


First Presbyterian Church

March 30, 2025

The
Rich Man
and
Lazarus



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10:30 A.M

PRELUDE –

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

--- Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

***INVOCATION (Opening Prayer)**

O God, we ask that your Spirit will move among us as we gather together in your name. Open our hearts and minds to receive your word, to hear your voice, and to experience your presence. Fill us with joy as we meet with you. Show us your glory and splendor. Open the eyes of our hearts to know you more and delight in you. May this time of worship be a time of encounter with you, our living God. **Amen.**

***HYMN “To God Be the Glory”**

#485 BLUE

1 To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

R Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory: great things He hath done.

2 Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [R]

CALL TO CONFESSION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Gracious God, you created the world for us to flourish in.

But we have neglected you and all your good gifts.

In this and in so many ways we sin against you and others,

Yet you call us with your grace and provide mercy when we seek you to confess our sins and be in fellowship with you.

(Time of silent personal confession)

O God, we talk about you as the one who created the world, who knows more than we do and who empowers us to do great things.

That is, until you ask us to live out what we say.

Then we run away and talk about limits.

We simply don't trust you.

Forgive us for limiting your work in our lives and the world because of our lack of trust.

Forgive us for seeing obstacles as being more powerful than you.

O Lord, help our unbelief so that we will trust you.

Pour out your Spirit on us as we seek to proclaim your greatness. Give us courage to share your love with others.

In Christ by the power of the Spirit because of the Father's love, we are forgiven.
God loves us with a love that is everlasting and unceasing. Thanks be to God.

***HYMN “Speak, O Lord”**

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Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us all Your purposes, for Your glory.

MESSAGE “The Rich Man and Lazarus”

Special Music “Tramp on the Street”

Words and music by Grady Cole and Hazel Cole

I. Only a tramp was Lazarus' fate. He who laid down at the rich man's gate.
He begged for the crumbs from the rich man to eat, but they left him to die
like a tramp on the street.

Chorus: He was some mother's darling, he was some mother's son.
Once he was fair, once he was young. Some mother rocked him her darling to
sleep, but they left him to die like a tramp on the street.

II. Jesus, who died on calvary's tree shed his life's blood for you and for me.
They pierced His side, His hands and His feet, then they left Him to die like
a tramp on the street. (Chorus)

III. If Jesus should come and knock at your door, seeking to enter or bread
from your store. Would you welcome Him in or turn Him away?
Then the Lord would reward you on the great judgement day.

IV. He was some mother's darling, He was God's only Son. Once he was
fair, once he was young. His mother rocked Him her darling to sleep.
But they left him to die like a tramp on the street.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “The Apostle's Creed” PAGE 14 BLUE

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in
Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,
and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the
dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the
Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life
everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – Lord Jesus Christ - INSERT

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.*

***HYMN “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love” #367 BLUE**

R Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
Master who pours out himself for them. [R]

2 Neighbors are rich folk and poor, varied in color and race,
Neighbors are nearby and far away. [r]

3 these are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love;
All these are neighbors to us and you. [r]

4 loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves,
This is the way we should live with you. [r]

5 kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet,
This is the way we should live with you. [r]

CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE

BENEDICTION

--- Based on 1 Thess. 5

May the Spirit who lives in us through the power of God

So work in our lives that we willing follow the God’s call on our lives.

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through.

Keeping your spirit whole and complete, blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The one who calls you is faithful, and he will complete his work in your life.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the power of the Spirit and the love of God protect you in all ways – now and forever Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE –

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Deacon of the Month:

March: Liz Sweeney

Upcoming Events:

Good Friday April 18 6:00 PM

Worship Leaders: Hannah Mergen, Jay Stoneman, and Pastor Tim Dyck

Luke 16:19-31

"There was a rich man who dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. But at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus whose body was covered with sores, who longed to eat what fell from the rich man's table. In addition, the dogs came and licked his sores.

"Now the poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. And in hell, as he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far off with Lazarus at his side. So he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in anguish in this fire.'

But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus likewise bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in anguish. Besides all this, a great chasm has been fixed between us, so that those who want to cross over from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.'

So the rich man said, 'Then I beg you, father– send Lazarus to my father's house (for I have five brothers) to warn them so that they don't come into this place of torment.'

But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they must respond to them.'

Then the rich man said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

He replied to him, 'If they do not respond to Moses and the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Future Sermon Themes

Date	Sermon Theme	Scripture
30	The Rich Man and Lazarus	Luke 16:19-31
April 6	Zacchaeus	Luke 19:1 - 10
13	Palm Sunday	Luke 29:37-48
18	Good Friday	"Who is This?"
20	Easter	Luke 24:1-12

27	The Plan	Luke 24:13-48
May 4	Being Forgiven	John 21:1-25