

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
March 5, 2006 10:00 a.m.  
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

**PREPARATION** "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I – I took the one  
less traveled by, And that has made all the difference."  
- Robert Frost

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** *(Please sign the friendship pads as they are distributed)*  
*(If you have a prayer request, please fill out a prayer request card and pass it to the  
end of the pew during the opening hymn.)*

**PRELUDE** *Beneath The Cross of Jesus* -arr. Hustad

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Seek refuge in the Lord, people of faith! God will not let you  
be put to shame.

**People: Christ is our fortress and our guide. We come to Christ in our  
distress, for he will deliver us!**

Leader: The Spirit of God preserves the faithful even when we stumble  
and fall. Let us be strong in the Spirit and take courage as we  
wait upon the Lord. Let us worship God!

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♪ ♪ **\*HYMN** 272 *God of the Sparrow*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (all together)

**Holy God of Majesty, you seek to free us from guilt and cleanse us of  
shame. We know we fear admitting our failures and our fears, so we  
hide from your mercy. Forgive our lack of trust! We worry someone will  
find out we are less than perfect, so we draw attention to everyone  
else's failures hoping no one will notice our own flaws. Forgive our  
meager grace! We grow weary of struggling with the same limitations  
day after day, so we assume you have surely lost patience with us.  
Forgive our lack of understanding! We now offer up to you our silent  
confessions of sin.**

**SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN**

\*All who are able may stand

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**\*RESPONSE** 466 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* vs. 3

Christ breaks the power of reigning sin, and sets the prisoner free;

Christ's blood can make the sinful clean, Christ's blood availed for me.

## **\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(Please extend the Peace of Christ to one another)

## **TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

*(Any children 4yrs –8<sup>th</sup> grade may leave for church school)*

**ANTHEM** Be Thou My Vision -Crocker

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:** Genesis 9: 8-17

**GOSPEL READING:** Mark 1: 9-15

**SERMON** "Dealing With Sin" -Rev. Debra Wright

♪ ♪ **\*HYMN** 80 *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*

## **THE PASTORAL PRAYER**

## **CALL FOR THE OFFERING OF GIFT AND SELF**

## **THE OFFERING**

## **OFFERTORY**

## **\*DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow:

Praise God all creatures here below,

Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (all together)

**O Christ, as you set your face toward Jerusalem to fulfill the destiny of God, may these gifts and our hearts fulfill your purpose with integrity, courage, and joy. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

#### 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.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### THE COMMUNION IN CHRIST

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

♪ ♪ **\*HYMN** 296 *Walk On, O People of God*

#### **\*CHARGE**

#### **\*BENEDICTION**

#### **\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *81 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days vs. 1*

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray, teach us with Thee to mourn our sins, and close by Thee to stay

#### **POSTLUDE** *Chimed*

*(The congregation treats the postlude as its closing time of worship and leaves after it is completed.)*

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Usher: Bruce Barrows  
Layreader: Janice Jones  
Counters: Bruce & Linda Barrows  
Greeters: Muriel Whieldon  
Building Check: Membership  
(March 12<sup>th</sup> – Stewardship – March 19<sup>th</sup> – Administration & Finance)

### SUNDAY NEWS ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We welcome all who** worship here this morning. Please join us for coffee after the worship service.

**Large print copies** of the Order of Worship, The Hymnal and the NRSV Bible are available at the back of the church.

### CHILD CARE

**Infant/Toddler Nursery Care** during worship is provided for your children. Julie Riccio is ready to welcome your child.

### PRAYER CONCERNS

*Gordie Allen* ♦ Bill Baco (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Debbie Ball ♦ Andrew Derrick (BJ Rustic) ♦ Clara Cieslinski ♦ Dan & Judy Cravotta (Janice Jones) ♦ Steve Dalin (Karen Cieslinski Dalin) ♦ Pauline Deletti (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Linda Dories (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Jessica Grazen (The Fischers) ♦ James Groves (Nancy Lesakowski) ♦ Dorothy Gutowski (Ed Gutowski) ♦ Harold Hanna ♦ Esther Hiller (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Melissa Howell (Sue Piersa) ♦ Jill Miller-Kisker (Jane Lankes) ♦ Ben Klinshaw (Rita Hanna) ♦ *Ruth Knaus* ♦ Marguerite Kobel (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ Nancy Lesakowski ♦ *Robin Miller* ♦ BJ Rustic ♦ Bill Seifert ♦ Tom Wagner ♦ Pearl Weber ♦ The Weez (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ Bob Wilcoxson (The Christmanns) ♦ All those affected by natural disasters

