

Second Sunday in Lent
Little Prairie United Methodist Church
March 1, 2026 9:30 a.m.



Night Light

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Our vision : Creating a welcoming community that worships well, disciples well, and serves well; transforming the world for Jesus Christ.

WELCOME AND GATHERING

Gathering Music *What Wondrous Love is This arr. Sylvia Oines*

Marcia Yernberg

Welcome

Pastor Penny Bonsell

Centering Time

Call to Worship

How do we find trust? What is true and what do we believe in to be true? God help us. Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Who is our keeper? The Lord is our keeper, by day and by night. How long will God protect us?

As Jesus invited Nicodemus to be born again, Christ invites us to become a new creation. From where will our help come? God will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Hymn:

Gather Us In (TFWS # 2236)

All

Opening Prayer:

We live fractured lives, and God seeks not to punish us for those faults and fault lines, but to reconcile and restore us. Trusting in God's grace and mercy, let us then make our confession together, first in silent prayer.

Loving God, help us. When we have run away, when we have turned our backs on love, when we have sought immediate satisfaction and not long-term healing, help us. Merciful God, forgive us.

When we have been selfish, when we have been mean, when we have neglected the cries of others, forgive us. Powerful God, heal us.

When we are so broken we cannot move, when we don't know how to stem the bleeding of our wounds, when we are too ashamed to seek community, heal us. Give us the courage, the strength, and the hope to accept your grace and embrace your call in Christ. Amen.

Adapted from Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, "Hold Fast to What Is Good," <https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/>. Used with permission.

Sharing the Peace Children's Moment

THE WORD

Scriptures:

Psalm 121

Special Music

*"Lift Thine Eyes," No. 28, Elijah Oratorio by Felix Mendelssohn
Sung by Claire Klein, Debbie Richman, and Penny Bonsell*

John 4:5-42

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

Message

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Pastor Penny Bonsell

Hymn

Come and Find the Quiet Center (TFWS # 2128)

All

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

God our Helper, we thank you for keeping our lives always in your care and protection and pray for any and all who are in harm's way. For those walking in the midst of danger... for those who are treading a slippery path... for those exhausted and seeking relief... for those who face a mountain of worry or debt or any other obstacles.... Be Guardian and Guide, we pray, setting all our feet on your paths of righteousness and peace.

We pray for those who are struggling with a new challenge or call... with a major transition in life or livelihood... with their faith and understanding... with grief, ancient or new...

Keep in your tender care and mercy, O God, those who are sick in mind, body, or spirit... those weighed down by depression or pain... those recuperating from surgery or accident.... Protect not only us and those we love, but also the whole wide world you so love. In places of war, bring peace... in places beset by natural disaster, bring calm and restoration... where there is unrest and injustice, make justice our aim.

Where hope has grown tired and thin, lift our sights, so that we may see hope beyond hope, life beyond death, and you, lifted up before us. In the name of Christ, who gave himself for our sake, we pray. Amen.

Long, Kim. Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year A - Two-Volume Set: Liturgies for Year A (pp. 147-148). (Function). Kindle Edition.

Offering *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing - arr. by Lorie Line Marcia Yernberg*

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (UMH # 95)

Special Music *In Communion We Sing* by John Parker and John Purifoy
Performed by Claire Klein, Debbie Richman, Tom Hollenhorst, Penny Bonsell and Marcia Yernberg

Holy Communion

Lord's Table

May the God of all be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And the prayer which unites us...

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.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

By Michael Larkin

Marcia Yernberg

Hymn

Blessed Assurance (UMH #369)

All

SENDING

Go now in the mercy of God, whose promises never fail, to live as people who have generously received and thus generously share God's gracious gift of new life with all we encounter so that a stranger will see in you a friend and neighbor. God sends you. The Spirit fills you. Jesus Christ goes with you and you with Christ, always and everywhere. God Bless! **Amen.**

Go in hope, love, peace, joy. Shalom. Amen.

Postlude

I want Jesus to Walk With Me arr. Anna Laura Page

Marcia Yernberg

INFORMATION

Pastor: Penny Bonsell, Administrator: Sara French, Certified Lay Minister and Youth Director: Theresa Siemers, assistants Maddy Heinz-Kline and Kory Larson, Technology Administrator: Jesse Steed, Admin Council Chair: Kevin Larson, Admin Secretary: Sue Rollins, SPRC Chair: Deb Little, Treasurer: Lori Noreen, Finance Committee Co-Chairs: Kevin Larson and Mel Henrichs, Trustees Chair: Tom Stowe, Missions, Nurture and Outreach: Barb Liebenstein, Lay Servant: Karen Nelson, Soundboard Technician: Tom Hollenhorst

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sundays, Worship at 9:30 am

Tuesdays, 8:30 am: Breakfast Club, at L&M

Wednesdays, 9-10:30 am: Pastor Penny at James Gang coffee shop

Wednesdays during lent, 5:30pm: Soup Suppers

Saturdays 9-11 am Soul Sisters (see Theresa for details)

Friday, Mar 27, 3-8pm: Fish dinner

Sun. March 29, 9:30am: Palm Sunday

Thurs. April 2, 7:00 pm: Holy, Maundy Service

Fri. April 3, 7:00 pm: Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 5: Easter Sunday



Website



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