

# Everybody's Church



First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham

Sunday, February 21, 2021, 10:00am, First Sunday of Lent

## Vision Statement

As Everybody's Church we commit ourselves to serving Christ by cultivating mission, inclusion and community.

## Inclusion Statement

As Everybody's Church we strive to be a faithful, open and inclusive community. We welcome the full participation of all people of any ability, gender identity, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation or any other life circumstance.

## Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. John Judson

GATHERING MUSIC

"Prelude in E Minor"

Chopin

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 25)

Rev. Bethany Peerbolte

One: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul...

Many: **For you are the one in whom I trust!**

One: Help me to know your paths...

Many: **And lead me in your truth!**

One: You are the God of my salvation...

All: **And so, I wait for you both day and night!**  
Let us worship God.

HYMN 167

"Forty Days and Forty Nights"

Hymntune: AUS DER TIEFE  
RUFTE ICH

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the whole human family, forgive us when we believe that we alone are at the center of your universe; when we fail to see in others the image of God that we see in ourselves. Help us to expand our vision that we might not only see all others as family, but love them as do you. In Jesus' name...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Materials with additional activities to support faith at home are sent in an email each Sunday morning. Contact Cindy Merten or Dawn Swarthout if you would like to receive this information.



## Bearing and Following the Word into the World

**HYMN** 432 "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

**BENEDICTION**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**POSTLUDE** "Allemande from Suite No. 4" Bach

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Andrew Herbruck, Director of Music Ministries, is playing the service this morning.

Flowers today are placed in our Sanctuary by Rev. Bethany in celebration of her Mother's Birthday to show her thankfulness for the love and counsel all her life.

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Hymntune: REPTON

The service of worship concludes following the postlude. Please take this time to reflect on the day's worship.

# Staff

*Ministers*..... *The Congregation*  
*Senior Pastor* ..... *Rev. John Judson, D.Min*  
*Associate Pastor/Youth & Mission*..... *Rev. Bethany Peerbolte, M.Div*  
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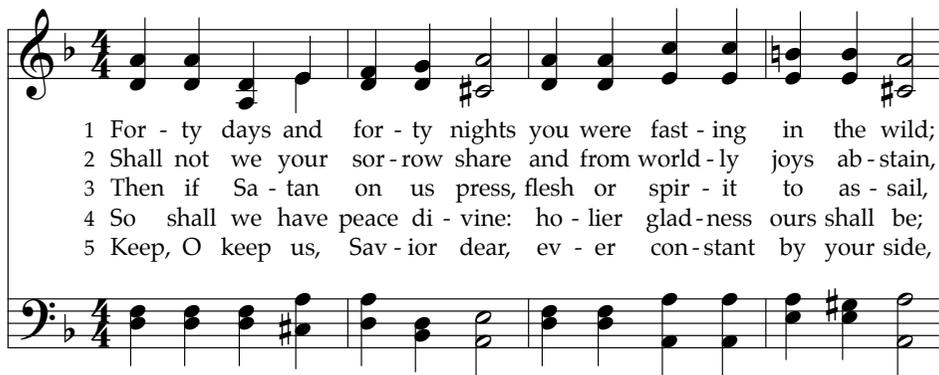


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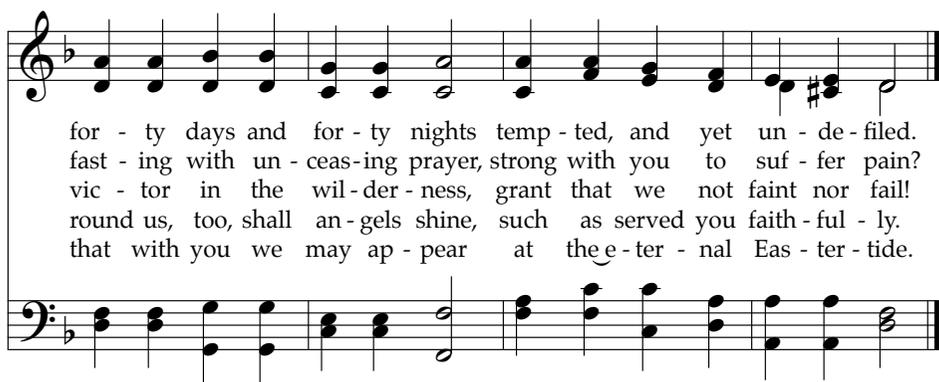


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## 167 Forty Days and Forty Nights



1 For - ty days and for - ty nights you were fast - ing in the wild;  
 2 Shall not we your sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,  
 3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, flesh or spir - it to as - sail,  
 4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;  
 5 Keep, O keep us, Sav - ior dear, ev - er con - stant by your side,



for - ty days and for - ty nights temp - ted, and yet un - de - filed.  
 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with you to suf - fer pain?  
 vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant that we not faint nor fail!  
 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as served you faith - ful - ly.  
 that with you we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

This text, given sharper focus by being reduced from nine stanzas to five, reflects both on Christ's temptation in the wilderness and on the purpose and goal of Lent as preparation for Easter. It pairs well with a 17th-century German chorale setting for Psalm 130.

# How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord 432

Capo 1: (D) (A) (Bm) (G) (D) (A)(D)  
 E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> Cm A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call  
 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;  
 3 We mar - vel how your saints be - came in hin - dranc - es more sure:  
 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,

(G) (Em) (A) (F#m) (Bm) (G) (Em)  
 A<sup>b</sup> Fm B<sup>b</sup> Gm Cm A<sup>b</sup> Fm



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re -  
 if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un -  
 whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your  
 in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to

(A7) (D) (A7)(B) (Em) (G)(A7) (D)  
 B<sup>b</sup>7 E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>7 C Fm A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>7 E<sup>b</sup>



stored, that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.  
 wind its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.  
 name, and by our faults ob - scure your power to cleanse and cure.  
 you: the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored, done.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This reflection on Christian vocation was written to provide a new text for a pre-existing tune, and the poet has crafted his words so well that the two parts mesh smoothly. The tune is named for a noted British boarding school, whose music director was a friend of the composer.