

GILBERT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Glorify God
Plant seeds of Faith
Cultivate Disciples

ALL ARE
WELCOME!



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MARCH 17, 2024
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

WELCOMING VISITORS AND

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Pastor George Prohaska

PRELUDE

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

arr. Putman
Susan Martinez

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 119)

Liturgist – Mary Beth Szabo

Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes.

All: With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.

Leader: I delight in the way of your decrees as much as all riches.

All: I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.

Leader: I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

***THE MORNING PRAYER**

Liturgist–Mary Beth Szabo

Hear, O Father, the cry of your Son,

**who, to establish the new and everlasting covenant,
became obedient to death upon the cross.**

**Grant that, through all the trials of this life,
we may come to share more intimately
in his redeeming passion;**

**and so obtain the fruitlessness of the seed
that falls to the earth and dies,**

to be gathered as your harvest for the kingdom.

We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

(G.T. Ryan, ed., Sourcebook for Sundays and Seasons 1991 [Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 1990], 96)

***HYMN**

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Hymn 724

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that free from sin, we might live for righteousness. With confidence in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

People: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you alone, I have sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with a willing spirit.

(Psalm 51:1-4 and 10-12)

Leader: Now in silence, let us continue our confession

(Time of silent prayer) **Amen**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Lord, we have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence. Have compassion on your servants and forgive us for Jesus' sake. Satisfy us with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days. Hear and believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

***RESPONSE**

Glory Be to the Father

Hymn 581

***SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

GOD'S WORD FOR OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor George Prohaska

All children are welcome in the front

Parents - livestream in progress (kids in front will be viewed online)

SPECIAL MUSIC *The Power of the Cross* *Chancel Choir*
by Getty and Townend

MINUTE FOR MISSION *One Great Hour of Sharing*
Pam Russell

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE
Liturgist –**Mary Beth Szabo**

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life, through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 5:5-10 page 220 NT

Gospel Lesson: John 12:20-33 page 106 NT

SERMON *We Want to See Jesus* Pastor George Prohaska

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God,
the Father, Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life
who proceeds from the Father and Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERTORY *Create In Me A Clean Heart* arr. Hayes

*DOXOLOGY Hymn 606
 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gracious God...we pray together the prayer Jesus taught saying:

**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 sins as we
forgive those who sin 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*

HYMN *Together We Serve* Hymn 767

*BENEDICTION Pastor George Prohaska

POSTLUDE *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* arr. Sewell
 Susan Martinez

*If you are able, please stand.



Thank you to our Worship and Tech Teams, Susan Martinez, Amy Johnston, Gaill Blackburn, David & Jennie Burel, Roy & Alex Martin.

Thank you to those Serving today:

Liturgist: Mary Beth Szabo

Hymn Leader/Choir Director: Amy Johnston

Ushers: Lyn Goodbar, Diane Howard, Maureen Kay

Announcements

YOU ARE INVITED!

Susan Martinez would like to invite you to the Spring Concert of the Sunland Village Songsters. The performance is this afternoon at 2 pm. The location is 4601 East Dolphin in Mesa. Tickets are \$10. Sue Jax has been a choir member of this group for many years, and Susan Martinez is their accompanist. Please see Susan for more information. All are welcome!

CITRUS COLLECTION FOR ST. MARY'S FOOD BANK

We are winding down on collecting fruit for St. Mary's, the last day we will accept fruit will be on **Easter Sunday, March 31**. Please let us know if you will be dropping fruit off

Happy March Anniversary to:

March 20: Judy & Richard Davis

GPC General Information

FIRST TIME GUESTS - Welcome to our first-time visitors. A packet of information about our church is available in the entryway or from an usher. We're glad you're here!

OFFERINGS/DONATIONS – You may donate to Gilbert Presbyterian by going to <https://www.azgpc.org/giving-options.html>. Thank you for your support.

REMINDER – Please silence all phones/electronic devices.
Thank you.

PRAYER REQUESTS – If you have a prayer request AFTER 12:00PM ON FRIDAY that you would like to be included in our Sunday prayers, we ask that you send your prayer request to Pastor George directly at: azgpcpastor@gmail.com.

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

Join us each Thursday at 4:00pm in Room 8 of the Palmer Center. We will be studying the book, **Revelation** by NT Wright. This book can be purchased on Amazon. All are welcome

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – We meet in Room 7 at 11:00 am each Sunday. All are welcome!

VIDEO SUNDAY SCHOOL- The Video Sunday School Class meets in the Chapel in the Palmer Center at 11:00 am each Sunday. Join us for great discussions and fellowship following a video lesson.

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME? - If you're thinking about joining Gilbert Presbyterian Church, PC(USA), or would like a refresher course on what being a Presbyterian Christian means, please call the church office at 480-892-6753 to let us know of your interest.