Chris Kalinowski ☉ Matthew Jones ☉ Bill Cenkner Jr. ☉ Patrick Baskerville ☉ Sammy Russo ☉ Kimberly Trudeau ☉ Steve Odebralski ☉ Jason Zimmerman ☉ Andrew Zalikowski ☉ Jeremy Miller ☉ Nick Turvey ☉ Kristen Pelc ☉ Ben Schauss ☉ Phillip Schott ☉ Josh Winkler ☉ John Pirinelli ☉ Kyle Ernst ☉ Russell Molnar

Each week we invite you to hold in your prayers different families and individuals in our church. As an act of faithfulness we pray for each other. This week we pray for:

Mary Cotter      Lillian Kieffer      Paul & Betty Rasp      Leona & Jim Wojcik

## CALENDAR

Today	- March 5	10:00 a.m.	Worship – with Communion <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</i>
		11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time
			Confirmation Class
			Choir Rehearsal
Mon.	- March 6	7:00 p.m.	Monday Evening Adult Forum & Discussion
Wed.	- March 8	7:30 p.m.	Lenten Journey @ Seneca United Methodist
Sun.	- March 12	10:00 a.m.	Worship – Girl Scout Sunday <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</i>
			CELEBRATE ARTICLES ARE DUE
		11:00 a.m.	Fellowship
			Confirmation Class
			Choir Rehearsal

## CHURCH NEWS NOTES

**We will be collecting** macaroni & cheese, tuna fish, dry pasta and toilet tissue for the month of March. As always you may donate any non-perishable food at any time. Please place your donations in the basket closest to the balcony stairs in the narthex.

**Lenten Adult Education:** Do you wonder how to make a good marriage even better? Are you worried about one of your children? Would you like the second half of your life to be better than the first half? You might find the answers to these and other questions at "Healthy Families, Happy Future," a series of presentations designed to introduce Christian families to the principles of Family Systems Theory. All four sessions will be held at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 4928 Seneca Street (West Seneca) on March 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2006 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. The program will be taught by Rev. Dr. Robert J. Perelli the founder of The Center for Family Systems Theory of WNY and a member of the Eudist Fathers. Tuition is \$20 per person. For more information visit [www.familysystemstheroy.com](http://www.familysystemstheroy.com) and click on the "Lenten Series" icon or call 675-0531.

**Getting to know God through Prayer, study and worship** St. John's Lutheran Church is offering a program on prayer. The first part of the series is "**Finding Our Way Through Questions of Faith**" worship with Pastor John Klatt. It will be held on the 6 Thursdays in Lent. (March 2,9,16,23 & April 6) from 6:30-7:30pm. The second part is "**Grounded in Prayer**" a study with Bill Barker. It will be held on the 6 Mondays of Lent (March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3 & 10) from 6:30-7:30pm.

**Please note the West Seneca Community of Churches Lenten Journey** begins this Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. The theme for this year' journey is "Let There Be Peace". Services are held at 7:30pm every Wednesday during Lent. The journey concludes on Good Friday with an Ecumenical service at St. David's Episcopal Church from 12-3pm. The following is a list of guest speakers and host churches for each week of the journey:

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| 3/8  | Place:   | Seneca United Methodist Church   |
|      | Speaker: | Father Pat Ippolito              |
| 3/15 | Place:   | St. Williams RC Church           |
|      | Speaker: | Rev. John Klatt                  |
| 3/22 | Place:   | First Presbyterian Church        |
|      | Speaker: | Father Joseph Rogilano           |
| 3/29 | Place:   | 14 Holy Helpers RC Church        |
|      | Speaker: | Rev. Ralph Anderson              |
| 4/5  | Place:   | Covenant United Methodist Church |
|      | Speaker: | Father John Paul Boyer           |

Offerings collected at the services will be distributed to Cornerstone Manor and Church World Service – Hurricane Relief. Non-perishable food items will also be collected for the West Seneca Food Pantry. Be sure to join us for this important journey through Lent.

**West Seneca North Girl Scouts Pancake Breakfast** will be held on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 10am-1pm here at First Presbyterian Church. The cost is \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children 4-12yrs. children under 3 are free. Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, juice, milk, coffee or tea.

**Attendance for February 26<sup>th</sup>**

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