



Leaside Presbyterian Church

*To grow in relationship with Jesus Christ,
so that we feel loved and share God's love with others.*

First Sunday in Lent

February 22 - 10:30 a.m.

*please stand as you are able

PRELUDE *O Mensch, bewein' dein' Sünde groß*
(O man, bewail thy sins so great) by J. S. Bach

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF CENTERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Please see insert: First Sunday in Lent

***HYMN** *Lord Jesus who through 40 days No.200*

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we come before you, bringing lives with burdens and cares, hopes and ambitions. We lay before you our worries. We confess we are often so focused on these that we are distracted from your purpose for our lives. In these moments of silence, hear us as we acknowledge to you the things that occupy our thoughts, things that trouble us and anything of which we are ashamed...

(Silence is held)

Merciful God, lift these things from our hearts and free us to worship you with grateful and humble hearts. Strengthen and renew us with your Spirit so that we may live as awakened people, better able to follow Jesus, our Lord and Saviour, in whose name we pray. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

***HYMN**

Seek ye first No.625

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

**All: Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that we may hear your word with joy. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 32 OT pg.506

One: The grass withers, the flower fades,

All: But the Word of the Lord stands forever.

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake
by Richard Farrant*

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4:1-11 NT pg.3

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A time of testing

***HYMN**

How clear is our vocation, Lord No.649

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERING

One: We offer our gifts to God in gratitude,

All: trusting God to multiply what we bring.

OFFERTORY

*Give me Jesus arr. Mark Hayes;
Neal Armstrong, soloist*

*DOXOLOGY

*Give thanks for life, the measure
of our days, NO.613 v.1*

*Give thanks for life, the measure of our days;
mortal, we pass through beauty that decays,
yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise:
hallelujah!*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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 for ever. AMEN

*HYMN

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us No.647

*SENDING AND BLESSING

***SUNG BENEDICTION** *Go ye, go ye into the world No. 755*

*Go ye, go ye into the world,
and make disciples of all the nations.*

Refrain:

*Go ye, go ye now,
and I will be with you there!*

*Go ye, go ye into the world,
and take the gospel to all the people.*

Refrain

*Go ye, go ye into the world,
and tell the story to all believers.*

Refrain

POSTLUDE: *Prelude in C Minor, BWV 549 by J. S. Bach*

WORSHIP HOSTS

Vestry Elder: TBD Scripture: Kathryn

Usher: TBD

Coffee Hour: Caroline and Weida

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcome** to Leaside Presbyterian Church. Whether you have come to worship in person or online, we are grateful to be connected as we worship together.
- **Journeying Together Through Lent**
Lent is a forty day period (excluding Sundays) leading up to Easter when followers of Jesus look inward by examining themselves and their relationship with God. An inter-generational Lenten series based on the illustrated children's storybook: **Holy Troublemakers & Unconventional Saints**, continues today at 12:30pm. Today's session will feature the "Holy Troublemaker" Bayard Rustin (1912-1987), a Black gay man who spent his life working for justice. (Please note: the Lenten series will take a break next Sunday for the annual meeting and elder elections)
- **LPC Reads...** Please join us for an initial meeting of our new book club this coming Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 7:00 PM on Zoom. At this meeting, we will set future meeting times and receive proposals for books to read. Please join us on Zoom using Meeting ID: 861 7665 5275 Passcode: Book
If you are unable to join us this Wednesday but are interested in participating in the future, please contact Barry and Peggy through the church office.
- Save the date: LPC's **annual meeting and elder elections** will take place next Sunday March 1st at 12pm in the sanctuary.
- **Centering prayer** takes place online every Wednesday at 9am. Learn how to pray with others for twenty-minutes, deepening our relationship with God not through words but in silence. Email Paul for details.

- A reminder that **the service is being recorded** and will be available on both the website and on Facebook.
- The flowers in the sanctuary today are in memory of **Ben McLean**, cherished father of Alex, and lovingly remembered by Sylvia. Ben passed away Feb 24th, 2004 (22 years ago).
- Happy birthday to **Mary K., Kathryn W.**, and those who will be celebrating birthdays this week. If we didn't know it was your birthday, please let the office know.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday February 22, 10:30am

- 1st Sunday in Lent
- Lenten Series - Session Two (12:30pm):
Holy Troublemakers & Unconventional Saints

Wednesday February 25, 7:00pm

- Book Club - via Zoom

Sunday March 1, 10:30am

- 2nd Sunday in Lent
- Annual meeting and elder elections (12:00 pm)

UNCEASING PRAYER

Every Sunday, you'll find an updated prayer for specific PWS&D programs and emergency responses, new prayers from PWS&D's global partners, Canada-wide volunteers and ecumenical coalitions, as well as prayers taken from the Bible or the Book of Praise. Thank you for continuing to pray for people affected by conflict, climate change, inequality and systemic cycles of poverty around the globe.

Healing God, hear our prayers for leprosy patients who visit PWS&D-supported clinics in Nepal. May they experience healing and feel the warmth of community, free from stigma and discrimination. Amen.