



Welcome  
TO  
Worship

**March 10, 2019**  
**First Sunday of Lent**

Leading Worship

Today:

**Guest Preacher:** Rev. Dr. Paula Sanders

**Lay Leader:** Steve Grittman

PRELUDE

*The Peace May Be Exchanged*

Dan Locklair

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & MINUTE FOR MISSION

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Lent is a time to prepare for the celebration of our redemption through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. During this season we seek to renew our life in Christ through fasting, prayer, acts of service, and other acts of devotion. We acknowledge our need for repentance and God's mercy and grace. In this spirit we gather for worship today.*

CHORAL INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 91

Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High,

**People: who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,**

Leader: will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress;

**People: my God, in whom I trust."**

Leader: When they call to me, I will answer them;

**People: I will be with them in trouble,**

**I will rescue them and honor them.**

Leader: With long life I will satisfy them,

**People: and show them my salvation.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*#26 Earth and All Stars!*

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader: Come let us take shelter with God most high, confessing our sins and relying on God's grace.

**People: Holy God, we like to claim that your way is mysterious and we are uncertain how to follow. We confess that we don't want to understand the fast that you choose. You call us to loose the bonds of injustice, to let prisoners free, to break every yoke, to bring the homeless into our house, to feed our neighbours and pray for our enemies. We make it sound like a difficult metaphor so we don't have to act on your word, because we don't like to be uncomfortable. Forgive our apathy, our wilful ignorance, our false modesty, and our unexamined privilege. Create in us a clean heart, and lead us into a Holy Lent...and beyond, to abundant life for all your creation. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: O Lord, You have been our help. In the shadow of Your wings we sing for joy. Our souls cling to you. Your hands hold onto us. We are reminded of Your forgiveness

and Your mercy. We are reminded that in You we have new life.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*RESPONSE**

***The Gloria Patri #581***

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen. Amen.

*(Note: The prayerful movements of our Interpretative Arts Ministry, during our Song of Response, represent our thanks to God in body, mind and soul for forgiveness and new life.)*

**\*Passing of the Peace**

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

*The people may exchange with one another, by words and gesture,  
signs of peace and reconciliation.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Michele Lawlor

ANTHEM

Ah, Holy Jesus. Ferguson

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." <sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup>you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:36-40 (NRSV)

<sup>36</sup> "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" <sup>37</sup> He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' <sup>38</sup> This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

GOSPEL READING

Luke 13:10-17 (NRSV)

<sup>10</sup> Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She



# POSTLUDE

## *Prelude and Fugue in D Minor*

J. S. Bach

\*Prayer of Confession written by Rev. Teri Peterson

\*Assurance of Pardon by Rev. Shannan Vance-Ocampo

\*Prayer for Illumination by Rev. Stephen M. Fearing

WELCOME to Buffalo Presbyterian Church. We are a congregation in which the Word, the Spirit, and the Love of God enrich and strengthen us as individuals and families in Christ.

The purpose of this Church is to fully equip us to become disciples of Jesus Christ, obeying His commandments to love and worship God, love and care for our neighbors, and make new disciples in our community and the world.

We are a congregation in The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and have been part of the Buffalo community since 1875. We moved to our present property on County Road 134 in 1996. Our Sunday morning worship time is 9:30 a.m. throughout the year. Please join us again!

**Classes Coffee and  
Conversations  
10:45am  
*Conversations to Go***

Sunday School for  
Elementary Age

Confirmation for 6th-9th  
Graders

### Worship Notes

- The People say the text printed in bold. \*Please stand in body or in Spirit
- We are equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher for a receiver.
- All children are welcome to join us for worship. If you desire, our nursery is available for children ages kindergarten and under.
- Activity bags are located in the back of the sanctuary for older children (first grade and up).
- Please refrain from bringing food and beverages (other than water) into the worship area.

Helpful and insightful hymn notes can be found under the hymns in the *Glory to God* hymnal.

### Biographical Sketch - Rev. Dr. Paula Sanders

Rev. Dr. Paula Sanders earned her Doctor of Ministry degree in at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago and Master of Divinity degree from United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. She was ordained as leader of the Lydia Women's Empowerment Project of North Minneapolis in October 2006 and served as the Executive Coordinator of the 219<sup>th</sup> PCUSA General Assembly held in Minneapolis in 2010. Rev. Sanders has since gone back to her roots as a liturgical textile artist, connecting women and textile arts as means of healing and social protest. Rev. Sanders is proud "Nana" to seven exceptional grandchildren.

## Buffalo Presbyterian Church Notes and News

**Lenten Soup Suppers:** Stay tuned for the upcoming Lenten soup suppers. They start on March 13th and go through April 10th. There will be classes for all to attend. Please sign up outside the office if you would like to bring soup and/or bread/crackers.

**March 13 -April 10 Wednesday Schedule:** 5:30pm Joyful Noise Choir, 6:00pm Soup Supper, 6:30 pm Children Imaginative Prayer, Yac (Youth Adventures with Christ), Adults Re-Confirmation, 7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal.

**Love INC-Big Woods is hosting an All You Can Eat Belgian Waffle Breakfast:** at St. Francis Xavier Catholic church on Sunday, March 31, from 8:30am – 1:00pm. There will be waffles, sausages, toppings and beverages. Tickets will be sold at the door – Adults \$8, children under 10 \$6, and kids under 5 eat free. (To-Go boxes available at the same price)  
Come before or after church - This is a great way to benefit one of the local missions that our church supports!

*Coming soon..... Watch for more details in the bulletin, newsletter and bulletin board.*

- The men's Wednesday night Bible study will not be meeting from March 6 through April 17.
- C.A.P. "Flower Spring Fling" with Linda Pacel will be on March 13 from 10am to noon.
- Synod School 2019: Cultivating Civil Community will be from July 21st through 26th at the Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, IA.

# This week at BPC

## **Sunday, March 10**

8:00a Adult Sunday School  
9:30a Worship  
10:45a Classes, Coffee, and Conversations

## **Monday, March 11**

7:00p AA Meeting

## **Tuesday, March 12**

7:00a Kiwanis  
7:30a Guy's Breakfast  
9:00a Crafty Ladies  
10:30a Men's Bible Study  
2:30p Finance Committee Meeting  
6:30p Missions Committee Meeting

## **Wednesday, March 13**

10:00a C.A.P.  
5:00p Building & Grounds Committee Meeting  
5:00p Education Committee Meeting  
5:30p Joyful Noise Youth Choir  
6:00p Soup Supper  
6:30p Youth Adventures with Christ  
7:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal

## **Thursday, March 14**

6:30a Women of Faith  
10:00a Women of Faith

## **Sunday, March 17**

8:00a Adult Sunday School  
9:30a Worship  
10:45a Classes, Coffee, and Conversations

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