



Service for the Lord's Day

Pastor deNay Kirkpatrick

February 18, 2024

First Sunday in Lent

**Please stand, as you are able*

Gathering of the People

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Jason Reddick

Prelude

Prelude on ROCKBRIDGE
Hymn tune from Missouri Harmony

Edward Broughton

My heart shall triumph in the Lord, and bless His
and bless His word; Thy works of grace how bright they shine,
how deep Thy counsels, how divine!

-Isaac Watts

***Call to Worship**

Jason Reddick

One: Come in.

Many: Feel your feet on the floor.

One: Settle your worries.

Many: Take a deep breath.

One: Dust the cobwebs from your ears.

Many: Relax the tension in your jaw,

One: for Christ is here.

Many: God never stops seeking us.

One: We have been found.

Many: Let us find God in return. Let us worship the God of deep waters. Amen.

***Prayer of Invocation (Unison)**

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I put my headphones in. I walk quickly. I look toward the ground. I create one million barriers of independence, but still God seeks after me. God leans a rainbow over the sky. God sends sun after the rain. God blankets the earth with wildflowers. God allows music to carry and laughter to rise, all so that I might notice. And when I do notice, the unfurling that begins in my soul is slow and holy and burning. I am not alone. God has been chasing after me all this time. Amen

A Moment with the Children

What is Lent?

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Children may choose to go to Junior Church after Children's Sermon

Confessing to God

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Loving God, You call us by name. You join us in the deep waters of life. You invite us to drop our nets and follow you, and yet, more often than we'd like to admit, we are like Peter. Over and over again, we stand slack jawed and surprised to find you in our midst. Forgive us for drowning out your voice with our own. Forgive us for assuming that we can tackle deep waters by ourselves. Forgive us for forgetting that you will never stop climbing into our boat. Turn our hearts, our minds and our spirits toward you, for you are the Lord our God, and it is in your name that we pray. Amen.

Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

*** Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Jason Reddick

First Reading

Psalm 25:1-10

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
- 2 O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.
- 3 Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
- 4 Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.
- 5 Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.
- 6 Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
- 7 Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!
- 8 Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
- 9 He leads the humble in what is right
and teaches the humble his way.
- 10 All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God

Anthem

My Shepherd

Page/Shafferman

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His name.
In pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake His ways,
and leads me for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am His; and He is mine forever.
And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd may I sing Thy praise, within Thy house forever.

Gospel

Luke 5:1-11 (*The Message*)

1-3 Once when he was standing on the shore of Lake Gennesaret, the crowd was pushing in on him to better hear the Word of God. He noticed two boats tied up. The fishermen had just left them and were out scrubbing their nets. He climbed into the boat that was Simon's and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Sitting there, using the boat for a pulpit, he taught the crowd.

4 When he finished teaching, he said to Simon, “Push out into deep water and let your nets out for a catch.”

5-7 Simon said, “Master, we’ve been fishing hard all night and haven’t caught even a minnow. But if you say so, I’ll let out the nets.” It was no sooner said than done—a huge haul of fish, straining the nets past capacity. They waved to their partners in the other boat to come help them. They filled both boats, nearly swamping them with the catch.

8-10 Simon Peter, when he saw it, fell to his knees before Jesus. “Master, leave. I’m a sinner and can’t handle this holiness. Leave me to myself.” When they pulled in that catch of fish, awe overwhelmed Simon and everyone with him. It was the same with James and John, Zebedee’s sons, coworkers with Simon.

10-11 Jesus said to Simon, “There is nothing to fear. From now on you’ll be fishing for men and women.” They pulled their boats up on the beach, left them, nets and all, and followed him.

Sermon

“Jesus Sought Me”

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* Hymn 443

There Is a Redeemer

GREEN

Responding to God’s Grace

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

(1 Timothy 3:16)

One: I believe in a God of abundance—

Many: **a God who sees possibilities where I cannot, and who holds onto hope when I am at the end of my rope.**

One: I believe in a God who comforts—

Many: **a God who says, “Do not be afraid;” a God who joins me in life’s deep waters.**

One: I believe in a God who invites—

Many: **a God who says, “Follow me,” and, “You will be fishers of people.”**

One: I believe in a God who seeks after me relentlessly and persistently—

Many: **a God of second chances and boundless mercy; a God who calls us by name.**

One: We believe.

Many: **Help our unbelief. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen**

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Brother James’ Aire

arr. Alice Jordan

*The Doxology

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

from the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

Silent Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sending of God's People

***Hymn 817**

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

***Charge and Blessing**

And all God's children say, "**Amen!**"

***Choral Benediction**

Go with Us, Lord

TALLIS' CANON

***Postlude**

Grand Choeur

Nicholas Gigault

Unless otherwise noted, liturgy provided by Rev. Sarah A. Speed
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Welcome to Cahaba Springs

We warmly welcome you to worship this morning at Cahaba Springs! To learn more about our worship, learning, fellowship, and service opportunities, please pick up a copy of our calendar in the entryway or visit us online at cspchurch.org. We encourage you to participate in any opportunity that interests you and hope you will return often.

