

First United Presbyterian Church of Tarentum  
**Upcoming Events**



**Maundy Thursday**  
**Worship & Communion**  
*Thursday, April 6th at 7pm*

**Children's Easter Party**  
*Saturday, April 1—11am to 1pm*  
*Join us for an egg hunt and fun activities for the kids! Community Welcome!*

**Tarentum Garden Day**  
*Join us at the Tarentum Garden for a work day on Saturday, April 22nd from 10am—12pm. We'll be cleaning and prepping the garden beds, bring your work gloves and tools!*

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**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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*"Where People and Community Matter"*  
A Matthew 25 Congregation



Wednesday, March 22, 2023

A Service of Evening Prayer

**Prelude** *"Aria"* **Peeters**

**Welcome**

**Introit** *"Jesus, Remember Me"* **Taize**

**Time of Preparation and Prayer**

**\*Opening Sentences**

**Leader:** Jesus Christ is the light of the world,  
**People:** **the light no darkness can overcome.**  
**Leader:** Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening  
**People:** **and the day is almost over.**  
**Leader:** Let your light scatter the darkness  
**People:** **and illumine your church.**  
**Leader:** Behold, now is the acceptable time;  
**People:** **now is the day of salvation.**  
**Leader:** Turn us again, O God of our salvation,  
**People:** **that the light of your face may shine on us.**  
**Leader:** May your justice shine like the sun;  
**People:** **and may the poor be lifted up. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

**\*Hymn** *"Day is Done"* **#544**

**Thanksgiving for Light**

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.  
**People:** **And also with you.**  
**Leader:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
**Leader:** Blessed are you, O Lord our God, the Shepherd of Israel, their pillar of cloud by day, their pillar of fire by night. In these forty days

you lead us in the desert of repentance that in this pilgrimage of prayer we might learn to be your people once more. In fasting and service you bring us back to your heart. You open our eyes to your presence in the world and you free our hands to lead others to the wonders of your grace. Be with us in these journey days, for without you we are lost and will perish. To you alone be dominion and glory, forever and ever. Amen.

### Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 141:1-5, 8-10

Leader: O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly; hear my voice when I cry to you.

People: **Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

Leader: Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips: let not my heart incline to any evil thing.

People: **Let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers, nor eat of their choice foods.**

Leader: Let the righteous smite me in friendly rebuke; let not the oil of the unrighteous anoint my head; for my prayer is continually against their wicked deeds. But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God, in you I take refuge; do not strip me of my life. Protect me from the snare which they have laid for me and from the traps of the evildoers.

People: **Let the wicked fall into their own nets, while I myself escape.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**(Time of Silent Prayer)**

Leader: Holy God, let the incense of our prayer ascend before you, and let your loving-kindness descend upon us, that with devoted hearts we may sing your praises with the church on earth and the whole heavenly host, and glorify you forever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

### Scripture Readings

### Meditation

Special Music *“Jesus Walked the Lonesome Valley”* Wood  
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Lord’s Prayer **(Unison)**

**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.**

\*Hymn *“Now, on Land and Sea Descending”* #545

### \*Blessing & Sending

Postlude *“Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land”* Spiritual

*\*Please stand if you are able to do so comfortably\**