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OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thur 9:00 - 3:00

Weekly Services

Sunday

Bible Study: 10:00 a.m.

Worship: 11:00 a.m.

6:00 p.m.*

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

No evening worship on the Fourth Sunday of each month.

Weekday Radio Program

"Thinkaboutit" with Charlie

Wharton AM 1240 at 6:55 a.m.

thinkaboutit.pierrechurchofchrist.org

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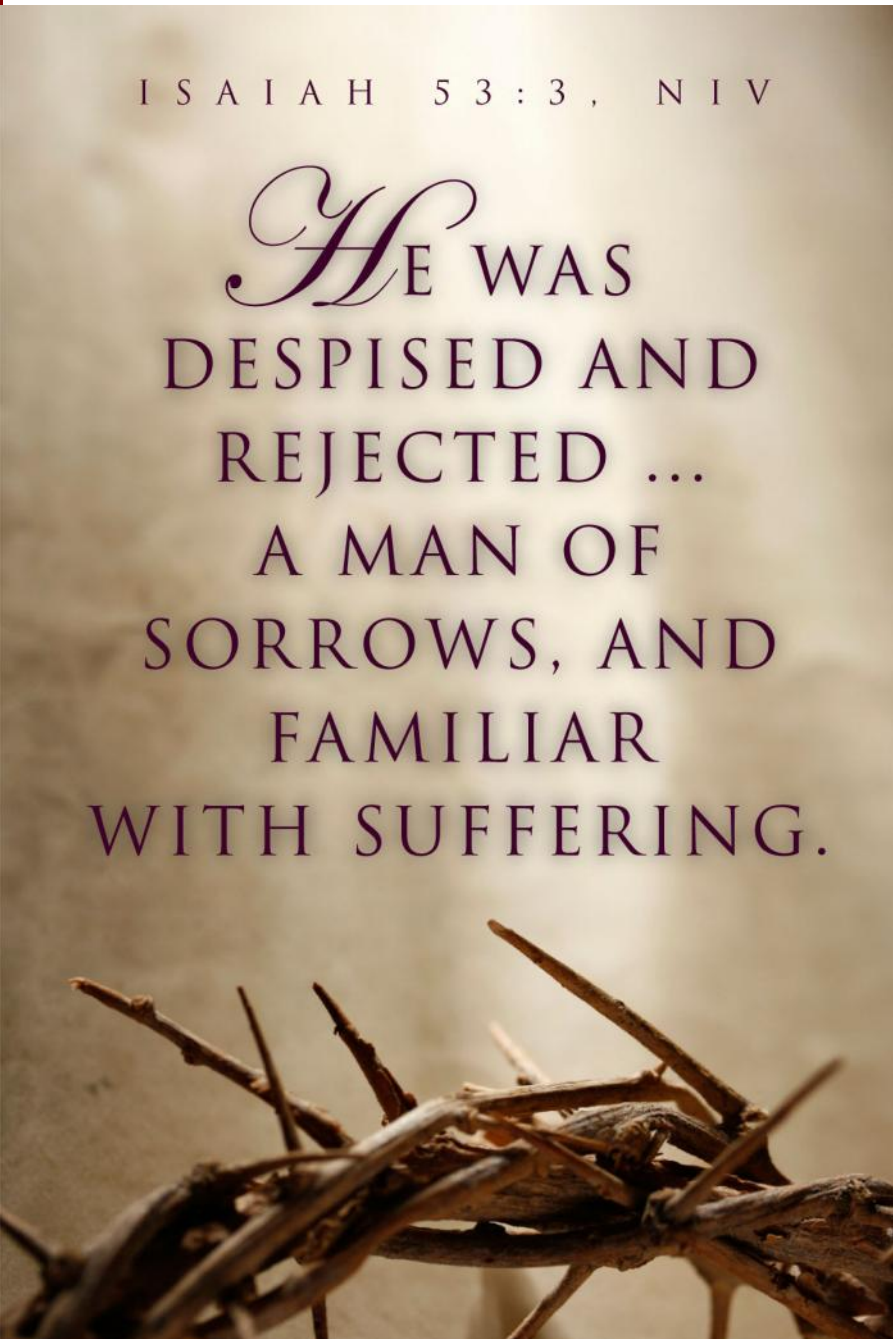
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HE WAS
DESPISED AND
REJECTED ...
A MAN OF
SORROWS, AND
FAMILIAR
WITH SUFFERING.





We are so glad that you decided to come and worship with our family today. We hope that you will join in with us as we praise God together in our worship. Whatever your situation in life, we pray that you will find what you need to bring you closer to God. Please take a minute and fill out one of the red visitor cards in the back of the pews and drop it in the collection plate when it comes around — we would greatly appreciate it. Please come back and worship with us again!

A Moment With Mark

Concerning suffering in this life, the question is not whether we will suffer but simply how we will deal with it. All of us will encounter hardships and heartaches during the days of our pilgrimage. Some of these pains we will bring upon ourselves; others will be unprovoked and undeserved. In every case, however, there is one crucial thing that lies within our control: *love*.