Children: We welcome children of all ages in worship. Childcare is also available during worship, staffed by experienced workers. During the 11:00 am service, children are invited forward for a special message during *A Moment with the Children*, then may continue to worship with their family or go to Junior Church. Worship bags for children are available in the Narthex.

Communion: All are welcome at the table as we celebrate the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month. If you prefer to remain seated during communion, an elder will be glad to bring the elements to you.

Offering: Offerings may be placed in the offering plates that will be passed around during the offertory, or you may give securely online through eOffering - an information sheet on eOffering is on the table in the entryway.

February Happenings at Cahaba Springs

Stated Session Meeting – today immediately following worship.

Over the Mountain Festivals, My Song in the Night – today at 3:00 PM at Riverchase United Methodist Church, 1953 Old Montgomery Highway.

XYZ February Luncheon – Tuesday, February 20th at 11:30 AM. We will meet at *Walk On* in Trussville located on Highway 11.

Organizational Meeting for Presbytery Meeting in November – Thursday, February 22nd at 1:00 PM in the Conference Room. CSPC will be hosting the quarterly meeting of the Presbytery of Shepherds and Lapsley on Thursday, November 21. There will be many opportunities to help in both planning and the day of activities. If you are available to help in any capacity, we would love to have you! If you would like to help but can't attend the meeting, please let Lynda McLean or Jennifer Smith know that you are interested.

Communion of Empty Hands – Sunday, February 25th benefiting TEAM. Please bring nonperishable food items and share with those who are less fortunate.

CSPC Book Club – Tuesday, February 27th at 5:30 PM. This month's discussion will be on *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride led by Karen O'Brien.

CSPC Yard Sale – Friday, May 24th and Saturday, May 25th. As you are doing your spring cleaning, please consider bringing your gently used clothing, household items, and small furniture for our huge yard sale! Items may be brought to the church now during normal business hours or on Sunday. We will need lots of volunteers to do the pricing, staging, etc. prior to the sale and many others the days of the sale. Also, beginning Wednesday, February 21st and every Wednesday thereafter, we will be working in the last SS classroom in the preschool area working, sorting, and pricing. If any questions, please call Cynthia Sartin or Lynda McLean.

PRAYER CONCERNS

for our church family...

Agnes Dauphinee	Nellie Songer	Margaret Linville	Wayne Hughins
Melissa Scholl	Ed Swartz, Jr.	Edward Giddens	Serena Jenkins
Betty Quattlebaum	Chuck Smith	Dave & Cecile Floyd	Corbett Millar
Arnold & Laura Reichert	Christy & Randy Little	Rosemary Holcomb	Margaret Fritsma

for our extended family...

Lisa Kraymer Smith	Gene McKean	Grayson Pope	Sonia Burrage
Louis Scholl	Philippe Lathrop	Andrew Kestle	Leslie Speakman
Joy Martin	Don McCants	Eleanor Garner	Jeff Strickland
Matthias	Candice White	Gene Eades	Bobby Hoglund
Shelley Easterling	Barry Parvin	Joe Pat Bludsworth	Bennett Fuller
Mason Ford	Pat & Vicky McCann	Perry Johnson	Laura Stalls
Laura Rainey	C. J. Fonte	David Narkates	Andy Lewis
Tommy Robbins	Kevin Little	Amy Baughman	Karen Cos
Mike & Nancy Hartman	Billy Porter	Chris Hershey	Dana Lardent Stewart
Michelle Dunlap	Charles Nicholas		

grieving the loss of loved ones . . .

the family of Margaret & George Fritsma for the loss of Margaret's brother, Bill Giddens

If you need someone to drive you to doctor appointments or other necessary places, please call the church office. We have a list of people that will be glad to assist you.

Classes for 2024

Reel to Real – Sundays at 9:30 AM in *Harmony Hall* led by Steve Goodwin. This is a discussion class based on movies and how they relate to us biblically.

Fun with the Lectionary - a class for youth and adults meeting at 9:30 AM in the Pastor's Conference Room. The class will be led by Pastor deNay and will study the lectionary readings for the week. We will be following the three-year **Revised Common Lectionary** for Sundays and festivals which was produced by the ecumenical Consultation on Common Texts in 1992 and was included in the Presbyterian *Book of Common Worship* (Westminster John Knox Press, 1993/2018). This lectionary provides scripture readings for proclamation in public worship, following the Sundays, festivals, and seasons of the Christian year (or liturgical calendar). The three-year lectionary cycle (Years A, B, and C) focuses on different sections of scripture each year, notably the Gospel of Matthew in Year A, Mark in Year B, and Luke in Year C (the fourth gospel, John, is prominently featured at certain times in each year). We are currently in Year B. For more information, contact Pastor deNay.

