



Welcome
TO
Worship

March 17, 2019
Second Sunday of Lent

Leading Worship Today:
Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Paula Sanders
Lay Leader: Mike Quady

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & MINUTE FOR MISSION

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

God of mercy, grant that the Word you speak this day may take root in our hearts, and bear fruit to your honor and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 27

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"

People: Your face, LORD, do I seek.

*OPENING HYMN

#49 The God of Abraham Praise

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: When we pass through deep waters or go through times of fiery trial, the Lord our God is with us. With confidence in God, our creator and redeemer, let us confess our sin.

People: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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.

*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

Lisa Ellwoods

ANTHEM

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 (NRSV)

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat

three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,"

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:36-40 (NRSV)

³⁶“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷ 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.’” ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

GOSPEL READING

Luke 13:10-17 (NRSV)

¹⁰ Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MESSAGE

The Great Commandment

Rev. Dr. Paula Sanders

SONG OF RESPONSE

#740 Lead, Me, Guide Me

(We will receive the morning offering while singing this song.)

Let us present ourselves to God as those who have been delivered from death to life.

*DOXOLOGY #606

*OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

*CLOSING HYMN

#223 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in D Minor (J. S. Bach)

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
Fellowship Committee

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 219th 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

Upcoming Blood Drive- March 18th: Please be looking out for sign-ups for volunteering at the next Red Cross blood drive! We will also have a sign-up to provide food for the Red Cross workers.

March 24: Our choir will be singing with the choir from Zion Lutheran Church during our service.

Church Cleaning Volunteers Needed: If you're looking for a way to volunteer your time with the church but have limited time to give, this may be the fit for you. Buildings and Grounds is looking for additional volunteers for Saturday church cleaning. We would like to be able to double up the cleaners and make the load lighter for those already volunteering. The commitment would be one weekend a month, or less. We will also be putting together a 'Substitute' list. Please contact Christy in the office or any member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee if you are interested and willing to be one of our church cleaners.

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!

BPC Spring Clean-Up and Cookout: Saturday, May 18, 2019 Clean-up: 9:00am - 1:00pm. Cookout to follow. If there are jobs around the church that you see needs to be done, please contact a member of the Buildings and Grounds committee so we can get it on the list.

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.
- BPC Spring Clean-Up and Cookout on May 18th. Clean up from 9am to 1pm. Cookout following.
- 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 17

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

Monday, March 18

12:00p Blood Drive
6:00p Deacons Meeting
7:00p AA Meeting

Tuesday, March 19

7:00a Kiwanis
7:30a Guy's Breakfast
9:00a Crafty Ladies
10:30a Men's Bible Study
6:30p Session

Wednesday, March 20

5:30p Joyful Noise Youth Choir
6:00p Soup Supper
6:30p Youth Adventures with Christ, Children: Imaginative Prayer, Adults:Re-Confirmation
7:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 21

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

Sunday, March 24

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

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