**February 26, 2023**

**1ST Sunday in Lent**

**Crescentville United Methodist Church**

**A Changing Church for Changing Times**

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***Crescentville & Frankford Memorial United Methodist Churches***

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**Welcome**

 Chorus of Welcome *“The Family of God”*

I’m so glad I’m a part of the family of God—I’ve been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!

Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod; for I’m part of the family, the family of God.

 **\*Call to Worship** *Psalm 32*

 *Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned.*

 *Happy is the one whom the Lord does not accuse of doing wrong and who is free from all deceit.*

 **\*Hymn of Confession** *“He Is Lord”* # 177

He is Lord, He is Lord! He has risen from the dead and He is Lord!

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

You are Lord, You are Lord! You have risen from the dead and You are Lord!

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that You, O Christ, are Lord.

He is Lord, He is Lord! He has risen from the dead and He is Lord!

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

 **Prayer of Confession** *(seated and bowed)* Psalm 32

 **[O God,] When I did not confess my sins, I was worn out from crying all day long.**

 **Day and night You punished me, Lord; my strength was completely drained,**

 **as moisture is dried up by the summer heat. Then I confessed my sins to You;**

 **I did not conceal my wrongdoings. I decided to confess them to You,**

 **and you forgave all my sins. Amen.**

*Silent Prayer and Meditation………………..Words of Forgiveness*

 **Hymn of Grace** *“O For a Heart to Praise My God”* [VS. 5] [TUNE: AMAZING GRACE] # 417

Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart; come quickly from above;
write thy new name upon my heart, thy new, best name of Love.

**Children’s Message**

**Joys & Concerns………………….……..*Gathered 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 trespasses and debts as we forgive our debtors and 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.*

Gifts and Offerings

*Offertory ”We Give Thee But Thine Own”*

Doxology *“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”*  [TUNE: HAMBURG]

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.

**The Offertory Prayer**

**\*Hymn** *“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”* [VS. 1-3] # 269

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.

As thou with Satan didst contend, and didst the victory win,
O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin.

As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy word.

**Gospel Lesson** *St. Matthew 4:1-11*

 Then the Spirit led Jesus up into the wilderness so that the devil might tempt him.

 **2**After Jesus had fasted for forty days and forty nights, he was starving. **3**The tempter came to him

 and said, “***Since you are*** God’s Son, command these stones to become bread.”

 **4**Jesus replied, “It’s written, *People won’t live only by bread, but by every word spoken by God.”*

 **5**After that the devil brought him into the holy city and stood him at the highest point of the temple.

 He said to him, **6**“***Since you are*** God’s Son, throw yourself down; for it is written,

 *I will command my angels concerning you, and they will take you up*

 *in their hands so that you won’t hit your foot on a stone.*”

 **7**Jesus replied, “Again it’s written, *Don’t test the Lord your God.”*

 **8**Then the devil brought him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world

 and their glory. **9**He said, “I’ll give you all these if you bow down and worship me.”

**10**Jesus responded, “Go away, Satan, because it’s written, *You will worship the Lord your God*

 *and serve only him.”* **11**The devil left him, and angels came and took care of him.

 **Sermon** *“Since You Are…”*

 **Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles’ Creed*

 I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

 And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord:

 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

 the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven,

 and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

 from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead;

 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**\*Hymn** *“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”* [VS. 1, 4] # 269

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.

And through these days of penitence, and through thy passiontide,
yea, evermore in life and death, Jesus, with us abide.

**\*Benediction**

***Quiet Meditation, Reflection, and Prayer***

**\*Choral Benediction**  *“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”* [VS. 5] # 269

Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering over past,
 an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

**Wednesday Vespers (3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29) @ 6:30pm**

 Philadelphia Protestant Home Chapel

Please park on side of building and enter through the chapel doors.

These services will be recorded and after worship will be available of Facebook, YouTube, and our website.



 **Lectionary Scripture Readings**

Reading the bible solidifies your faith and builds your doctrine. We become firm in our faith when we know what we actually believe and why we believe it.

**March 5, 2023 - Second Sunday in Lent**

John 3:1-17 - Genesis 12:1-4a - Psalm 121 - Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Online Lenten devotions: <https://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/lenten-devotional/>

**Joys & Concerns: Keep those prayers going and thank God for His answers! To add a prayer request or share a joy, *please call the church and leave a message. (215) 745-7115*** Praying for others is not just a blessing, it’s also an essential part of the Christian life. It is a commandment to share our burdens with one another. Prayer for one another is one way to do this. Praying for others strengthens the bond we have with them and strengthens our relationship with God.

**Prayer Requests from February 19, 2023**

Betty Brzoza - continued prayers for Sue Creevey's sister as she has a health issue causing her to have

 a lot of pain. Betty asked for our prayers as she knows we are a praying church and she

 feels that our prayers are powerful.

Dot Gallagher is having health issues and is continung to have tests done to determine the problem.

The family of Christopher Fitzgerald, the Temple Unnv Officer killed this weekend.

The PPH family as Covid is still active in their community

David Greenlaw (Kass's son) was robbed at gunpoint, but not injured.

Joy - Kim Farrer was accepted into a doctorate program at West Chester Unnv.

Lincoln HS football team - prayers as the grieve the death of a classmate.

**Continuing Prayers:**

Pastor Randy & Family Sana Aman Eva Baumgartel Suzanne Turner

Zilpha & James Browne Dorothy Buzzard Caroline (Burghaze’s Daughter) Patsy Coyne Rev. Khan Wondor Korto Marva Scott Meyer Bob Patterson Cass Quigley Betty Sauerwald & family Sylvia Spotts

Prayers for the Ukraine and Russia - for world peace.

Prayers for our city and end to violence, prayers for peace and stability in Sierra Leone.

Please pray for the discernment of the cabinet as they select our new Pastor. Please also pray for our congregation that we move forward with joyful anticipation of these new beginnings.

**HEATER FUNDRAISER**

**WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL OF $25,000**

*We started this fundraiser in May 2022. We received a grant of $5,000 and a gift from Frankford Memorial UMC in the amount of $5,000.*

*All other contributions made by our congregation and friends of Crescentville UMC totaled $ 15,010.*

*Thank you to all who contributed!!*

***Now we have another goal to reach –*** *our general funds are very low and it soon will be difficult to meet our ongoing expenses including utilities for our Parsonage and Church buildings, as well as salary for our Pastor.* ***PLEASE prayerfully consider raising your weekly monetary offering to help with our expenses.***

***Luke 6:38 ESV***

***Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”***

**We now have TWELVE** youth from Crescentville Church have begun preparing for church membership through Confirmation. Please pray for them and consider “adopting” one as someone you will commit to praying for and encouraging on their journey!

Christian Stefanescu Darryl Sutton Jacob Monbo

Joshua Bhatti Kelsey Sutton Marcus Sutton

Mariah Jean Marina Jean Maurice Sutton

Naiima Jabati Naomi Jabati Jahcuerie Sinclair

**CONFIRMATION CLASS WILL MEET TODAY AFTER WORSHIP**