

The Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church

February 18, 2024

The First Sunday in Lent



**Whoever you are, from wherever you come,
you are welcome here.**

*The Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church seeks to be a congregation where God is the center of our lives;
we celebrate children and youth and equip them with faith to meet life's challenges;
and we work for justice in local and global communities.*

We Gather Together

Prelude

Bluebird
Robert Tudor, guitar

Alexis French (b. 1970)

Greeting

Please sign the friendship pads located at the window ends of the pews.

The Rev. Rachel Breyer

*Call to Worship

To you, O God, we lift up our souls.
To you we offer our praise and prayer.
Make your ways known to us.
Show us the path on which we should walk.
Lead us in your truth and teach us.
For you alone are the God who saves,
the God in whom we trust;
the One on whom we wait.

Ruling Elder Linda Ertz

*Hymn 165

The Glory of These Forty Days

Erhalt uns, Herr

*The congregation is invited to stand. **Bold indicates congregational response.**

Please use a connection card found in the pew to write your prayer concern and hand it to an usher or put it in the zoom chat and it will be included in the Joys and Concerns later in the service.

***Call to Confession and Corporate Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, you call us to journey into the shadows of our souls,
to wrestle with the evil without and within.

You call us to struggle with who you would have us be
and what you would have us do.

But the path is hard and we are weary.

Forgive us.

Give us courage to face our fears
and faith to trust in your guiding mercy.

Teach us the ancient ways that offer new life
and lead us into the joy of your salvation.

A time of silence will be kept for our personal prayers of confession.

***Assurance of Pardon**

God's promises are sure.

God's love is eternal.

Hear and believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***The People's Response**

Tallis Canon

***Throughout these Lenten days and nights we turn to walk the inward way,
Where, meeting Christ, our guide and light, We live in hope till Easter day.***

***The Peace**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ,

Let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Please exchange with one another, by words and gesture, signs of peace and reconciliation.

***The People's Response**

St. Flavian, hymn 166

***Lord, Who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,
teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.***

Time with Children

Melody Soopper

The Gathering Song

St. Flavian, hymn 166

***And through these days of penitence, and through this Passiontide,
yes, evermore, in life and death, o Lord, with us abide.***

We Share Our Community Concerns

Joys and Concerns

*Please come to the microphone to share your prayer request
and write it on the connection card found in the pew, or in the chat box on zoom.*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

...We ask these things in the name of the one who teaches us to pray together, saying,
Our Father and Mother, 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.

We Hear the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Speak to us, O Holy God, and let the fire of your Spirit burn brightly in our hearts. Open our minds to receive the wisdom of the law, the hope of the prophets, and the life of the gospel: Jesus Christ, your living Word. Amen.

Gospel

Mark 1:9-15
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Pew Bible, NT, pg. 34

Sermon

It Starts With Baptism

The Rev. Rachel Breyer

*Hymn 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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*Affirmation of Faith

We believe:

Our lives are held in the love of God,
who knows our names and our deepest needs.
God is in the arid desert and in green pastures,
in the waves of the sea and in calm waters.
Our journey has a purpose and a destination,
our path leads to a glory we cannot yet imagine.
In the church we are pilgrims on the road,
called to love one another as God loves us.

This, we believe.

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory Anthem

Ain'a That Good News!

William Dawson

*The People's Thanksgiving

*Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be past,
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.*

St. Flavian, hymn 166

*Prayer of Dedication

We Go Forth To Serve

*Hymn 167

Forty Days and Forty Nights

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*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Blessed Assurance

arr. Phoebe Knapp

***Leaders in worship include** The Rev. Rachel Breyer, Guest Preacher; Dr. Bobb Robinson, Assistant Director of Music; The Chancel Choir; Linda Ertz, Liturgist.

*** Flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God.**

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 18 – FEBRUARY 25, 2024

Sunday, February 18 First Sunday of Lent	9:00 – 12:00 9:00 – 10:00 10:00 – 11:00 10:15 – 11:15 11:00 – 12:15 11:00 – 12:00 11:15 – 12:00 11:30 – 1:00	Nursery Childcare — Room 108 Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary Worship — Sanctuary and Zoom at https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/83179114222?pwd=UnhZUUpsN2VPdmkwR3NyQ2kzNmN5Zz09 Sunday School — Rooms 108, 360, 350A (Calvin Hall) & Firesides Coffee Hour — Chadsey Hall Faith Trek — CCPC Conference Room Children’s Choir Rehearsal — Room 308 ESL Classes — Rooms 104, 122 & 130
Monday, February 19	5:00 – 6:00	Church Building and Office Closed for Presidents’ Day APNC Meeting — https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/82060711765?pwd=KrqXYVGSZu4woApfSajX7W7ynMiWvc.1
Tuesday, February 20	9:00 – 12:00 12:30 – 2:30	TAP Open — Office & Waiting Room Needlework Group — CCPC Library
Thursday, February 22	7:30 – 9:15	Chancel Choir Rehearsal — Room 300 and Sanctuary
Friday, February 23	7:45 – 8:45	Men’s Spirituality Group Meeting — Chadsey Hall
Sunday, February 25 Second Sunday of Lent	9:00 – 12:00 9:00 – 10:00 10:00 – 11:00 10:15 – 11:15 11:00 – 12:15 11:00 – 12:00 11:15 – 12:00 11:30 – 1:00	Nursery Childcare — Room 108 Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary Worship — Sanctuary and Zoom at https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/83179114222?pwd=UnhZUUpsN2VPdmkwR3NyQ2kzNmN5Zz09 Sunday School — Rooms 108, 360, 350A (Calvin Hall) & Firesides Coffee Hour — Chadsey Hall Faith Trek — CCPC Conference Room Children’s Choir Rehearsal — Room 308 ESL Classes — Rooms 104, 122 & 130

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