

## WELCOME

This morning as we join in worship, our hope for you is that you will find renewed life, health, and strength in God. We are glad that you have heard God's call to come and worship, and that you have chosen to do so with this congregation. If you do not have a church home in this area, we invite you to join with us as we seek to serve Christ and live as His disciples. You may be received into church membership by profession of faith, letter of transfer, or reaffirmation of faith. If you are interested in uniting with this church, please contact the church office or any elder.

### Session Members

Nancy Mason - '20 - Worship	Cindy Doyle - '20 - Christian Ed.
Matt Shick - '20 - Stewardship	Carina Brushwood - '21 - Cong. Care
John Hehn - '21 - Facilities	Patty MacEwen - '21 - Administration
Bob Friskney - '22 - Fellowship	Carol Shick - '22 - Worship
Deborah Thatcher - '22- Mission	Cammie Williams - Clerk of Session

### Our Mission Statement

To provide opportunities for people to discover God's love, seek God's purpose, and do God's will.

### Our Vision Statement

Glorifying God with mind, body, and soul.

Pastor: The Rev. Loli Reiter  
Ministers: The Congregation

*"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." 1 Peter 2:9*

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Organist: Sheila Donohue  
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**3rd Sunday in Lent**  
**March 15, 2020, 9:30 A.M.**

## "I'll Fly Away"

Welcome and Opening Prayer

## "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms"

## "Come To The Altar"

(At this time, children are invited to attend Sunday school across the courtyard.)

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Scripture Readings

**Psalm 95:1-7**

**John 4:1-30**

Sermon

*"Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'what do you want?' or 'why are you speaking with her?'"*  
John 4:27

Affirmation

Offering and Announcements

## "What a Friend We Have In Jesus"

Benediction

## "Forever Young"

"Whoever becomes simple and elemental again, like this child, will rank high in God's kingdom"  
Matthew 18:4 (MSG)

3rd Sunday in Lent  
March 15, 2020, 11:00 A.M.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Christ Beside Me, Christ To Win Me,  
Christ To Comfort and Restore Me"  
- from the Prayer of St. Patrick

SILENT PREPARATION

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are thirsty for grace.

**People: We gather to drink from the wellspring of mercy.**

Leader: Let us worship and bow down before the Lord, our Maker!

**People: In spirit and truth, let us worship God!**

\*HYMN # 310 "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" P.H.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, you know who we are and everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will not last. We worship things that do not bring salvation. Forgive us, Lord. Give us your gift of living water, so that we may never thirst again.**

*(silence)*

Leader: We pray in the name of the Messiah,

**People: Jesus Christ, Amen.**

Congregational Response

# 76 "My Song Is Love Unknown" v. 1 P.H.

**My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be.  
O who am I That for my sake my Lord should take Frail flesh,  
and die?**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (After this time, children four years old through second grade are invited to attend Junior Church in room 3)

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 95:1-7 (O.T., p. 550)  
John 4:1-30 (N.T., pp. 94-95)

SERMON *"Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'what do you want?' or 'why are you speaking with her?'"*  
John 4:27

\*HYMN # 384 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" P.H.

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "The Larger Catechism"

Q 183: For whom are we to pray?

**A: ... for the whole church of Christ upon the earth, magistrates, and ministers; for ourselves, our brothers and sisters, and yes, our enemies; and for all sorts of people living, or that shall live hereafter; but not for the dead.**

Q 184: For what are things we to pray?

**A: ...for all things tending to the glory of God, the welfare of the church our own or others' good; but not for anything that is unlawful.**

Q 185: How are we to pray?

**A: ...with an awful apprehension of the majesty of God, and deep sense of our own unworthiness, necessities, and sins; with penitent, thankful, and enlarged hearts; with understanding faith, sincerity, fervency, love and perseverance, waiting upon him with humble submission to his will.  
Amen.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory

\*Doxology # 592 *Presbyterian Hymnal*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

PRAYER NEEDS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER  
(Matthew 6:9-13)

**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 # 326 "Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart" P.H.

