



Pittsburg Presbyterian Church

March 13, 2022 ~ 10:00 am

Second Sunday in Lent

GATHERING

Prelude

Canticle of Turning

Based on an Irish folk melody/Arr. James A. Harris

James A. Harris, celtic harp

Lay Leader: Preset your folder at your seat.

Bring in the Light of Christ during the Prelude.

Welcome

Trevor Elliott

Good Morning, we are glad you are here with us today at Pittsburg Presbyterian Church. We are truly blessed to gather together for worship on this second Sunday in Lent.

Guest Speaker Introduction

Trevor Elliott

Today, we have a guest speaker, in the form of a video. Dream Big Little One is Love. Dream Big Little One is thoughtfulness. The mission of Dream Big Little One is to assist children in need of bed and bedding. Pre-recorded video by Tess Watson, developer of Dream Big and Debbie Walker.

Mission Statement

Trevor Elliott

Our Mission at Pittsburg Presbyterian Church is to love God, know Christ, care for one another, and to joyfully share the good news of Jesus Christ!

Please remain seated and join together in singing our Missional Song.

Missional Song

Susan Laushman

Love God, care for one another;

Know Christ, care for one another;

Joyfully share the good news of Jesus Christ!

Joyfully share the good news of Jesus Christ!

Please stand for the Opening Sentences.

***Opening Sentences**

Trevor Elliott

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: The Lord is our light,

People: light no darkness can overcome.

Leader: Jesus Christ is our salvation.

People: Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.

Leader: *Our opening hymn today is "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" ...Come, let us worship God.*

***Opening Hymn**

Glory To God #223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

(V 1, 2, 4)

Verse 1

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Verse 2

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

Verse 4

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Please be seated

Announcements

Trevor Elliott

- *Good morning and thank you for worshiping with us today!*
- *As part of COVID precautions, please be respectful of those that wish to social distance.*
- *Please Check-in on Social Media to share the peace of Christ with your friends and loved ones online!*
- *(Explain & show the Yellow Cards.) Please fill out the front and write any information/prayer concerns, etc. on the back and place it in one of the white boxes at the back of the Sanctuary, as you leave.*
- *"Kids Following Jesus" (KFJ) is available online. Please access the KFJ video through "The Sower", Facebook page, or YouTube channel.*
- *(Show the Announcement flyer): Please refer to the Announcement flyer for important information and take it home with you.*
- *Choir Practices: Bell Choir and Pitt Pres Choir practices are on Wednesday evenings, with Bell Choir at 6 pm and the Pitt Pres Choir at 7 pm. Please contact Brock Willard at bwillard@gus.pittstate.edu for more information.*

*** Please mention any last minute announcements.**

Call to Confession

Trevor Elliott

*The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?
With humble hearts, let us confess our sins before God and one another.*

Prayer of Confession

Trevor Elliott

Leader: Merciful God,

*All: you have made us citizens of heaven,
but we confess that we have set our minds on earthly things.
We have let our desire for security restrain our
commitment to serve the poor.
We have let our fear of danger curb our obligation to love our enemies.
We have let our love of things dull our generosity to the needy.
We have let our craving for public status prevent our
honesty about hidden sins.
Yet, you know the desires of our heart and nothing is hidden from you.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
conform our sin-weakened bodies to the glory of Christ,
that we may be the body of Christ for the world.*

Leader: Hear now our individual silent confessions:

Wait a minute and say "Amen", then proceed into the Assurance of Pardon.

Assurance of Pardon

Trevor Elliott

*Leader: God, our light and our salvation, . . .
does not forsake us or leave us with our sin.
. . . In Christ we are forgiven and offered the gift of healing repentance.*

People: Thanks be to God!

[Virginia offers intro to *Gloria*]

Please stand

***Gloria Patri**

Glory to God #581

Meineke

*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.*

Please be seated

WORD

Special Music

God So Loved the World

John Stainer/Arr. Larry Mayfield and Derric Johnson

Pitt Pres Choir

Old Testament Reading *Psalm 27 (NIV)*

Trevor Elliott

Reader: A reading from Psalm chapter 27.

Listen to the word of God:

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation—
 whom shall I fear?
 The Lord is the stronghold of my life—
 of whom shall I be afraid?*
- 2 When the wicked advance against me
 to devour me,
 it is my enemies and my foes
 who will stumble and fall.*
- 3 Though an army besiege me,
 my heart will not fear;
 though war break out against me,
 even then I will be confident.*
- 4 One thing I ask from the Lord,
 this only do I seek:
 that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
 all the days of my life,
 to gaze on the beauty of the Lord
 and to seek him in his temple.*
- 5 For in the day of trouble
 he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
 he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent
 and set me high upon a rock.*
- 6 Then my head will be exalted
 above the enemies who surround me;
 at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy;
 I will sing and make music to the Lord.*
- 7 Hear my voice when I call, Lord;
 be merciful to me and answer me.*
- 8 My heart says of you, "Seek his face!"
 Your face, Lord, I will seek.*
- 9 Do not hide your face from me,
 Do not turn your servant away in anger;
 you have been my helper.
 Do not reject me or forsake me,
 God my Savior.*
- 10 Though my father and mother forsake me,
 the Lord will receive me.*
- 11 Teach me your way, Lord;
 lead me in a straight path
 because of my oppressors.*

