

Lord, teach us to pray.

(Luke 11:1)

Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2010

10:45 a.m.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chip Low

CHORAL GREETING

“I Will Extol Thee” Schutz

The Adult Choir

One: We have gathered in God’s holy presence, the One who etches grace on our hearts.

All: This is the place where God will transform us into disciples.

One: We glorify our God, who yearns for justice,
not just for a favored few, but for the least of our world.

All: This is the place where God will write compassion on our spirits.

One: We give thanks to God for unceasing grace;
we remember God’s persistence in saving us.

All: This is the place where God will breathe the Word into our lives.

One: Let us persist in praying and worshipping until this world is what God intends.

***HYMN 251** “Your Faithfulness, O Leader:, Is Sure”

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Merciful God, your persistent love and faithfulness, your work of peace and justice bring our lives into harmony with yours. You call us to be living testimonies that the Spirit gives life in all its fullness to all people. We confess that we enjoy receiving your good news, but do not always accept your call to persist in living out your good news for others. Forgive us when we do not include others in your good news, when we alienate others by our judgmental and hard-hearted attitudes. Forgive us when our witness fails to reveal your generous love and persistent justice to a world sorely in need this good news. Living God, we come to you in search of your love in Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit to work for your values in the world. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

One: The good news is that God is steadfast in filling us with love and grace.

All: May we be resolute in our lives of faithfulness and service.

One: We are forgiven people.

All: May we live as sisters and brothers in Christ, God's children in word and deed. Amen.

***RESPONSE TO GRACE 184**, v. 1 "How Blest Are Those"

MINUTE FOR MISSION: PRAYING FOR HAITI AND OGHs

Syel Papa, nou isit la avan ou pou di ou mèsì pou tout bagay ou té fè pou nou, Ou té totalman sivéyé nou é pwotéjé nou kont tout mal. Bénédiksyon pou non ou pou tout an. Mèt, gadé sou frè ak sè nou yo an Ayiti ki ap souffri de tranbleman tè ya. Fòtifyé kè yo epi ankourajé yo. Montré yo, o bondyé, kouman pou yo meté konfyans yo nan ou é montré nou kouman pou nou édé yo pandan trajédi sa. Nou mandé sa o non de jézi. Arnène.

Heavenly Father, we are here before you to say thank you for everything you've done for us. You've guarded us and you've protected us against all misfortune. Blessed be thy name forever and ever. Lord, look over our brothers and sisters in Haiti who are suffering from the earthquake. Strengthen their hearts and comfort them. Teach them, oh Lord, how to put their trust in you and teach us how to help them during this tragedy. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 18:1-8

SERMON "Spiritual Activism" Chip Low

RESPONDS IN LOVE AND SERVICE

***HYMN 516** "Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS "O Lord, Increase My Faith" Gibbons The Adult Choir

***RESPONSE 107, v. 2** "Celebrate With Joy and Singing"

***PRAYER TO DEDICATE OUR LIVES (unison)**

We offer these gifts, O God, as proof that we remember all your blessings in our lives. May these gifts and our lives be devoted to sharing your good news with others. May others know your love as clearly as we do. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

WE SHARE IN THE FEAST OF GOD'S GRACE

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

All who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to share in this Sacrament.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Beloved of God, lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the One who knows us and speaks to us.

One: Beloved of God, give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: Our praise is continually offered to our Hope, our Trust, our God.

One: [continues...]

THE LORD'S PRAYER ("forgive us our sins")

SHARING IN THE STORY AND THE FEAST

We receive the elements by intinction: dip the bread in the grape juice and thereby receive both elements together.

SHARING IN SONG "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" Brawn The Adult Choir

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

Gracious God, we give you thanks for satisfying our hungry hearts with this holy meal shared in the Spirit with Jesus, your Son, our Lord. Strengthened and refreshed, may we go out into the world to bring your justice and peace with persistence and love. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*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 386** "O For a World"

*BENEDICTION

***CHORAL BLESSING** "Now Unto the King" Young The Adult Choir

POSTLUDE

*Please stand, if able.

Welcome to our worship! May God speak with you and touch your life. If you are a visitor, please feel free to take a **Welcome Folder** or **Guide for Kids** found in the Sanctuary door racks. Please complete the Visitor Information Card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering.

Childcare for infants through kindergarten age is provided in Room 12 (Nursery) located off the Gathering Place of our Christian Education Building.

Large Print Bulletins and Children's Bulletins are available from the Ushers.

Name Tag: Each Sunday we encourage you to wear a nametag (located in the pew racks).

The **Flowers** are given to the Glory of God in memory of Bill Shelby by his family.

Greeting and Ushering: at the 8:30 service are Elders Karen Gerth and Bill Herman and Deacons Terri Froehlich and Sue Nelson and at the 10:45 service are Elders Deanna Collins, Ellen Miles and John Winget and Deacons Ryan Mulcahy, Chuck Radke and Fran Schiel.

Everyone is invited to coffee hour in Fellowship Hall after the service hosted by Rita Child and the Winsteds.

Prayer Concerns, updated March 1, 2010: Remember these people during "Prayers for Others." Please share joys and concerns during worship, but to place a name on our ongoing prayer list, speak to a pastor or call the church office.