Growing in Grace & Gratitude -- Sundays at 9:30 AM. *The children grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the (grace) of God was upon them. – Luke 2:40.* Children nurtured in the love and grace of God learn the story of who and whose they are by watching, listening, tasting, smelling, playing, and exploring holy things in the context of a faith community. We welcome the children as God's beloved who will seek to follow Christ. We are in need of teachers, so if you would like to serve, please see Karen Brown or Linda Inzer.

Thursdays Together – Thursdays at 10:00 AM in the Conference Room led by George Fritsma. We are beginning a new study, *Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws* by Adam Hamilton. Jesus came to lift up the lowly. Throughout his ministry to his final days on the road to the cross, we find stories of his relationships with ordinary, flawed, and unexpected people. He met, dined, and traveled with people who were not perfect. Many of them were struggling, some were outsiders or even outlaws. Whoever they were, from those he healed to the outlaws with him at his crucifixion, Jesus brought the good news of God's kingdom to those who most needed to hear it. As we study Luke and see Jesus' concern for those who were considered unimportant, we hear a hopeful and inspiring word for our lives today.

Other Weekly Events

Chancel Choir – Thursdays at 6:30 PM.

Chordmakers – Fridays at 5:30 PM in Harmony Hall. Please join us for good food, fun, fellowship, and of course music

Birmingham Youth Group – Sundays, meeting at 4:20 PM at CSPC and traveling to various Presbyterian Churches. This is a gathering of youth from several Presbyterian Churches as a way to connect, socialize and learn. Transportation and dinner are provided. Contact Karen Brown for additional information.

Mission Projects

TEAM is in need of clothing for school-aged children. Any clothing donations can be placed in their secure drop box located at 570 Simmons Dr, Trussville which is just past Pediatrics East and the Trussville Post Office.

Church Wish List

We have put together a CSPC "Wish List" of office & cleaning supplies that are needed. These items can be ordered from Amazon by clicking on the QR code located below. Since the church may not be open when items are delivered, please have all orders shipped to your address. Thank you for your generosity!



Immediate needs:

55-60 Gallon Trash Bags
Paper products for Harmony Hall

Artwork on the monitor is: *River of Grace* by Lisle Gwynn Garrity Inspired by Luke 5:1-11 Acrylic painting on canvas with digital drawing.

“Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” (Luke 5:8) As we begin Lent, this desperate confession introduces us to Peter, the disciple whose story—and wandering heart—we will follow for the next 7 weeks. If you’ve ever acted in a play or film production, you may have been tasked with writing your character’s backstory, imagining the threads of your character’s life that form the tapestry of their personality and motivations. If we do this exercise with Peter, many threads of imagination and historical details weave together. Peter was a commercial fisherman; his business partners were Andrew (his brother) as well as Zebedee and his two sons. Based in Galilee, he was most likely bilingual, speaking Aramaic and Greek. Culturally, he was immersed in Judaism and Hellenism. His business would have been under oppressive control of the Roman government, which arbitrarily imposed harsh rental and harbor fees, fishing licenses, and taxes on domestic fishermen. He was likely a blue-collar worker daily constrained by tides and taxes. With this backstory in mind, we may hear Peter’s response to the abundant catch of fish with fresh ears. There are so many messages within his protest: “I’m not prepared. I’m not capable. I’m not deserving. I’m not faithful enough. I’m not smart enough. I’m not the type you’re looking for.” Have you ever found yourself saying these things in response to a new calling, or to an abundant gift of grace? In this image, the bursting nets transform into a river of grace meandering through the composition of Peter’s life. The river pours into Peter’s hands, but he can’t quite grasp the fullness of this gift and calling yet, and so most of it rushes right by. As you will see in my other pieces for this series, this river of grace will wander alongside Peter throughout his life. The river represents how his journey with Christ begins and ends: with an abundant catch of fish. He is forever tethered to the overflowing love of God. The river is a symbol of Peter’s gifts, as God uses what Peter knows how to do well (being a fisher of fish) and invites him to apply his skills to a new calling (being a fisher of people). It’s a visible reminder of the ways God’s grace bends and turns and rushes to find each of our wandering hearts. Despite Peter’s resistance, grace seeks him out. His right thumb gets caught in the net. He can’t escape the fact that God’s goodness and mercy will pursue him all the days of his life (Psalm 23:6). The river rushes in. The question for Peter—and for each of us—is will he follow where it leads? —Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity

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