

MARCH 2022

From the Interim Minister...

Rev. William "Bill" Howden

Journeying toward Resurrection



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2, and lasts forty days (not counting the Sundays) before Easter. The season of Lent is a time for reflecting on where we are and, often, for setting out on fresh paths, turning toward new life.

That is why I have chosen the theme for my preaching this Lent as "Journeying toward Resurrection." Here is what to expect:

- March 2* (Ash Wednesday), "Knowing Where We Start" - Psalm 51:1-10
- March 6, "Off the Beaten Path" - Luke 4: 1-13
- March 13, "Finding Our Way" - Psalm 27
- March 20, "Sustenance for the Journey" Isaiah 55:1-9
- March 27, "The Way Home" Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
- April 3, Guest preacher
- April 10 (Palm Sunday), "Making Room for Christ to Enter" - Philippians 2: 5-11
- April 14* (Maundy Thursday) "Finding Our Place at Jesus's Table" - Luke 22:14-30

- April 17 (Easter Sunday), "A New Day Dawns" - John 20:1-18

***for these midweek services, I will be speaking via video, not in person.**

I stress that Lent is a time of reflection, not simply repentance. Repentance may, of course, be one of the fruits of Lenten reflection: our examination of our lives may help us see some ways we fall short of living the lives God calls us to live, of being the people God calls us to be. But our Lenten reflection may also help us perceive more clearly that we are already following the path to which God calls us, giving us more confidence for the next stage of our journey.

Life is a journey. By the grace of God, each day we are on a journey toward new life, life more abundant, a life of love and joy and blessing.

In the ancient Celtic church (in the early centuries of Christianity in Ireland and Scotland) it was commonly said that when a Christian set out on a pilgrimage, they were seeking the place of their resurrection. May we enter this journey through Lent with that same desire and hope.

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Dear Congregation,
The Committee has met several times this past month as we have studied candidate profiles. We have had two zoom meetings with potential

ministers and hope to have an in-person meeting in the near future. We ask that you keep the committee in prayer as we listen for God's guidance.

Sharon, Wayne, Ron, Bennie and Michele

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Mar 02	6:00p	Ash Wednesday Service
Mar 04		World Day of Prayer
Mar 06		Noisy offering benefitting LACare Food Pantry
Mar 09	6:30p	Elder's Meeting
	7:00p	Board Meeting
Mar 13		Daylight Savings Time Change
Mar 14		Roxanne Dunegan's Birthday
Mar 16		Rev. Bill Howden's Birthday
Mar 21		Mary Arnold's Birthday
Mar 29		Alicia Blankenship's Birthday

Opportunities

WE ARE OPEN!!!

602 North Wood Street-Burnet

Our Meals on Wheels Congregate site in Burnet has re-opened and serving lunch to our seniors at 12:00pm, Monday-Friday.



Give Up to Give Hope

Every year, Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with Easter Sunday. Lent is a time marked by repentance, fasting, reflection, and ultimately celebration. Many of you have probably "given up" something in the past (like chocolate or sweets) during Lent as a way of intentionally focusing on Christ's life, ministry, sacrifice and resurrection.

This year, the Committee Council is sponsoring "Give Up to Give Hope". As we begin this Lenten season, we ask that you make an intentional commitment to pledge an amount of your choice to benefit the Highland Lakes Family Crisis Center. This pledge is between you and God.

You can participate in two ways:

- **Give Up something** (soft drink, candy bar, lunch out, etc.) and put the money you would have spent towards your pledge
- **Give Up and over** your usual offering towards your pledge

Each day, as you strive to be in tune with God through devotionals, study and prayer, you would also set aside an amount to donate to this cause. We will have a table set up in the foyer so that you can drop off your pledge weekly.

Join us as we strive to be the hands and feet of Jesus by helping others find hope in their lives.

HIGHLAND LAKES FAMILY CRISIS CENTER

DEDICATED TO ENDING DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE - HLFCC is committed to offering services for survivors of family violence, dating violence, stalking and adult/child survivors of stranger and non-stranger sexual assault. We also provide prevention education to youth in our local schools, as well as community education regarding the issues surrounding domestic and sexual violence. Services are available in English and Spanish.

First Christian Church-Bertram
Disciples of Christ
Serving Schedule
March 2022

	ELDER Joys/Concerns Communion Prayer Stewardship Prayer	DEACONS Prepare/Serve Communion Offering	WORSHIP LEADER Welcome & Announcements Call to Worship Invocation & Prayer
Mar 06	Hank Holt	Wayne Spiekermann Jonnie Stark	Sharon Tippie
Mar 13	Michele Darling	Linda Guess Sharon Tippie	Jonnie Stark
Mar 20	Bennie Clark	Marilyn Petrick Wayne Spiekermann	Ron Petrick
Mar 27	Ron Petrick	Wayne Spiekermann Linda Guess	Jonnie Stark

The Elder is responsible for Joys/Concerns; Communion Prayer; Stewardship Prayer
 Communion Preparation: Covid Approved Containers

If you are unable to serve on the day you are scheduled, please notify the Office Administrator and a replacement will be assigned.

Seasons and Colors of the Christian Year

01/07-03/01 Ordinary Time (green); 03/02 Ash Wednesday (violet); 03/02-04/17 Lent (violet)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
			ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 6:00P		World Day of Prayer	
6 First Sunday in Lent 9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Worship NOISY OFFERING to benefit LACare	7	8	9	10	11	12
			6:30p Elders Meeting 7:00p Board Meeting			
13 Second Sunday in Lent 9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Worship SECOND SUNDAY LUNCHEON DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME	14 Roxanne Dunegan's Birthday	15	16 Rev. Bill Howden's Birthday	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18	19
						
20 Third Sunday in Lent 9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Worship	21 Mary Arnold's Birthday	22	23	24	25	26
27 Fourth Sunday in Lent 9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Worship	28	29 Alicia Blankenship's Birthday	30	31		

Elders	
Ron Petrick (2022)	Hank Holt (2023)
Michele Darling (2022)	Bennie Clark (2024)
Deacons	
James Engen (2022)	Linda Guess (2023)
Jennifer Engen (2022)	
Sharon Tippie (2022)	Jonnie Stark (2024)
Marilyn Petrick (2022)	Wayne Spiekermann (2024)
Trustees	
Art Johnson (2022)	Richard Dunegan (2023)
Ron Petrick (2024)	

2022 Leadership Team

Moderator	Wayne Spiekermann	
Vice-Moderator	Bennie Clark	
Secretary	Melissa Johnson	
Treasurer	Bennie Clark	
Historian	Sharon Tippie	
Education	} Committee Council -	
Faith-Sharing		
Membership		
Outreach		
Property		
Worship		
Disciple Men Rep		
Disciple Women Rep		
		Michele Darling
		Marilyn Petrick
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	Ron Petrick	

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