

Welcome to Worship

Faith Presbyterian Church
Worship at 8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

February 7

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dr. David L. Van Arsdale, Preaching
Christ's Portrait of God: The Lord's Prayer IV
Psalm 145:8-13; Mark 11:20-25; Romans 11:33-36
"And lead us not into temptation, ..."
But deliver us from evil."

February 14

Celebrate The Gifts of Women Sunday

Rev. JoAnn Brechbill, Preaching
"Parable of a Prodigal Daughter"
Luke 7:36-8:3

February 17 – Ash Wednesday
at Church of the Palms (U.C.C.) at 11:00 a.m.

First Presbyterian and Faith Presbyterian
joining in Worship

Sermon Series for the Lenten Season -- 2010

The hymn "*Jesus Calls Us*" will be the focus of our Sunday worship during Lent. For the six Sundays beginning on February 21, I will follow the Lectionary texts from the Gospel of Luke and the general theme of *Jesus Calls Us* (Red hymnbook, #269). The stories from Luke's Gospel are some of the most memorable texts from the Bible.

Lent is a season of special devotion, reverence and commitment for all Christians. It is a period when we often set aside time for special study and reflection on

our devotion and calling as disciples and followers of Jesus. It is a time when in the life of our congregation many will be seeking a deeper understanding of personal self-worth and faithfulness as a believer.

The hymn lends itself to so much application for this journey of faith. The first verse begins:

*Jesus calls us o'er the tumult,
Of our life's wild, restless sea;
Day by day I hear Him saying,
Christian, come and follow me.*

That call and that inner twinge of the heart that says something to us ... comes often in the midst of a life crisis, extreme pressures, or great disruption with both physical and emotional pain. Yet, it is **there** in "life's wild, restless sea" that we are most open to God's call.

Then verse three continues:

*In our joys and in our sorrows,
Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still He calls in cares and pleasures,
Christian, love me more than these.*

It is God who comes in those moments of life's stresses and disruptions, as well as, the regular routine of life. Jesus Christ, as the Son of God, shares with us in mystery and even awe the meanings and purposes for our individual lives.

The First Sunday in Lent – February 21
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Dr. David L. Van Arsdale, Preaching
"Jesus Calls Us ... The Call of the Wild"
"Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil." (Luke 4:1-2)
Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16;
Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

The Second Sunday in Lent – February 28

Dr. David L. Van Arsdale, Preaching
"Jesus Calls Us ... When We do Our Best"
"How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!" (Luke 13:34)
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27;
Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35