

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MORGANTON, NC



Series: Tough Questions

March 1—April 12

Lent consists of 40-days dedicated to prayer, fasting, and reflection in preparation for the celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter. "40 Days" has all sorts of biblical connections - the flood in Genesis, Moses' journey at Mt. Sinai, Elijah's journey to Mt. Horeb, Jonah's call to Nineveh, and Jesus' time in the wilderness. During the next seven Sundays, we will journey to the cross by engaging with conversations Jesus had with people in the gospels. These conversations invite us to ask hard questions about our faith. As we come face-to-face with our own mortality we will experience the depth of meaning in Christ's death, burial, and resurrection, and connect more deeply with the fullness of life he has come to provide.

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
Organized Prior to 1797

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

First Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2020

*Please stand, in body or in spirit.

Bold-type indicates congregational reading or singing.

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

“Adagio in C Minor”

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. John Hagmann

Please pass the black folder found at the end of the pew, with both guests and members filling in information. Then please pass the folder back to its starting point, noting names and welcoming those near you.

***Litany for Lent**

. . .merciful and gracious, **slow to anger and abounding in love.**
. . .and the waters covered the face of the earth. **Lead us Lord, from death to life.**
. . .seeking the land of God's promise. **Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.**
. . .learning the commandments of God. **Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.**
. . .voice of God in the silence. **Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.**
. . .or in forty days you will perish. **Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.**
. . .for forty days and was tested by the devil. **Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.**
. . .Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

***Opening Hymn #509**

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

First Reading

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Pew Bible OT, pp. 2-3

“The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**”

Dr. Don Scott

Call to Confession

Rev. Jan Krouskop

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Time of Silent Prayer

Sung Prayer #551

“Lord, Have Mercy, Christ Have Mercy”

Assurance of Pardon

. . .Thanks be to God.

Invitation to Offering

Dr. Don Scott

Offertory

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

(The text can be found at hymn #440.)

words: Charles Wesley

music: David Greatrix

***Doxology #606**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

tune: Old Hundredth

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**

... through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Greeting**

Rev. John Hagmann

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us offer a sign of Christ's peace by greeting one another in the name of the Lord.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Second Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

Pew Bible NT, pp. 3-4

“The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**”

Sermon

“What Are You Tempted By?”

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving with Words of Institution

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

... These are the gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Prayers of the People

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.

Communion of the People

Communion will be served by intinction. Two stations each have a plate of bread (gluten free) and a chalice of juice. Starting from the balcony and then from the front pews and working back, please enter the center aisle and come forward to receive the elements. Take the bread, dip it into the cup, and partake in the sacrament. Please return to your pew via the side aisles. Servers will bring elements to those who prefer to remain seated.

“The body of Christ given for you.” **“Thanks be to God.”**

“The blood of Christ shed for you.” **“Thanks be to God.”**

Music during Communion

“I Am the Bread of Life” (choir)

Prayer after Communion

... so that we may serve you and our neighbors with great joy. **Amen.**

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Sending #516	“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”	
*Charge and Blessing		
*Benediction Response	“Multifold Amen”	Schubert
*Postlude	“Chaconne in D Minor”	Buxtehude

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*Congregational love and sympathy are extended to Revonda Maltba and family,
at the death of her husband, Wayne Maltba on February 19, 2020.*

OUR CONGREGATION CARES

We are a congregation that believes God hears and answers prayer.

To add names to the list, fill out the prayer request card found in the pew back and place it in the offering plate, or email fpc@firstpresmorganton.org. Each week, we pray for members of FPC and our ministry partners, local churches and pastors simply because it's their turn to receive prayer. We are #ForMorganton. We want the people of Burke County to know that we are for them, God is for them, and the gospel is still good news!

FPC Members: Elvy Bryan; Lisa, Ben, Will, and Sam Buff; Mark and Katherina Buff; Kathy Allan-Calloway; Dick and Mary Cameron

FPC Ministry Partner: Good Samaritan Clinic, Sherri T. Fisher, Executive Director and Todd Carswell, Chairman of the Board

Local Church: Morganton Baptist Church, Morganton, Dan Quorollo, Pastor

Homebound: Nancy Collett; Anne Ervin; Shannon Hodges

Grace Ridge Health Care: Marty Brenneman; Betty Ervin; Will Kenan; Helen Patton; Mildred Plaster; Betty Sasser; Boyd Smith; Sam Tate; Mary Turner; LeRoy Wall

Trinity Ridge: Joan Dickison

Hope Ridge: Betsy Rader

Asheville Specialty Hospital: David Rader

We Lift Prayers for the Following:

Cheryl Pitts Folk, sister of Lynn Garrett; Sgt. Mitchell McGlamery, son of Donna and Joey McGlamery; Scott and Sandra Wade, friends of Jonathan and Catherine Lowry; Elaine Carpenter, mother of Greg Carpenter; Bill Nagy, brother of Barbara Nagy; Sally Riddle, mother of Jim Best; Bill Buff, brother-in-law of Bill and Linda Harris' neighbor; Donna Smith, former member; Dave Vaught, brother-in-law of Mike and Anita Hodges; Revonda Maltba, nursery employee; Richard Wackerbarth, cousin of Roy Garrett

Reverend John Hagmann, Pastor | Reverend Lynn Webber, Parish Associate
Reverend Janice Krouskop, Parish Associate for Faith and Formation | Mr. Robert A. Smith, Director of Music

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