 noon **YOUTH BELL CHOIR**, Board/Music Room 14; 1-4 p.m. Simona, Music Room 14
4:30 - 6 p.m. **CONFIRMATION CLASS, Youth Room 17**