NURSERY CARE - Nursery care is available in the Palmer Center for Nursery/Toddler care thru 5 years old with our Nursery Attendant Britney Blackburn.

FELLOWSHIP TIME - We invite everyone to join us following our worship service this morning for a time of refreshments and fellowship in the Palmer Center.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN OUR JOURNEY



HOLY WEEK

At Gilbert Presbyterian Church

March 24 at 9:30am: Palm Sunday Service

Palm Sunday begins Holy Week. Join us as we remember and celebrate the triumphant return of Jesus to Jerusalem as Savior and King.

March 28 at 7pm: Maundy Thursday Service

We come together with our sister churches Mission Del Sol and University Presbyterian to share the Lord's Supper as Jesus commanded.

March 29 at 7pm: Good Friday Service

We witness the tragedy of Jesus' suffering and death on the cross, where he gave his life for us and our salvation.

March 31 at 9:30am: Easter Sunday Service

Christ is Risen, Alleluia! Truly, He is Risen, Alleluia!

• Please join us afterward for refreshments in the courtyard.

THIS WEEK AT GPC

Sunday, March 17, 2024

9:30 am – Online & In Person Worship Service

10:30 am – Coffee Time in the Palmer Center

11:00 am – Video Sunday School

**11:00 am - Adult Sunday School meets in person
and via Zoom: [https://zoom.us/j/4808926753?pwd=K3J3bk9CND
Fsdll2ZCtuOGxCL2FzZz09](https://zoom.us/j/4808926753?pwd=K3J3bk9CND
Fsdll2ZCtuOGxCL2FzZz09)**

11:00 am – Revival Presbyterian Church Bible Study

1:00 pm – Revival Presbyterian Church Service

Monday, March 18

6:00 pm – Personnel Cmt. Meeting

Tuesday, March 19

8:00 am – Men's Breakfast

7:00 pm – Stated Session Meeting

Wednesday, March 20

7:00 pm – Evangelism Cmt. Meeting

Thursday, March 21

4:00 pm – Mid Week Bible Study

7:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal

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HYMN INSERTS

724 O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
 2 O let me feel thee near me! The world is ev - er near;
 3 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still;
 4 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee

be thou for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
 I see the sights that daz - zle; the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, draw thou near - er and shield my soul from sin.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

Written to highlight the promises made by the author's daughter and two sons at their confirmation, this text equally well recalls the promises of discipleship made in Baptism and in the Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant. The tune was written for a text now unused.

Glory Be to the Father

581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

The first system of music is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a quarter rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a half note Bb4, a quarter note G4, a half note F4, a quarter note E4, a half note D4, and a quarter rest. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) consists of a steady eighth-note bass line: G2, A2, Bb2, C3, D3, E3, F3, G3, and a constant eighth-note chord of Bb2 and D3.

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

The second system continues the melody. The vocal line has a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a half note Bb4, a quarter note G4, a half note F4, a quarter note E4, a half note D4, and a quarter rest. The piano accompaniment continues with the same eighth-note bass line and chord.

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

The third system continues the melody. The vocal line has a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a half note Bb4, a quarter note G4, a half note F4, a quarter note E4, a half note D4, and a quarter rest. The piano accompaniment continues with the same eighth-note bass line and chord.

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The fourth system concludes the piece. The vocal line has a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a half note Bb4, a quarter note G4, a half note F4, a quarter note E4, a half note D4, and a quarter rest. The piano accompaniment continues with the same eighth-note bass line and chord, ending with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

Praise God, from Whom
All Blessings Flow
Doxology

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures

here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Or "God"

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

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Together We Serve

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Capo 3: (G)

(D)

(Em)

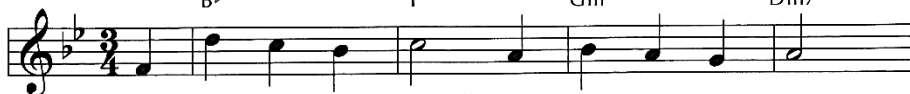
(Bm7)

B \flat

F

Gm

Dm7



1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,
2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,
3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,
4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,

(C)

(G)

(Am7)

(Dsus) (D)

E \flat

B \flat

Cm7

Fsus F



in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.
re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.

(G)

(D)

(C)

(Bm)

B \flat

F

E \flat

Dm



We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
We of - fer a home to those who will come,
To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,

(G)

(C)

(G)

(Am)

(D7)

(G)

B \flat

E \flat

B \flat

Cm

F7

B \flat



ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.
un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

Scripture Readings – March 17, 2024

EPISTLE LESSON

Mary Beth Szabo

Hebrews 5:5-10

⁵ So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; ⁶ as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' ⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹ and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰ having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

GOSPEL LESSON

Pastor George Prohaska

John 12:20-33

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' ²² Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. ²⁷ 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say —"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' ²⁹ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' ³⁰ Jesus answered, 'This voice has

come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹ Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' ³³ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.