

Amity Presbyterian Church



Third Sunday in Lent March 3, 2024

Glorifying Christ - Always Loving, Serving, & Growing

Welcome to worship! We're glad you're here. At Amity, we truly believe that each person is a loved child of God, so we seek to welcome everyone as fully as God does. We celebrate the presence of children of all ages in worship, along with their noise and wiggles. Please make yourself at home.

Pastor: Rev. Megan Argabrite
Worship Leader: Barbara Snow

Director of Music: Isaiah Cornelius
Accompanist: Shaun T. Koh

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We Gather Around the Word

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*The congregation speaks the words in **bold***)

Gather us in, the brokenhearted and the joyful.

Gather us in, the weak and the strong.

Gather us in, the fearful and the brave.

Gather us in, the young and the old.

Gather us in, to sing of God's works.

Gather us in, to praise Jesus Christ.

Gather us in, to worship and wonder.

Gather us in, to know of God's love.

*SONG OF PRAISE

I Danced in the Morning

Hymn #157

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Singing together:

Music: #695

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

Together we make our confession:

Creator God,

**we know that we are to enter your gates with thanksgiving,
shouting for joy, and worshiping you with gladness.**

**We confess that too often we forget
it is you who give life and sustain it.**

**Forgive us for thinking we have made it all on our own,
that we stand alone, above, and apart
from those with whom you call us into community.**

**Forgive us for our foolishness, O Lord.
Remind us that there is strength in being vulnerable,
and healing in healthy community.
Lord, help us to open our hearts to you and to one another...**
Silent prayer

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: ...Hear and believe the good news of the gospel!
Many: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia, amen!

We Proclaim the Word

THE GOSPEL IN OTHER WORDS

Children of all ages are invited to come to the front.

THE GIFT OF MUSIC

If Ye Love Me

Thom Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father,
And He shall give you another comforter,
That He may abide with you forever; E'en the spirit of truth.

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Hebrews 10:19-25* Page 1872 in Pew Bible

PSALTER READING *Psalms 100* Page 936 in Pew Bible

SUNG RESPONSE *Glory Be to the Father* Hymn #581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

MESSAGE

"Why Does Church Matter?"

Pastor Megan

We Respond to the Word

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O Jesus, our beloved, we give you thanks for inviting us to your table and sharing your feast. May we know that we have been fed with love and grace, and may we follow you out in the world, ambassadors of your hope and peace. Amen.

INVITATION TO GIVE

We Follow the Word Into the World

*SONG OF PRAISE *Blessed Be the Tie That Binds* (vs. 1, 3, 4) Hymn #306

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Amen

Hymn #561

The image shows a musical score for the benediction response. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 6/8. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - men.' are written below the treble staff, with hyphens under the words to indicate the rhythm. The music is a simple, rhythmic setting of the word 'Amen'.

*POSTLUDE

*You're invited to stand, if able

Pastor Megan will be away next week on study leave. Pastor Erin Tolar will be preaching next Sunday. If you have pastoral concerns, please call the church office or one of the elders.

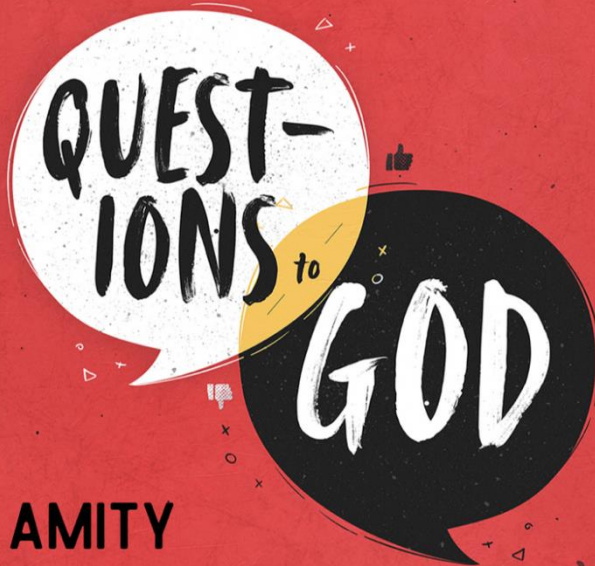
We will celebrate Communion today. At Amity, everyone is welcome at the Lord's Table. Yes, that means you too.

Presbyterian Women's Night Circle will meet this Monday evening, at 5:30 p.m. in the Amity Room. **PW Morning Circle** will meet Tuesday morning, at 10:00 a.m. in the Library.

Weekly Lenten Bible Study will be held each Wednesday, February 21st through March 27th from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Amity Room. Pastor Megan will lead a study deeper into the scriptures and themes for each week.

Community Connections Ministry is looking for members. We'll be discussing the youth program, children's ministry, as well as looking out into the community during this first meeting. We'll be meeting Thursday, March 7th in the Amity Room at 4:00. Please come if you want to be a part of this exciting ministry at Amity.

Congratulations to Pastor Amisi Ngongo and his wife, Safi Mauwa on the birth of their baby girl, Megan. She was born on Monday, February 26th. She is also being welcomed by her big brother, Godwin. Welcome to your Amity family, Megan!



LENT AT AMITY

Ash Wednesday

Feb. 14 Drop-in between 11am and 2pm

Receive ashes from Pastor Megan and take time for the self-guided prayer stations in the sanctuary

Sundays in Lent

Feb. 18

Who is God?

Feb. 25

Is the Bible reliable?

Mar. 3

Why does church matter?

Mar. 10

Why do bad things happen to good people?

Mar. 17

How do I forgive?

Mar. 24 Palm Sunday

What's so special about Jesus?

Holy Week

Why did Jesus have to die?

Mar. 31 Easter Sunday

Why be a Christian?

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Amity Prayer Needs

Health Needs

Charlie and Penny Mills

Betty Valek

Ben Stokes

Tina Emmons

Donna Dobson

Ray and Rick Gelinas

Dick & Marie Houston

Karen Edwards

Stephanie Ellis (Melissa Ellis' daughter)

Tabitha Gower (friend of Karen Edwards & Kirstin Gelinas)

Bill Ross (Parkinson's)

Sharon DeBoer (surgery on March 4 and March 13)

Glenn Butterworth

Jamie Beck

Marilyn Long

Grieving

Family of Nancy Drummond

Family of Patrick Lasseter (husband of Janice Johnston's daughter, Eydie)

Other Concerns

Angela Johnson and for her daughter, Sarah's, safety

Jimmy Jones, housing

The Farrell Family (Melissa and Dylan, and sister Christina's health)

Prayers for the World

Victims and Perpetrators of Gun Violence

The people of Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, Russia

Peace in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Victims of natural disasters

Those suffering from addictions

Your church family wants to pray for you. To be added to the prayer list, call the church office or email your request to office@amitypc.org

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