

## ***This Week's Roadmap: Prayer***

***Reflect on these "mile markers" this week:***

What does prayer mean to you?

What do you understand to be true about prayer?

Do you struggle in your prayer life? Why or why not?

Why do you think prayer is on God's roadmap?

### ***Lenten Judas Purse***

*This week's Judas Purse focus is technology.*



Mobile banking and apps, computers, and solar energy are common in the U.S. But World Vision is using this same technology to transform remote communities around the world. Every minute counts when a disaster strikes. ***Last Mile Mobile Solutions***, developed by World Vision and now being used by a dozen other organizations, is revolutionizing how survivors receive food, cash assistance, and relief supplies in their time of greatest need.

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**Join us this weekend for "Walk This Way."**

**Saturday | 6:00 p.m. Sunday | 8:25 a.m. and 10:35 a.m.**

**Scripture Passages:** Psalm 32:1 – 8, 1 Galatians 3:23 – 29, Luke 19:1 – 10



### **"The Roadmap: Prayer" Lenten Worship Service | April 3, 2019**

#### **Prelude**

#### **Peace**

*L: The peace of Christ be with you always.*

**C: And also with you.**

*L: Please share the peace with those around you.*

#### **Opening Hymn No. 742**

**"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"**

#### **Responsive Psalm**

**Psalm 34**

*L: I will bless the Lord at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.*

**C: I will glory in the Lord; let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

*L: Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt his name together.*

**C: I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.**

*L: Look upon the Lord and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.*

**C: I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.**

*L: Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the Lord delivers them from every one.*

**C: You redeem the life of your servants. Those who put their trust in you will not be punished.**

#### **Prayer of the Day**

*L: Almighty God,*

**C: Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord. In your compassion, welcome the wayward, the weak, the weary and the worn. Embrace us in with your mercy. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Confession and Forgiveness

*L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**C: Amen.**

*L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

*Silence for reflection.*

*L: Merciful God,*

**C: we confess that we are sinners in need of your love and grace. We cannot free ourselves from our sin. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew and lead us, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*Silence for reflection.*

*L: God demonstrates his love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. For his sake, God forgives us all of our sins. See the great love the father has for us! To those who believe in Jesus Christ, he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on us the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen.**

## Responsive Hymn No. 744

**“Lord, Be Glorified”**

## God’s Word

**Philippians 4:4 – 9 (Pg. 955)  
Matthew 6:7 – 15 (Pg. 787)**

## The Road Map

**Hosted by: Chad Power**

*Welcome Becky Mohling. Becky is a long-time member of First St. Paul’s and has served the Lord in many capacities and ministries. Throughout her life, Becky has learned the power of prayer and relies on prayer to guide and direct her. Tonight, Becky shares what prayer means to her and how prayer is an important mile marker on God’s roadmap.*

## Apostles’ Creed

*L: God has made us his people through our baptism. Together, we confess our faith.*

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Offering Invitation

*L: Lord, you held nothing back in your love for us, not even your Son. We long to reflect a portion of that selflessness back to you. As we give, help us to live as the people of love and abundance you have called us to be. Let us now receive the offering.*

## Offertory by Three for Thee

## Offering Response No. 186

**“Create In Me A Clean Heart”**

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

## Prayers of the Church

*L: Lord, in your mercy,*

**C: hear our prayer.**

## The Lord’s Prayer

*L: Remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.*

**C: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## Announcements and Opportunities to Serve

## Benediction

*L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you his peace.*

**C: Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn No. 326

**“Bless Now, O God, the Journey”**