

# Village Chapel Presbyterian Church

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**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**MARCH 22, 2020**



Moses and the Burning Bush a Byzantine Icon

*“Village Chapel Presbyterian Church is a congregation of God’s people, a lively community of faith, striving to serve God according to God’s ever evolving plan; passionately seeking opportunities to reflect God’s love in our everyday lives through service, humility, self-examination and reflection, study and prayer. We are called to be generous and wise stewards of our God given gifts, talents, money and earthly resources, both as individuals and as the Body of Christ. Our mission, simply stated is that we are called to love, and to serve, and to be beacons of Christ’s endless love and forgiveness, spreading God’s eternal light to all people.”*

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**MARCH 22, 2020**                      **11:00 AM**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**CALLED TOGETHER**

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PRELUDE                                      "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"                                      Joey Raney

\*CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

God calls to us from a burning bush.

**We are standing on holy ground!**

The Spirit calls us to proclaim God's name to all generations.

**We are standing on holy ground!**

Jesus calls us from the cross: come and follow me.

**We are standing on holy ground!**

\*HYMN NO. 49                      "The God of Abraham Praise" (vs. 1&4)                                      LEONI

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, perhaps your voice issuing forth from a burning bush is what we need to shake us from our complacency. We are so distracted ... by the coronavirus and the presidential race and stock market drops. And when we do turn aside, we have a hard time comprehending your call to us. We feel so inadequate. So we look to others to do the work. We are happy to support their efforts with our funds and our limited interest, but you want more, don't you?**

**Forgive our slowness of action and heart, O Lord. Quicken our spirits to accept the call you have for us. Give us courage and strength to do your will and help others in need. We ask these things in the name of Jesus our Lord. (*silent prayers of confession*)** And all God's people say, **Amen.**

RESPONSE:                                      "Jesus, Remember Me"                                      No. 227

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

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\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the power of the burning bush, in the quiet stillness, in the everyday noises of living, God is calling to each one of us, telling us to trust in the gifts which God has bestowed upon us and God's wisdom for the path ahead.

**God sees beyond whatever past failings would disqualify us. God forgives us. We are beloved and blessed by God and called to be a blessing to others.**

\*SHARING THE PEACE    *"The peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you!"*

\*SONG OF PRAISE                      "Surely, it is God Who Saves Me"                                      No. 71, refrain

**Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid.**  
**For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and God will be my Savior.**

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<sup>1</sup> The Call to Worship is by Laura Jaquith Bartlett; the confession and pardon are by Nancy Townley; both drawn from [ministrymatters.com](http://ministrymatters.com).

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## TO RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

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SPECIAL MUSIC "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" by. Jack Schrader

GATHERING "Where Children Belong"

**This, this is where children belong,  
Welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.  
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song:  
This is where children belong.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN Amy Parker

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 3:1-11

SERMON "Holy Ground" Dr. Todd Wright

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## TO RESPOND IN FAITH

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed page 35

\*HYMN NO. 69 "Here I Am, Lord" *HERE I AM*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

\*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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## TO LIVE AS DISCIPLES

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\*HYMN NO. 701 "Sanctuary" *SANCTUARY*

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE: "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" No.541

**God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE: "Redeemed" John Carter

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**WORSHIP LEADERS:** Rev. Dr. Todd Wright, *preacher*; Rev. Dr. Amy Parker; Sharon Curnutte, *pianist*

### THIS SUNDAY, March 22, 2020

+ 11:00 AM – Worship

#### THIS WEEK

+ Thursday, March 26, Newsletter & Village Chapel's Birthday

### NEXT SUNDAY, March 29, 2020

+ 9:45 AM – Sunday School To Be Determined

+ 11:00 AM – Worship



**Those having a birthday this week:** Judy Haddock (24<sup>th</sup>), Katie Parks (24<sup>th</sup>), David Salisbury (25<sup>th</sup>) Tyler Zubick (26<sup>th</sup>), Betsy White (28<sup>th</sup>), Heather Parks (28<sup>th</sup>). If we have missed your birthday, please let us know!

**PRAYERS FOR:** Tonna Smalley, the family of Bonnie Waggy, the family of Gretchen Spella, Beth Haddock, Bertha Miller, Betsy White; Kathryn McCrary; Dave Dawson; Sharon Richardson; Erin Chiparo; Jane Harich; Sandy and Leon Copeland; Jeanne MacDonald; Lynn Gunnoe; Martha Foster; Nancy Trotter; Maggie Powell; David Joslin; Steve and Susie Matulis; Tyler Zubick; Helen Singleton; Todd Wright, Amy Parker & their families; the session of Village Chapel

**Those in care facilities:** Martha Foster, Sherry Russell, Helen Singleton

**Those overseas:** Matthew Walker

**All Students**

**Military Service:** Josie Thomas, Paul Caruso, Rich Jarrett, and John Underhill

**Nyeri Presbytery:** The Kihora Church (Pronounced KAY-HOR'Rah)

**WV Council of Churches:** Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America

**Churches in the Presbytery of WV:** Bramwell Presbyterian Church, Clear Creek Presbyterian Church, Gilbert Presbyterian Church

**Missionaries:** Steve and Sonia Dettweiler



**STAFF**

**Rev. Dr. Todd Wright, Pastor**

**Rev. Dr. Amy Parker, Minister of Education and the Arts**

**Carolyn Perrine, Organist**

**Leslie Bremer, Secretary**

**Dionne Canterbury, Children's Choir Dir.**

**Sharon Curnutte, Choir Director Emeritus**

**SESSION**

**Class of 2020**

Jack Grimm  
Kathy Kruk  
Peggy Palmer  
Patty Skaff  
Brendan Stump

**Class of 2021**

Heather Barry  
Greg Rader  
Sarah Stump  
Barbara Tabaretti

**Class of 2022**

Judy Haddock  
Bob Hiser  
Jeff Smith  
Rona Smith

**Clerk of Session**

Rose Ann Walker

**TRUSTEES**

Richard Callard '20  
John France '21  
Nancy Wallace '22