When we are called upon to endure any kind of unpleasantness, our frame of mind is a matter of choice on our part. Why not, then, see our suffering through the eyes of love? If we have no honorable choice but to suffer, we can at least choose to suffer lovingly. From the list of possible reasons why we would submit to pain, we can select love and let that be our motive.

It is important to recognize that, *without* love, suffering has relatively little value, at least from the standpoint of the Christian. Paul went so far as to say, “Though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing” (1 Corinthians 13:3). What a tragedy it would be to have drunk the bitter dregs of disappointment and defeat in this life, perhaps even being persecuted as a Christian, and then to find out that, because we had no love, our suffering was nothing more than . . . suffering.

With love, though, suffering is *transformed*. It is not that the suffering goes away. It is simply that when motivated by love, an ordeal becomes an ordeal with a high meaning and a glorious goal. It is hard to imagine how Jesus could have gotten through Gethsemane without this perspective: “Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends” (John 15:13).

So, “rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings.” When you suffer, make sure you do it with a heart of love. Appreciate the privilege of suffering *with* Christ. Whatever you must endure, endure it not with bitterness or self-righteousness but with humility and reverence. Think of patience as a gift that you can give to your Father, a token of real, deep-down gratitude.

Love makes the whole difference
between an execution and a martyrdom.
—Evelyn Underhill

Grace and Peace ~ Mark

PRAYER LIST

Sharon, a friend of Peggy Cruse, had successful breast surgery this past week and is now in the treatment phase.

Diann Storrs will be having eye surgery in Rapid City this Wednesday.

Jennifer Newton's pathology report came back and there was cancer in her thyroid. She is scheduled to see the doctor on April 9 and will begin short term radiation treatment.

Justin Newton arrived safely in Moldova.

Linda McBrayer's nephew had surgery this past week.

Logan Lawrence, nephew of Jane Davis, passed away at age 23.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS

We have the opportunity to participate in delivering meals for the local Meals-On-Wheels program. If you are interested in being a part of this, please meet with Mark immediately after services this morning in the fellowship hall.

SCAM NOTICE

There is a scam being targeted at the Pierre area. People are receiving an automated call stating that their debit/credit card account has been put on hold and that they must push "1" to update their information and release their card. The call is coming from (718) 874-1436. The calls usually come late at night or in the very early hours of the morning. The best thing you can do is just hang up. If you have not given them any information, you don't need to do anything — the Pierre PD, Sheriff's Office, and Attorney General know about it. If you have given them ANY information, let Mark know and he can tell you what you need to do.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 8** Daylight Saving Time begins
- Mar 11** Justin Returns from Moldova
- Mar 15** FOOD DRIVE — PARS Back Pack Food Program
- Mar 18** Ladies Group Lunch at Perkins
- Mar 18** Wednesday Soup and Sandwich dinner here at 5:30 p.m.
- Mar 20** First Day of Spring
- Mar 29** Teacher's Meeting 5:00 p.m.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Don't forget to "Spring Ahead" by setting your clocks *ahead* one hour this Saturday night before you go to bed. Daylight Saving Time begins at 3:00 a.m. Sunday, March 8th.

RELAY FOR LIFE

On July 17th and 18th, the American Cancer Society will be holding their annual Relay For Life. This is a nation wide event to raise money and awareness for cancer treatment and research. We are putting a team together to walk in this year's relay. We will be having our initial team meeting sometime in the next few weeks. For now, mark your calendar for July — this is a really fun event for a really good cause.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday this week to Jeff French (Monday) and Holly Thompson (Wednesday).

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Happy Anniversary this week to Herb and Jane Davis (Saturday).

Worship Assistants

SUNDAY MORNING

Welcome.....
 Song Leader.....
 First Prayer.....
 Communion Leader.....
 Communion Servers

TODAY

Brad Curtis.....
Bob Duncan.....
Buford Storrs.....
Ed Nill.....
John Rheinbolt.....
Kyle Wylie.....
Taylor Hyde.....
Brandon Osbourn.....

MARCH 8

Charlie Wharton.....
Brad Curtis.....
Jeff French.....
Craig Hyde.....
Mack Wylie.....
Herb Davis.....
Alan Hyde.....
Taylor Newton.....

Scripture Reading.....
 Announcements & Closing.....
 Greeters.....

Taylor Newton.....
Charlie Wharton.....
Margaret Nickels.....
June Cruse.....

Kris Monroe.....
Buford Storrs.....
Karen Wylie.....
Peggy Cruse.....

SUNDAY EVENING

Song Leader.....
 Communion/Closing.....

TODAY

Bob Duncan.....
Charlie Wharton.....

MARCH 8

Brad Curtis.....
Buford Storrs.....

WEDNESDAY

Songs.....
 Scriptures.....
 Closing.....

MARCH 4

Bob Duncan.....
Taylor Newton.....
Alan Hyde.....

MARCH 11

Brad Curtis.....
Kris Monroe.....
Taylor Hyde.....



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