



KOŚCIÓŁ
CHRYSZTUSA ZBAWICIELA

18 February 2018 (1st Sunday in Lent)

Welcome to all worshippers this evening to Christ the Saviour Presbyterian Fellowship in Krakow. As you enter the sanctuary, please feel free to greet one another. When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the worship of God. If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please allow us to get to know you better by staying for tea and coffee after the service.

REFLECTION BEFORE THE SERVICE (silence is kept)

“Preparing Our Hearts for Easter”

What is Lent? The word “Lent” comes from the Old English word “lengten,” which simply means “spring” — when the days lengthen and new life springs forth. It is a time in which we anticipate the victory of the light and life of Christ over the darkness of sin and death. It is, to borrow a phrase from C.S. Lewis, a season of a kind of “happiness and wonder that makes you serious.”

It is our prayer that as you journey with us from Ash Wednesday to Easter, you would be reminded of the reality of our broken humanity, but as days grow brighter, you would experience with greater abundance the reality of God’s redeeming grace. And so, just as we carefully prepare for big events in our personal lives, such as a wedding or commencement, Lent invites us to make our hearts ready for remembering Jesus’ death and resurrection.

HYMN - Przy Twym krzyżu (Near the Cross)

RESPONSIVE READING — Psalm 71

READINGS

FIRST READING: Mark 11:15-19

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22

SERMON

THE CREED (All stand)

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith.

All: recite the Apostles’ Creed (see red hymnal)

HYMN - Godzien chwały jest Baranek (Revelation Song)

PRAYER (Silence is kept)

Prayer time is a good time for worshippers to reflect on the Word that they heard preached during the service. Use this time for prayer or to think about what you have heard or experienced. A light music may be played in the background. Prayer time will be concluded by the Lord’s prayer cited by all in Polish.

Praise points:

1. Successful church council meeting.
2. “Humans of Krakow” work group meeting.
3. Lively and interesting discussion at the “Reason for God” group. We are grateful for all the new people that showed up.
4. Monika has finished translating “What is the Lord’s Supper” booklet by R.C. Sproul.
5. Ania has enrolled into master’s course at University.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY

1. Karina’s grandmother’s and nephew’s health.
2. Larysa’s health and the next MRI scan at the end of the month.
3. Health of the Knapps family.

PRAYER FOR STUDENTS AND WORKER

1. Sergiy's final stage of the studies. Sergiy & Daniela's residence permits.
2. Pasha's thesis on Protestantism in Poland.
3. Pasha and Emily's plans for the future.
4. Roelof's plans for the future.
5. Saszko and Dave's seminary studies.
6. Saszko & Ania's wedding preparation plans.
7. New job for Oleksiy and residence permit. Potential trip home.
8. Filip's residence permit.
9. Karina's trip to Kazakhstan.
10. Saszko & Ania's trip to Northern Ireland.
11. Olga's travel back to Krakow from Lviv.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

1. More church workers for our fellowship.
2. Translation of reformed books into Polish. Pray for our translators - Monika and Szymon. Preparing "Crazy Busy" by Kevin DeYoung for print.
3. Pray for "Humans of Krakow" and the volunteers that have signed up. They will meet weekly on Saturdays to take pictures and collect stories from people in the streets.
4. Vox Box Book Club.

OTHER REQUESTS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN - Jak błogo wiedzieć (Blessed Assurance)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

WEDNESDAY 21 February, 19.30 - Vox Box Book Club, Kawiarnia Literacka (ul. Krakowska 41) - we will be discussing "The Diary of Anne Frank".

THURSDAY 22 February, 19.30 - Russian speaking Bible Study, Kawiarnia Literacka (ul. Krakowska 41) - we explore the Scriptures using the Westminster's Confession of Faith.

SATURDAY 24 February, 12.00 - Weekly Photo Shooting Session - we meet every Saturday at 12.00 at the lobby of Pawilon Wyspiańskiego (tram stop "Plac Wszystkich Świętych", entrance from ul. Grodzka), to go out into the streets of Krakow and collect stories of Humans. Bring your phone or camera and our volunteers will be there to assist you.

SUNDAY 25 February, 17.00 - Evening prayer.

Online giving for the church is payable to: Fundacja "Europejska Misja Chrześcijańska", ul. Św. Filipa 23/4, 31-150 Kraków IBAN: PL 94 1140 2004 0000 3802 7701 2043. Cash offerings should be put into white envelopes and put into the offering basket in the sanctuary.

Cash offering from last week: 270 złoty. Bank transfers received in February: 775 złoty.

All up to date events including this bulletin in an electronic form can be found on our church's web site: www.kosciolzbawiciela.pl