Nursing Home/Assisted Living: Cortlandt Health Care: Grace Hammond;

Country House: Helen Bliss; Bill Phillips, (L. Watkins' dad); Dixie Robinson;

Holy Comforter: Ellie Hyatt; **Seabury:** Marie Anderson, Bill Cunningham, Evelyn and Lynn Fischer; **Springvale:** Miriam Huibregtse;

Those at home: Tom Annacone, Beverley Arthur, Peg Bertsch, David Braudaway, Jane Cackett (L. Spring), Judy Chessa, Carol Cornish, Allan Damon, Gail Davies, Debbie, Natalie & Jeremiah Dineen, Melissa Espiritu (Haring), Frank Fang, George Forbes-Freeze, Christina Gaetani, Lisa Gunther, Margaret Grauert, Phillip Gresh, Mary Hamblen, Hannah, Martin Alex Haring, Jim and Beryl Harper, Marsha Henderson, Aloha Hicks, Marie Hodgkinson, Matthew Holsinger, Richard Hsieh (L. Fang), Katherine, Kathy, Caryl Kerber (Darragh), Lonegran family (Eliasson), Ryan Lynch (Mills), Norman Malcolmson, Fred Marsh, Dave Monk, Genevieve Palmer (M. De Vaul), Bob Pegues, Angel & Elfi Rivera (Haring), Kim Sherman, Cameron Spence, Polly Ann Spring (L. Spring), Phyllis Stewart (Shaughnessy), Clark Strang, Lesley Sweeney(Mills), Teddy Wilson, Katherine Winget, Antoinette Witcoski (K. Anderson), Judy Zito (Mulcahy).

ANNOUNCEMENTS, March 7, 2010 Pull Out Section

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, February 28, March 7, 14, 21 & 28, 9:30-10:30 am in the library-lounge; **Led by Shawn Cribari.**

Wednesday evenings: February 24, March 3, 10, 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

Feb. 28: 4:30-6 p.m., class

Mar. 7: 4:30-6 p.m., class

Prayer Shawl Group: . March 3 at 9:30 a.m.; 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.

Women's Circle Bible Study: March 3, 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.

Bill Shelby's Memorial Service will be held on **March 6** at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Knit Togethers meet **March 8 & 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 13 & 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

Trip to Belleayre Mountain! Attention all skiers and snow boarders: Please contact Donna Giglio at donna.giglio@hotmail.com (or sign up in Fellowship Hall) if you would like to be part of a group heading to Belleayre Mountain on **Saturday, March 13th**. We hope to qualify for a group rate. Belleayre Mountain - 181 Galli Curci Road, Highmount, NY 12441. From Points North or South - NYS Thruway (I-87) to Exit 19 - Kingston, NY - then Rt. 28, 37 miles West to Highmount.

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.** A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

Bakers needed for Installation: Please contact Lisa Eliasson at 962-7346 if you can help.

Seniors' Lunch Bunch – Mar 17, 12 noon. Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Details will follow.

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.

New Members' Classes: will be held in late April or early May. Watch the bulletin and Disciple for further information.

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

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE: So far, 128 adult pledging units and 25 children have pledged \$349,786 for our 2010 programs. Please respond quickly if you have not yet made your pledge. Session is wrestling with next year's budget and we need to know where we stand. If you are not making a pledge for next year, we need to know that also. Thank you.

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.

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.

We'll be having a sign up sheet during coffee hour over the next few Sundays, or you can contact Connie Knapp directly at 914.941.7997 or at caknapp@acm.org.

IMPORTANT TREASURERS' ANNOUNCEMENT - The Church is moving its banking relationship from Wachovia to Putnam County Savings Bank. If you are holding a check drawn on the Church's Wachovia account, please deposit the check into your bank account. The Wachovia account will be closed at the end of March, 2010. If you do deposit your check after the Church's Wachovia account is closed, the check will be returned to you and your bank will probably charge you a fee. If, for some reason, you do not deposit your check before the end of March, please return the check to the Treasurers and a new check will be issued to you drawn on the Putnam County Savings Bank.

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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

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 lilies, 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: Lily (\$15) _____ 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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 28

Second 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
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**

Monday, March 1

- 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 2

- 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
7:00 p.m. A.A., Room 1
Al-Anon, Room 4
SPARC, Kitchen 10
7:30 p.m. **SESSION MEETING**, Lounge 15
8:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Regular, Room 4

Wednesday, March 3

- 9:15 - 11:00 a.m. Mommy & Me Program, Child Care Room 12
9:30 a.m. **PRAYER SHAWL GROUP**, Lounge 15
10:30 a.m. **MORNING CIRCLE**, Lounge 15
10:30 a.m. & 12:45 p.m. Noon Unity (closed), Room 16
7:30 p.m. **LENTEN SERIES, Lounge 15, led by Chip Low**

Thursday, March 4

- 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
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, Chip's Study 20
8:00 p.m. **ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL**, Board/Music Room 14

Friday, March 5

- 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

Saturday, March 6

- 9:00 a.m. A.A., Room 1
1:00 p.m. **SHELBY MEMORIAL**, Sanctuary followed by _reception in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 7

Third Sunday of Lent

- 8:30 a.m. **WORSHIP**, Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. **Coffee Hour**, Fellowship Hall
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