

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February: 2/18: Brenda Carlson

Tuesday Night Out (TNO) February 27, 5 pm.
Historic Scott House. Cost is \$23.00 Sign up at Information Central.

Per Capita: 2024 assessment is: \$34.00 per member.

Coffee & Conversation servers are needed. Please sign up at
Information Central.

Annual Meeting & Luncheon: February 25
Election of Elders and review the 2024 budget.
Sign up at Information Central.

Flower Power: Let's brighten Sunday worship! Sign up at
Information Central.

Office carpet and lower hall floor will be installed beginning
February 19-22.

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Presbyterian Church of Cloquet

Order of Worship
February 18, 2024
First Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE

Union Seminary

Paul Manz

Please spend this time of preparation in prayerful silence.

WELCOME and SHARING

GREETING OF PEACE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Psalm 25)

O God, in you we trust.

Lead us in your truth and teach us,

for you are the God of our salvation;

for you we wait, for you we worship.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

We pause here to examine our lives, our temptations, and the ways we have fallen short before our God. Let us confess our sins together.

HYMN #157 *I Danced in the Morning*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, as we begin this Lenten wilderness journey with Jesus, we confess our neglect of you and our faith. We make idols of nation, money and power. We build walls instead of better relationships. We fail to follow Jesus to the poor, the destitute, the stranger. Empty us this Lent, Holy God. Guide us in our faith so we can leave this wilderness season in right relationship with you. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION *Silent prayers may be offered* **Amen.**

RESPONSE: *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Remember and receive these hopeful words from John 8 31:-32. “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you.” Receive God’s truth. Receive God’s grace. Accept the freedom God provides. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of grace, help us seek you and the truth you intend for us today. Let us not be distracted by worldly pursuits or pleasures. Help us to focus our hearts and minds on you and your Word read and proclaimed. Amen.

CHORAL OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

First Reading: Genesis 9: 8-7
Psalm: Psalm 25: 1-10
Second Reading: 1 Peter 3: 18-22
Gospel: Mark 1: 9-15

Homily: Brenda Carlson

HYMN #166 *Lord, Who Throughout These 40 days*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (1 Timothy 3:16)

Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of our religion: Christ Jesus was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory.

Joys and Concerns

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD’S PRAYER (Debts/Debtors)

Offering Invitation

Offertory *Amazing Grace* Lani Smith

***Doxology** (traditional)

***HYMN** #783 *When We Are Tested*

BENEDICTION

May the grace, hope, peace and love of God the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us all, now and forever. Amen.

POSTLUDE *Westminster Abby* Paul Manz