

# balmoral presbyterian church service of worship

February 18, 2018

The First Sunday of Lent

11:00am

*\*asterisk invites you to please stand if you are able*

*please turn your cell phones to silent*

## Choral Introit

“Jesus, Give Us Strength”

Tony Alonso

## Chiming the Hour

Bells of Balmoral

## Prelude

## \*Call to Worship<sup>‡</sup>

Susie Knight

One: May God of the Lenten journey be with you.

**All: And also with you!**

One: Bring all that you are and all that you have to the Lord.

**All: We bring our hearts, our hopes, our sorrows, and our joys.**

One: Let our community of faith celebrate the Sabbath day!

**All: With gratitude and joy our spirits rise and rejoice in the presence of our God!**

## \*Hymn 393

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

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## Confession

Rev. Carla Meisterman

**All: Creator of our lives, You made the Sabbath for our renewal. You created Sabbath to teach the world that we can rest in Your goodness and triumph over the spirit of despair. We are not faithful to keep the Sabbath as a day of grace and holiness. We do not seek to know You or delight in You. We live disconnected from the joy of the Lord which is our strength. Forgive us, Faithful One. You are the God of Word and Wisdom in whom we find enjoyment forever. Help us to practice the Sabbath on our Lenten journey.**

*Keep a generous silence, and listen to your life.*

## Assurance

Rev. Carla Meisterman

## \*Share the Peace of Christ

Susie Knight

## \*Congregational Chorus 753 “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

**Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.**

**Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.**

**O, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.**

**Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.**

**Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.**

## Announcements

Rev. Carla Meisterman

## bpc mission statement

We will respond to our call to share bread with the hungry,  
befriend the marginalized,  
and engage our minds, talents and treasures  
toward building a community reflective of God's Kingdom.



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leiza collins  
pianist  
lynn ward  
bell choir  
mary hattie mc alister &  
carolyn kelly  
child care attendants

## Musical Offering

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Paul T. Langston

## Prayer for Illumination

Susie Knight

## Centering Silence...*Be still. Prepare yourself to hear the Word of God.*

**Scriptures** Nehemiah 8:8-12 & Hebrews 4:9-11a Rev. Carla Meisterman & Susie Knight

## Sermon

Rev. Carla Meisterman

## Silent Reflection...*In the silence, attend to what the Spirit has given you.*

### \*Hymn 157

“I Danced in the Morning”

LORD OF THE DANCE

## The Prayers of God’s People

Susie Knight

## A Time for Offerings

Susie Knight

Please place tithes, offerings, and sign-up sheets in the brass plates. Children will collect quarters to provide funds to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund to help with rebuilding after the 2017 fires and hurricanes. Place Pennies for Hunger in the glass jar near the sanctuary doors for our Food Pantry.

## Offertory

### \*Hymn 710

“We Lift Our Voices”

OFFERING

### \*Prayer to Dedicate the Gifts

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### \*Hymn 23

“God, You Spin the Whirling Planets”

PLEADING SAVIOR

### \*Charge and Blessing

Rev. Carla Meisterman

### \*Benediction Hymn

“Lord, Let Us Leave Now”

Old English Tune

**Lord, let us leave now, filled with Thee anew,  
and pledged to Thy service in all that we do.**

**Though we have some questions, our faith in Thee is sure.**

**We know Thou art with us; Thy way will endure.**

**Lord, let us leave now, filled with Thee anew,  
and pledged to Thy service in all that we do.**



‡Call to Worship adapted from Shuman, Thom M., “Lectionary Liturgies,” Lent 4-B.  
(lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2015/03/liturgy-wcommunion-for-march-15-2015\_8.html)

# announcements...

- **HEADSETS** for improved hearing are available in the sound booth at the window side of the sanctuary.
- This year during **LENT** we will be focusing on celebrating the Lenten Disciplines of Sabbath, Simplicity, Silence, Service, Study, and for Holy Week, the discipline of Submission. Palm Sunday is Sunday, March 25, 2018. On Maundy Thursday we will welcome storyteller Phyllis Blackstone who will help us prepare our hearts for the coming of Easter on April 1, 2018.
- This is the **last Sunday to NOMINATE** three individuals to serve on the **SESSION CLASS OF 2021**. On your sign-up sheet, nominate a member to serve on each one of our committees as part of the Class of 2021. Please speak to the individuals you are nominating to get their permission before placing their names in nomination. Our 2018 Nominating Committee—Gordon Brigman (chair), Becky DeLoach, and Don Lamb—will discern, with all of you, the three people who are called to help lead our church.
- Rev. Meisterman will be on **PERSONAL LEAVE** beginning Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018. She will return to the office on Thursday, March 8, 2018. She will be caring for her mother who is having knee surgery.
- **Rev. Anne Hagler** will be **ON CALL** from Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018, through Wednesday, March 7, 2018, while Rev. Meisterman is away and will preach on Sunday, February 25, 2018, and Sunday, March 4, 2018. You may reach Anne at **901-628-2014**.
- Invite family, neighbors, and friends to enjoy **ACOUSTIC EIDOLON’s** return engagement at BPC for their “Soul Music Concert” this Thursday, February 22, 2018, at 7:00pm in our sanctuary. You will not want to miss these exceptional musicians!! They will have their CDs for sale in the narthex.
- February is **HEART HEALTHY MONTH at BPC**. Save the date for our **POTLUCK** on Sunday, February 25, 2018, and bring a dish to serve 12. We will welcome registered dietitian Allison Bray as our featured speaker for the Potluck. She will give important tips on healthy eating. Watch for heart healthy recipes in the newsletter over the next month! Let’s learn to take care of our hearts together!!
- Reserve 10am to noon on Saturday, March 10, 2018, for our **LENTEN RETREAT** in the fellowship hall. Leiza Collins will lead the first hour with “Healthrhythms” and Rev. Anne Hagler will guide us the second hour with ways we can focus on growing spiritually. Invite a friend and attend!
- **BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK:** Rick Pride (24)

our worship has ended...our service begins...