

Lebanon Reformed Church

Serving As The Heart of Christ in the Community

First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2014

**Please stand if able.*

Thomas E Jones, Pastor

Welcome

Time of Meditation

*Man shall not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Matthew 4:4*

***Praise Song:** “Power of Your Love” (see insert)

We Approach God

***Votum and Salutation:**

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, Maker of heaven and earth.
Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

People: And our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Let us worship God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

People: We are new creations; the old has gone, the new has come!

Leader: Let us worship God as Christ’s ambassadors.

People: Through us and through our worship may we announce the good news to all.

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

People: Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!

Leader: Come, Let us worship God!

***Hymn of Praise:** #1 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Prayer of the Day

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

Most merciful God whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted your power to protect us.

Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness.

Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we, free from sins, might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed.

All: Thanks be to God, Amen

God’s Law:

Leader: When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain. After he sat down his disciples came to him. Then Jesus began to teach them by saying:

All: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to them.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to them.

“Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you and say all kinds of evil things about you falsely on account of me.

*Gloria Patri #620

The Word of God

Children’s Time

Prayer For Illumination

Anthem

Old Testament: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7..... Pg 2

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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Gospel: Matthew 4: 1-11.....Pg 785

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Message: *Temptation of Jesus*

*Hymn of Reflection: #449 “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

We Respond To God

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all

People: And also with you.

Leader: I invite you to greet one another with the Peace of Christ

Choral Response Bless the Lord, My Soul” (2X)

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless His holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Offering

*Doxology #623

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.

***Hymn of Dedication #6 "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"**

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

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*Depart to serve the Lord in joy and peace.*

**Please join us after worship for refreshments and fellowship**

If you are visiting for the first time,  
please sign our guest register in the sanctuary foyer.

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| Consistory Greeter: | Michelle Quinn, <i>Deacon</i> |
| Fellowship:         | Janice Park                   |
| Flower:             | Janice Park                   |
| Music Director:     | Dot Hoeflinger                |

*The 2014 Classis dues per member is \$81.74. Please use the envelope in your box of offering envelopes. You may pay it in whatever breakdown is convenient for you.*

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| <b>THIS WEEK: 3/10 – 3/16/14</b>         |        |                                                                                     |
|------------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MONDAY 3/10                              | 7pm    | Bell Choir                                                                          |
| WEDNESDAY 3/12                           | 6:30pm | Lenten ecumenical service @ Whitehouse United Methodist Church<br>Soup then lecture |
| THURSDAY 3/13                            | 7pm    | Chancel Choir                                                                       |
| SUNDAY 3/16                              | 9:45am | Sunday School + Adult Sunday School                                                 |
| <b>2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN<br/>LENT</b> | 11am   | Worship w/communion                                                                 |

**April 12<sup>th</sup> Book Sale** 12-4PM in Fellowship Hall. USED BOOK SALE to benefit OPERATION SHOE BOX for military personnel. Coffee will be served and baked goods will be available. Book donations for the sale can be dropped off in fellowship hall on Sunday mornings beginning March 2. Talk to Dale Webb with questions.

**DIRECTORY CORRECTION:** Electronic versions of the 2014 LRC Directory- Janice Park's cell number should have the area code **973**

**Charlie Morgan mentioned that he will not be able to attend worship often if he does not get a few more people who are willing to drive him on Sundays. Please talk with Joe Fulton, Bud Van Doren, Clark McFadden, or any of the other wonderful people who currently drive to find out what it involves.**

**Mar 30<sup>th</sup>** 12:30-1:30pm Three Bridges Reformed Church- Eastern University  
Traveling Drama Ministry presenting "Transformed"  
Free will offering. 908-788-3022 470 Main St, Three Bridges, NJ