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (the congregation joins hands to sing)

**The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
be with you all, be with you all.  
The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all. Amen**

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

\*indicates congregation standing

P.H. - Presbyterian Hymnal S.F. - Sing the Faith

***The Larger Catechism*** is one of the church confessions that came out of the Protestant Reformation in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century. Up until then, if you were a Christian, there was only one church to be a part of in Western Europe, The Catholic church. Tired of its misuse of power, Martin Luther protested and began a movement which focused on salvation by grace, not by works, and a Church led by Scripture alone. *The Westminster Confession of Faith* and the *Larger and Shorter Catechisms* sought to teach and help understand this new way of being The Church in the world to congregants and ministers alike.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE TODAY

Liturgist:	Bob Friskney
Greeter 9:30:	Rob Bargo
Greeters 11:00:	David and Patty MacEwen
Ushers:	Jay and Anne Heidt
Acolyte:	Finley Heidt
Gate Keeper:	Greg Uebel
Closer:	Jennifer Friebolin
Temple Keeper:	Jim High (on or before 3/14)
Sunday School:	Kathryn and Matt Shick (Little Lambs) Anna Doucette (Elementary)
Nursery Helper:	Mackenzie Sampson
Office Volunteer:	Need Volunteer (3/12)
Lemonade Time:	Kelseys (3/15); Jan Brandt (3/22)
Flowers:	Cammie Williams

**LEMONADE TIME** - If you would like to host lemonade time, please sign up on the fellowship hall bulletin board. Interested, but don't know what's involved? Call the church office (689-4412).

**IN THE SPIRIT OF WORSHIP** please turn off or **silence all cell phones** so as not to disrupt the worship experience of others.

**PARENTS** - Children's packets (ages 3-6) and children's bulletins are available from the ushers. The nursery is available, but the "wobble room" will be open for little ones who want to make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

**PLEASE RECYCLE** your unwanted **BULLETINS**. You may drop them off in the baskets provided in the narthex by the doors leading outside.

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE** - If you have an announcement, schedule, article, etc., please send to [pseffner@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:pseffner@tampabay.rr.com). All items due **TODAY!**

**SPEND A WEEK IN GOD'S BEAUTIFUL CREATION** and undertake lots of adventures within the context of a loving and supportive Christian Community. Canoeing, shark's teeth hunting, archery, arts and crafts, games, campfires, and s'mores are just a small sample of the exciting things you can do as a camper at Cedarkirk. Join us for an unforgettable week at camp! Visit [www.cedarkirk.org](http://www.cedarkirk.org) for information and online registration.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** - The Women's Bible Study meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 1 pm in the church office.

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** Will be taking a break during the month of March. We'll gather again on Wednesday, **April 8th**.

**EASTER FLOWER ORDER** - If you would like to purchase a flower for the Easter Garden, an order form is available in your bulletin. Please fill out the form and place it in the offering plate with your payment. **Deadline** for flower orders is **April 5th**.

**EXCUSE OUR MESS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL** - Our Rejuvenation Project has begun! The bathrooms will still be accessible to the congregation, but, for everyone's safety, please do not enter the hall.

**YOUTH** meet on **Wednesdays from 6-7:30 pm**. Join us for Bible study and fun. We invite you to also be a part of the solution to the problem of hunger by being part of **FEED THE BAY, TODAY!** Your generosity will bring much needed hope and help to our neighbors who go to E.C.H.O in their time of need!

**MISSION FOCUS FOR MARCH** - Kairos Prison Ministries. Its mission is to share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, women and youth, as well as their families, to become loving and productive citizens of their communities. Your gift may be placed in a pew envelope and placed in the offering plate, be sure to mark it "Kairos."

