

# Midweek Message



**Midweek E-mail from First Presbyterian Church of Jamestown, New York  
March 6, 2019**

David Horne, Minister of Music

Robert Herrick is perhaps best known for his poem beginning “Gather ye rosebuds while ye may” (something this observer is going to put on the bucket list for a bit later in the year!) Herrick was a proponent of “*carpe diem*” poetry; a genre that became popular in his time advocating that one ‘seize the day.’ For Herrick, life is just too short for Lenten showboating—don’t fetishize outward appearances of keeping lent, but rather focus inwardly on the real point of fasting.

**TO KEEP A TRUE LENT**

Robert Herrick, 1591-1674

IS this a fast,—to keep  
The larder lean,  
And clean  
From fat of veals and sheep?

Is it to quit the dish  
Of flesh, yet still  
To fill  
The platter high with fish?

Is it to fast an hour,  
Or ragged to go,  
Or show  
A downcast look, and sour?

No! 't is a fast to dole  
Thy sheaf of wheat,  
And meat,  
Unto the hungry soul.

It is to fast from strife,  
From old debate  
And hate,—  
To circumcise thy life.

To show a heart grief-rent;  
To starve thy sin,  
Not bin,—  
And that's to keep thy Lent.

David

### **REMEMBERING YOU IN OUR PRAYERS:**

The family and friends of Greg Thorsell mourning his loss; Catherine Willard's sister Nancy is home from the hospital, but Norma Willard is in Hamot recovering from a fall; Julie Dudgeon; Don Ray; Dick Gould's brother Dennis; Lynda Howard's niece Sarah struggling with a brain tumor; Sasha from Ukraine recovering from surgery; friends Sally, Diane, and Katy; a neighbor Charlie; Prayers for those dealing with addiction or waiting for a diagnosis or test result; praise and thanksgiving that Lucy Miller received good news from both of her sons who we have been praying for, and thanksgiving for a new Lenten Season and the many hands and prayers that make this journey beneficial.

**ACP Student for March:** Lyanna Confere

**Staff Member:** Mark Bush

*If you need a ride to church or a doctor's appointment, would like a visit from the Pastor, could use support from our Casserole and Cookie Crew, or would like to let us know about a prayer concern, please let the church office know. The Member Care Committee is ready to help you out.*

## Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

We were scheduled to return to the Sanctuary this Sunday, March 10 to go along with the First Sunday of Lent. However paint is flaking in several places due to roof leaks. It has been decided that we will continue worshipping in the Chapel until Sunday, April 7, giving us more time to clean up and repair some of the damaged areas. There will be an all congregation cleaning day to focus on the Sanctuary Saturday, April 6. Thanks for your understanding and please come help clean our beautiful worship space.

Sunday School Breakfast 9:00 am

Story time at 9:15, then Sunday school classes at 9:30 am

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 9:30 am

Worship is in the **Chapel** at 10:30 am

**TURN YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD THIS SUNDAY!**

### Worship Leaders for March 10th

Liturgist: Rosie Hagel

Greeters: Craig Butler

Ushers: Lisa and Doug Schutte, Beth and Bruce Archibald

### Worship Leaders for March 17th

Liturgist: Mark Wilson

Greeter: Jim Dahlie

Ushers: Jane Lockwood, Barb Potter, Stephanie Burdo, and Greg Kellogg

# Coming Soon!



Tonight – March 6  
First Pres. – First Cov.  
Ash Wednesday Service  
7:00 pm at First Covenant

## *Lenten Prayer Service and Luncheon at Noon*

Join First Pres and First Covenant on your lunch break Wednesdays this Lent at noon for our special Lenten services of reflection in the Bellinger Chapel at First Presbyterian Church.

When we think of darkness, we think of times of confusion, fear, uncertainty, doubts of God. But as we walk in faith through these times, on the other side are Christ's glory, serenity, and union with God.

This year, video liturgy with music and lyrics by *The Brilliance* will focus our reflections on the paradox of life and death, beauty and fragmentation. Through these 40 days of Lent, as we walk through the darkness of temptations taking hold, through the pain and the suffering, through the heartache and trembling of life may we find that there is no need to be afraid of the dark. We are held and loved by God.

### Titles from the Lenten Series Coming Up

March 13	Now and at the Hour of our Death
March 20	Dayspring of Life
March 27	Does Your Heart Break
April 3	Holy Communion
April 10	Have You Forsaken Me?

*A Children's Place Daycare presents:*



*So much more than just Trivia!*

Saturday, March 16, 2019

Crystal Ballroom

6:30 pm Registration

7:00 Trivia Begins

BYO Food and Drinks

Prizes: *Best Costume,*

*Best Table, Best Food,*

*Best Signature Drink*

\$25 per person or \$200 per team (up to 8 people)

Proceeds benefit A Children's Place

Reserve your space now. Tables are going fast.

For more information call the office and ask for Bob or Sara.

## DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

Church Business Hours:

Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

March 6 – TON 3:15 pm

March 6 – Artist Workshop 6:30 pm

March 7 – Aging and Saging 12:00 pm

March 7 – ACP Committee Meeting 4:00 pm

March 7 – Children's Choir 5:30 pm

March 7 – Chancel Choir 7:00 pm

March 10 – Member Care Committee 11:45 pm

March 10 – Youth Group 5:30 pm

March 11 – Chamber Singers 7:00 pm

March 12 – Duplicate Bridge 12:30 pm

March 12 – ACP Staff Meeting 5:30 pm

March 12 – Barbershoppers 7:00 pm

March 13 – Lenten Service Luncheon 12:00 pm

March 13 – TON 3:15 pm

March 13 – Artist Workshop

March 13 – Chamber Singers 7:00 pm

March 14 – Aging and Saging 12:00 pm

March 14 – Children's Choir 5:30 pm

March 14 – Chancel Choir 7:00 pm

March 14 – SCA

March 16 – ACP Trivia @ Crystal Ballroom 6:30 pm

March 17 – Chautauqua Chamber Concert 4:00 pm