

First Presbyterian Church
76 Salem Avenue
Carbondale, PA 18407

March 19, 2023

Organist/Choir Director Wendy Mol
Robert Gentile, Audio/Visual

10:30 AM

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

Prelude
Lighting of the Candles
Welcome

* Hymn We Gather Together #40

*Call to Worship

L We come to sanctify ourselves.

P We come seeking to be worthy of our call.

L Even in the deserts of our lives, **The Lord looks not at our outward selves,**

P but seeks to know what is in our hearts.

L Let us learn what is pleasing to the Lord.

P That we might live as children of the Most High.

* Affirmation of Faith The Apostle's Creed

* The Gloria Patri

Confession and Intercession

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

God of compassion and mercy, we sometimes fail to see what you are doing in the world. We want you to act in ways we predict, but we forget you do what is good, not what is expected. Forgive us when we do not recognize your miracles. Forgive us when we doubt the wisdom of your actions. Most of all, forgive us when we do not respond to your call, ignoring what we need to do to show the world your love and grace.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Announcements
Personal Prayers, Pastoral Prayer, Lord's Prayer

Time with Our Young People and the Young at Heart

Service of the Word

First Lesson 1 Sam. 16:1-13 Joy Smith

Second Lesson Eph. 5:8-14 Joy Smith

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

* Hymn Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us #576

Special Music Choir

Sermon Pastor Wayne Wolfe

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

* Doxology Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn All Glory, Laud, and Honor insert

* Congregational Hymn Just As I Am Without One Plea (verse one) #562

* Postlude

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***If able please stand**

TODAYS SERVICE

The flowers in the Bible Bouquet this morning are given to the glory of God by our Deacons.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY Choir Practice, 5:00 p.m.

THURSDAY Pastor Wayne's Office Hours 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Bible Study "Mark" 6:15 p.m. Also, on Zoom.

FRIDAY Brass Ensemble, 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Also, asynchronous on Facebook.

If no one is available to answer the phone when you call the office, please leave a message. The phone number is 570-282-4611.

Pastor Wayne's e-mail address is PASTORWAYNEWOLFE@AOL.COM **Our e-mail address is fpccarbondale@echoes.net and Web address: firstprescarbondale.org**

We will be hosting a Take-Out Pasta Dinner on March 25th in Fellowship Hall. Dinners will be \$12 and will include salad, bread, pasta and meatballs, and dessert. 3pm-6:30pm, Fellowship Hall.

Please Save the Date: August 20th, our Church Picnic will be held at Merli Sarnoski Park, following service.

If you would like Easter Flowers, please have your orders in to the office by April 7th.