



seeking:
*Who will you
listen to?*



SAINT LUKE'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

First Sunday in Lent

February 26, 2023 10:30 am



In Preparation for Worship

"We humans are always restless until we rest in God." – Saint Augustine

Prelude

Adagio from Concerto in C minor

G. P. Telemann

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: Listen!

People: **There is hope to be found here.**

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People: **God calls you by name here.**

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People: **There is love that abides here.**

Leader: This world is full of chatter, so let's do our best to listen.

People: **God is speaking. Let's worship. Amen.**

Opening Hymn* 450

Be Thou My Vision

Prayer of Confession*

Holy God, too often we treat your Word like a radio station—something we can tune in and out of when it's convenient. Our minds are full of ads, emails, news updates, and notifications. In the midst of this clutter, we tend to gravitate toward the voices that think like us—easily ignoring the voices being silenced, easily ignoring your voice.

Forgive us for failing to listen. Forgive us for getting caught in distractions.

Forgive us for forgetting what your voice sounds like.

Drain the distractions from our minds and help us turn once again toward you.

Hear now also the prayers on our earnest hearts...

(a moment of silence is kept for personal prayers)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness*

Song of Praise 606*

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

Catherine Anne Thomas

Children are welcome to come forward for Tell Us Our Story. After Tell Us Our Story, parents will walk children across courtyard to Room 117 (3 and under) and Room 119 (PreK and K). 1st through 5th graders will gather in the narthex and walk with leaders to 252Kid and 252Preteen. Parents will pick up from The Dock and The Lighthouse. Of course, all children are always welcome to remain in worship with their families.

Anthem

Cantique de Jean Racine

Gabriel Faure
The Chancel Choir
Ellen Foster, harp

Sermon

It is Written

Michael Sanchez

Anthem

Rhosymedre

R. Vaughan Williams
arr. Mockelbust
The Festival Ringers

Affirmation of Faith*

from A Sanctified Art

**In a world full of noise, we believe that God is speaking.
In a world full of chaos, we believe that God is singing.
In a world full of temptation, we believe that God is healing.
To whom will we listen?
We will listen to God—our Creator, Friend, and Guide.
For what will we listen?
We will listen for water in the desert,
for the wind of the Spirit,
for the laughter of children,
for the sound of open doors,
and for God's voice, who calls us beloved. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and 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.

The Offering

Largo in G

G. F. Handel
Ellen Foster, harp

All are invited to participate in support of God's work at Saint Luke's, in one of three ways:

- 1) Giving envelopes, available in each pew, may be placed inside the Friendship Pads or in the offering plate in the narthex,*
- 2) Give online via slpres.org/giving,*
- 3) Send a text message to 73256, starting with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.*

Closing Hymn* 421

Have Mercy, God, Upon My Life

Benediction*

Postlude*

Rigaudon

Andre Campra

Please join us in the church lobby for fellowship and conversation!

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