12 *Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes,
for false witnesses rise up against me,
spouting malicious accusations.*

13 *I remain confident of this:
I will see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.*

14 *Wait for the Lord;
be strong and take heart
and wait for the Lord.*

This is the word of God.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

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**New Testament Reading**      *Philippians 3:17-4:1 (NIV)*      **Trevor Elliott**

*Reader: A reading from Philippians, chapter 3, verses 17 through chapter 4, verse 1.  
Listen to the word of God:*

17 *Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. <sup>18</sup> For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup> Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.*

4 *Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!*

*This is the word of God.*

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

**Guest Speaker**

**Video**

**Dream Big, Little One  
Tess Watson and Debbie Walker**

**Prayer Hymn**

*Glory to God #629*

*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

(V 1)

Verse 1

Jesus, the very thought of thee  
with sweetness fills my breast.  
But sweeter far thy face to see,  
and in thy presence rest.

**Prayer of Intercession**

**Trevor Elliott**

**You may say your own words OR the following:**

*Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord saying, Lord have mercy.*

*For the church throughout the world, that all who bear the name of Christ  
may find true repentance for their sins and walk in the ways of peace,  
. . . let us pray to the Lord.*

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** *For the nations of the world,  
wherever there is poverty, war, or oppression of human spirit,  
that all people may repent of the evil they do to one another,  
. . . let us pray to the Lord.*

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** *For the planet Earth, God's gift to humankind,  
that we repent of selfish or thoughtless exploitation  
and tend it with care so that all may share justly in its bounty,  
. . . let us pray to the Lord.*

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** *For the leaders of the nations,  
that they may work for the common good of all people  
and repent of arrogant nationalism,  
. . . let us pray to the Lord.*

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** *For our enemies,  
that we may learn to love them with regard for God's compassion,  
forgiving wrongs and seeking reconciliation,  
. . . let us pray to the Lord.*

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** *For those who are sick or in trouble,  
for the defenseless, the weak, and the poor,  
that they may find help in their time of need,  
and that the church may heed their cry,  
. . . let us pray to the Lord.*

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** *Loving God,  
hear the prayers of your people for the sake of our world.  
With our prayers, accept the dedication of our lives  
that we may minister to the world in the name of Jesus,  
through whom we pray.*

*Please join together as Jesus taught us to pray . . .*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**People:** 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.

## Invitation to Offering

Trevor Elliott

*As we prepare for our offering today, there are various ways that you may give. You may place your offering and Yellow Card in the white box, at the back, as you leave or contact the office for other options.*

*Christ has given his life for us.*

*Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.*

## Prayer for Offering

Trevor Elliott

*Let us pray:*

*O God, we have beheld your goodness to us.*

*Accept the offering of the work of our hands,*

*and use us for the sake of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.*

Please stand

## \*The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## \*Affirmation of Faith

### *A Humble Creed*

Trevor Elliott

(For the season of Lent)

lines 13-22

<https://modernliturgist.org/project/seasonal-creeds/>

*Leader: Believer, what do you believe?*

*People: I believe in Christ's humble spirit*

*Conceiving the holy, apostolic and universal church,  
which is among us and beyond us, before us and after us.*

*I believe in a church comprised of sinners and saints,  
imperfect and in need of grace,  
yet blessed – the body of Christ.*

*I believe in the forgiveness of sins,*

*The resurrection of the body,*

*And the life everlasting. Amen.*

## \*Closing Hymn

Trevor Elliott

*Our closing hymn today is "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling".*

*\*Closing Hymn*

*Glory To God #366*

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

*(V 1, 4)*

*Verse 1*

*Love divine, all loves excelling,*

Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion;  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation;  
enter every trembling heart.

Verse 4

Finish then thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

**\*Blessing & Charge**

**Trevor Elliott**

**You may prepare your own OR the following:**

*The God of reconciliation bless you,  
the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you,  
and the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen you  
this day and forevermore.*

**Lay Leader:** After the blessing, begin to take the light of Christ into the world:

1. Light the candle lighter with one of the candles on the communion table.
2. Extinguish both candles on the communion table.
3. Stand with the light, facing the congregation.
4. Walk out with the light through the East aisle, in front of Pastor, to the back of the sanctuary.
5. Extinguish the light and stow the candle lighter.

**Postlude**

*Longing*

**Mark Hayes/Arr. Marvin Gaspard  
Virginia Darling, organ**