

Lenten Prayer Room

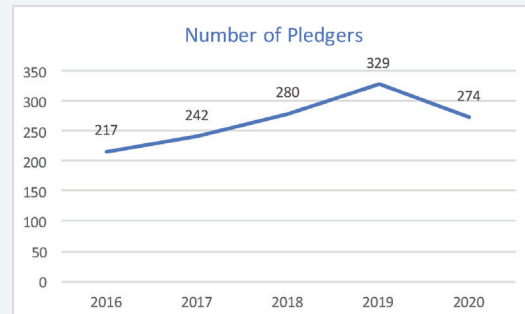
Forgiveness is a blessing that emerges from the divine character of God, but it's hard Gospel work for all of us. If we are to forgive and receive forgiveness, it's going to take some effort, some space, and some real devotion. Through the end of Lent we are transforming what's known as the Dining Room, located behind the Sanctuary, to a space for prayer and devotion to do the challenging work of forgiveness. Feel free to use this space for prayer, confession, and a place of devotion at any time the church is open.

Lenten Blog

Check out the SMBC blog (smbc.org/blog) each weekday during Lent for encouraging words from our church family on the topic of forgiveness. Thanks to our Discipleship Committee members for enhancing our journey toward the Cross this Lenten season.

Pledge Campaign Update

After three Sundays of pledging, we've almost reached the same number of pledgers we had in 2018, but we're still short of last year's total of 329. There's still time for you and your family to prayerfully consider how you will support the mission and ministry of South Main in 2020. You can do so online at smbc.org/pledge, or pick up a pledge card at the church and return it to the Finance Office.



OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

- 8:15 AM** Manna Worship, Trinity Pines Chapel
- 8:30 AM** Blood Drive, Gym
- 9:00 AM** Worship, Sanctuary
Stewardship Committee, Loessner 302
- 10:10 AM** Sunday School, General Campus
- 11:15 AM** Fellowship Lunch, Fellowship Hall
- 11:20 AM** Worship, Sanctuary
- 12:30 PM** MainTies Appreciation Lunch, Loessner 204
Campus Safety Task Force, Loessner 302
MainKids Musical, Loessner 2nd Floor
- 12:45 PM** Financial Peace University, The Commons
Oberammergau Trip Meeting, Gallery Rooms
Youth Choir, Music Suite
The 527 Tribe Choir, Music Suite
- 1:30 PM** NaCl: Be The Salt, Music Suite
Tribe on Mission, Tribe Space

MONDAY, MARCH 9

- 9:30 AM** SMILE, Loessner/Chafin 2nd Floors

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

- 9:00 AM** MainStreamers, Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 AM** Preschool Play Days, Loessner 1st Floor
- 6:30 PM** G2x2, Youth Center & Gym

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

- 5:00 PM** Midtown Midweek Fellowship Supper and Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
- 5:20 PM** Organ Discoveries, Sanctuary
- 6:00 PM** Family Ministry and Music Programming
- 6:30 PM** Dishin' with Dolores, The Commons
- 7:30 PM** Sanctuary Choir, Music Suite



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WORSHIP

MARCH 8, 2020

9:00 & 11:20 AM

MORNING WORSHIP

*While you meant evil for me,
God planned it over for good.*

Genesis 50:20

GATHER

Tolling the Hour

Prelude

Largo from the *Duo Sonata in C minor*
(Bach)

Lisa Shihoten, Violin
Yuri McCoy, Organ

Call to Worship

Brad Jernberg,
Minister of Administration for Operations

PRAISE

Hymn 33

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Family Ministry Celebration (9:00)

Introduction of Claire Elaine Matteson
1 John 1:5

Litany of Family Covenant

Pastor: Ally and Robbie,
when you joined this church,
we pledged ourselves
to be the family of God
for you in this place.

**Congregation: You do not walk the path
of parenthood alone.**

Child: When Claire learns to talk,
to play, to sing, and to pray,
we will be with you.

Ally and Robbie: And we with you.

Youth: When Claire feels love,
feels joy, feels sadness,
anger or doubt,
we will be with you.

Ally and Robbie: And we with you.

Young Adult: When you, as her parents,
feel love, feel joy,
feel sadness, anger or doubt,
we will be with you.

Ally and Robbie: And we with you.

Adult: As Claire grows
in wisdom and stature,
we covenant to be with you.

Ally and Robbie: And we with you.

Minister: Ally, Robbie, Charlie, and Claire,
let us etch our stories together
into God's story each day,
each week, each year...

**Congregation: So that, by God's grace,
Claire shall be your daughter
and our sister too. Amen.**

Children's Message (11:20)

Dolores Rader, Minister to Families
(Children, 2nd grade and younger,
are invited to leave for Little Church.)

Anthem

It Is Well with My Soul
(arr. Moglebust)
South Main Bronze
Lisa Shihoten

Good News

Steve Wells, Pastor

Ordinance of the Lord's Supper

The Bread

Break Thou the Bread of Life
(Bingham)
Yuri McCoy

The Cup

Improvisation on Nothing But the Blood
Yuri McCoy and Lisa Shihoten

RESPOND

Hymn 466

Jesus, at Your Holy Table

Offertory

Amazing Grace
(arr. Dobrinski)
South Main Bronze

Doxology (OLD HUNDREDETH)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Stephen Perry (9:00)
Steve Rader (11:20)

SHARE

Welcoming and Covenant with New Members

In response to your decision,
we pledge ourselves
to be the family of God for you in this place.
We offer you our love, our care,
our kinship, and our hopes.
We hope to learn from you, give to you,
and receive from you by God's grace.

Benediction

Steve Wells

Postlude

Toccata
(Vierne)
Yuri McCoy

PARTICIPANTS

Stephen Perry has been a member of South Main since 2017. Stephen serves on the Outreach Committee and is a member of the Grace Sunday School Community. He is married to Abbie and they have a four-month-old son, Luke.

Steve Rader is a deacon and a committed teacher to many of our Sunday School communities. He currently teaches a Financial Peace University class offered on Sunday afternoons. Steve is married to Dolores, and they are the parents of Anna, Abigail, and Lauren.

DISCOVER/SHARE

Fellowship Lunch Menu

Adults – Grilled beef & chicken fajitas,
Spanish rice, Mexican corn salad,
house-fried tortilla chips

Kids – Pizza, apple slices, dessert

Benevolence Offering

As is our custom on the Sundays during which we share the Lord's Supper, today we take up a benevolence offering. If you would like to offer a gift for benevolences, please place it in the plates the ushers are holding as you leave. These gifts assist us in serving the needs of our community in many ways.

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