

# Welcome

**PINNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Sunday, March 19, 2023 | 10:00 am  
Fourth Sunday in Lent

<b>Prelude</b>	Fantasy on <i>Holy Manna</i> Jon Lang & Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, piano	Howard Helvey
<b>Lighting of the Candles</b>		Ciana Mattingly
<b>Words of Welcome</b>		Wes Avram
<b>Call to Worship</b>		Wes Avram
<b>*Opening Hymn</b>	<i>In the Cross of Christ I Glory</i>	No. 213
<b>Prayer of Adoration</b>		Ciana Mattingly
<b>Call to Confession</b>	<i>Lord, Prepare Me</i>	No. 701

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
sanctuary for you.**

**Common Confession and Assurance** (unison) Michael Hegeman  
O loving God, to turn away from you is to fall, to turn toward you is to rise, and to stand before you is to abide forever. Grant us, dear God, in all our duties your help; in all our uncertainties your guidance; in all our dangers your protection; and in all our sorrows your peace; forgive us, renew us, direct us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Now hear our silent prayers of confession. (silence)

**\*Congregational Response** (unison) *Hear the Good News of Salvation* No. 441

Hear the good news of salvation:  
Jesus died to show God's love.  
Such great kindness! Such great mercy!  
Come to us from heaven above.  
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!  
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!  
How I love you! Look upon me.  
Love me still and cleanse within.

**\*Passing of the Peace**

Michael Hegeman

**Children's Message**

Erik Khoobyarian

Children & 6th-8th Grade Youth leave for Church School.

**Congregational Response** (unison)

No. 547

**Go, my children with my blessing, never alone;  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;  
In my love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever,  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.**

**Our Common Life**

Wes Avram

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**Offertory**

Musical Offering

*The Lord is My Shepherd*

Howard Goodall

Schae Chapman, soloist • Chancel Choir, Ilona Kubiacyk-Adler, director  
Jon Lang, piano

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*Yea, though I walk  
through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil.  
For you are with me, you will comfort me.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
All the days of my life:  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

**\*Doxology** (unison)

No. 612, v. 3

**With voices united our praises we offer  
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.  
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise! Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Wes Avram

**Scripture Reading**

Psalm 139

Michael Hegeman

**Scripture Reading**

1 Corinthians 1:10-21

Anne Stewart

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

*Holy Healing Pt. 4 - An Antidote to Argumentation*

Anne Stewart

Common Prayer, Lord's Prayer (unison)

Leah Quarles

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.

Public Reception of New Members

Wes Avram & Leah Quarles

\*Closing Hymn

*Christ Be Beside Me*

No. 702

\*Charge & Benediction

Anne Stewart

Sending Music

Toccata on *Joyful, Joyful*  
Benjamin Sidoti, organ

Brenda Portman

\* Please rise.

Today's Common Confession comes from St. Augustine.

\* Please rise.

## *About Our Guest Preacher*

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Anne Stewart serves as Executive Vice President at Princeton Theological Seminary. She is a teacher, a writer, and a Presbyterian minister. Anne earned an MDiv from Princeton Seminary and a PhD in Old Testament from Emory University. She is the author of *Poetic Ethics in Proverbs: Wisdom Literature and the Shaping of the Moral Self*. Anne has been a supporter of the Park Center's relationship with Princeton Seminary. She joined us on our 2018 pilgrimage to the Holy Land, welcomed us to the seminary on our Park Center pilgrimage to Princeton and New York in 2019, and was instrumental in the visit of the Seminary Board of Trustees to Pinnacle in 2020. We're thrilled to have Anne with us—especially after having to twice postpone her visit to Pinnacle because of the pandemic!

# Scripture

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## Psalm 139

### The Inescapable God

To the leader. Of David. A Psalm.

1 O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

3 You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

4 Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

5 You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

7 Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

9 If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

10 even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and night wraps itself around me,"

12 even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

13 For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

15 My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

16 Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

17 How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

18 I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

19 O that you would kill the wicked, O God, and that the bloodthirsty would depart from me—

20 those who speak of you maliciously and lift themselves up against you for evil!

21 Do I not hate those who hate you, O Lord? And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?

22 I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them my enemies.

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.

24 See if there is any wicked[e] way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

## 1 Corinthians 1:10-21

### Divisions in the Church

10 Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. 11 For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. 12 What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." 13 Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? 14 I thank God[a] that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15 so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. 16 I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. 17 For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.  
Christ the Power and Wisdom of God

18 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe.

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

## Welcome New Members

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Janet & Bryan Geidel	<i>Certificate of Transfer</i>
Marianne & Kent Marcek	<i>Certificate of Transfer</i>
Marti Wade & Benjamin Ullem	<i>Affiliate Members</i>
Jennifer & Murray Young	<i>Reaffirmation of Faith</i>

## Notes of Interest

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**Ushers** are Jack Bender, Rick Hess, Linda & Greg Moorhead, and Adam Rogers; **Head Usher** is Debbie Bender.

**The Flowers** are given by Linda & John Babb in memory of Andrew Babb.

## Prayer Requests

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Please pray for the following members & friends:

- For Norma, for surgery and recovery for breast cancer;
- For Nolan, for a full recovery from brain surgery;
- For Kelton, age 9, with aggressive leukemia;
- Prayers of gratitude for the Stephen Ministry program;
- For our healthcare workers, first responders, and local and federal government workers who are serving our communities;
- For the people of Haiti and Harmony Ministries;
- For our men and women in the military.

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