**HENRY AND SHIRLEY JOKERST SCHOLARSHIPS** - We are accepting scholarship applications. Please contact Kathryn Shick or the office for an application. Deadline has been extended until **June 30, 2020**.

**PRAISES and CONCERNS**  
**Pray at all times in the Spirit...Ephesians 6:18a**

Our ministry is to pray for our members who are hospitalized, ill, home bound, attending college, and in the military; and to also encourage others to send cards, make a phone call or visit if possible. If you do not have a directory or need an address not listed, please contact the church office, we will be happy to help.

Aubree Lapham	Joy Lavazza	Bill Worth
George Kosan	Susan Kriska	Tammy Wooster
Terry Cooney	Bob Stetler	Jim Barfield
Charles Brandt	Anne Wheeler	Bonnie & John Taylor

**College:** Kai Abe, Elizabeth Banks, Michaela Brushwood, Danh Cooney, Michael Hawkins, Christian Jaimungal, Rachel Kosan, Peter Lapham, Amber Todd, Jenny Todd

**Military:** Jeff Mason Jr., Diego Rincon, Justin Ernul, Wyatt Harris, Michael Paynter, Sherryn Ramkarran, Aaron Sampson

**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, March 15, 2020**

9:30 am Sunday School  
9:30 am Contemporary Worship  
11:00 am Traditional Worship

**Tuesday, March 17, 2020**

6:00 pm Brownies

**Wednesday, March 18, 2020**

8:30 am Meals on Wheels  
10:00 am No Bible Study with Pastor Loli  
6:00 pm No Confirmation Class  
6:00 pm No Youth  
6:15 pm Bells  
7:30 pm Choir

**Sunday, March 22, 2020**

9:30 am Sunday School  
9:30 am Contemporary Worship  
11:00 am Traditional Worship

## LOOKING AHEAD

- Mar. 16-20 Spring Break  
25 Confirmation Class  
29 Blood Drive  
Apr. 1 Confirmation Class  
5 Palm Sunday, Communion  
6 Committees Meet (Room 3)  
7 Office Staff Meeting  
8 Wednesday Fellowship Luncheon  
9 Maundy Thursday, Communion  
12 Easter Sunrise Service, Easter Breakfast, Easter Worship  
14 Music Staff Meeting, Session Meeting

## **FEED THE BAY**

**March 15, 2020**  
Grocery List

- |                                 |                       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Meals in a can (with a pop top) | Jelly                 |
| Canned Stew                     | Sugar                 |
| Spaghetti Sauce                 | Mayonnaise            |
| Canned Chili                    | Coffee                |
| Canned Sloppy Joes              |                       |
| Canned Meats, Poultry, Fish     | Canned Fruits         |
| Peanut Butter (plastic jars)    | Canned Vegetables     |
| Dried Beans                     | Canned Juices         |
|                                 | Plastic Bottle Juices |
| Non-fat Dry Milk                |                       |
| Evaporated Milk                 | Deodorant             |
|                                 | Toothpaste            |
| Pasta/Macaroni                  | Toothbrushes          |
| Boxed or Bagged Cereals         | Bar/Liquid Soap       |
| Macaroni and Cheese             | Feminine Products     |
| Ramen Noodles                   | Shampoo               |
| Gifts (instant)                 | Conditioner           |
| Oatmeal (instant)               | Body Powder           |
| Grain Crackers                  | Baby Powder           |
| Cake Mix                        |                       |

**All food should be dropped off at a  
Feed the Bay truck by 2:00 pm on  
Sunday, March 15, 2020**



## *EASTER FLOWER ORDER*

*Cost \$8.00 ea*

If you would like to dedicate an Easter lily in honor or memory of someone, fill out the information below. Please print clearly.

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_ X 8.00 ea = \_\_\_\_  
check \_\_\_\_ cash \_\_\_\_

You may place form and payment in offering plate or drop off at the church office.

**Deadline for orders is April 5th.**