

**Service For the Lord's Day  
Sunday, March 8, 2026  
The Third Sunday in Lent**

**WELCOME**

**Liturgist: Shaaron Kohl**

The peace of the Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO GATHER FROM PSALM 95**

**LEADER:** Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

**PEOPLE:** Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.  
**Let us worship God!**

**GATHERING PRAYER**

**God of patience and compassion, gather us now as your people and turn our hearts toward you. Cause our lives to bear good fruit—the fruit of repentance—so that others may taste and see your goodness and grace. As we begin this Lenten worship, meet us with mercy, and shape us by your Spirit into a community that lives your reconciling love. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

**HYMN** “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” Hymn #223

When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.  
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the death of Christ my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

## **CONFESSION & PARDON**

**LEADER:** Let us approach with a true heart  
in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from  
an evil conscience  
and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us first confess the  
sins we share as a community, then in a moment of silence,  
those which are ours alone.

**ALL: O God, we have said that we “love” our brothers  
and our sisters, but we confess it is very difficult to put  
meaning behind that word. We have traded  
righteousness for success and security, for power, and  
for popularity. The good that we would do, we do not;  
and the bad that we would not do, we do. We confess  
that there are times when we do not worship the God of  
Abraham, but we worship the approval of others, or our  
own reputations, or our work, or our, family, or money.  
O God, forgive our unfaithfulness. Forgive our  
unfaithfulness. Forgive our following after false gods.  
And now in silence we confess our own sins.**

**LEADER:** My Siblings, hear the good news of the Gospel,  
through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are a  
forgiven people, we need not carry the guilt of our sins any  
longer.

**ALL:** Thanks be to God.

**Gloria Patri**                    “Glory Be to the Father”                    Hymn #581

“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World  
without end, Amen.”

**ANTHEM**                    “Here I Am Lord”                    Chancel Choir

## **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Listen for the word of God.

**SCRIPTURE****John 4-5-15****Psalm 95-1-9****Exodus 17-1-7**

Our Gospel reading from John. <sup>5</sup> So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

The Psalm reading. O come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

<sup>2</sup> Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

<sup>3</sup> For the Lord is a great God

and a great King above all gods.

<sup>4</sup> In his hand are the depths of the earth;

the heights of the mountains are his also.

<sup>5</sup> The sea is his, for he made it,

and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

<sup>6</sup> O come, let us worship and bow down;

let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

<sup>7</sup> For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture

and the sheep of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!

<sup>8</sup> Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,

as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,  
<sup>9</sup> when your ancestors tested me  
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

Finally, our Old Testament reading from Exodus. **17** From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" <sup>3</sup> But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup> So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup> The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. <sup>6</sup> I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup> He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** "Anticipation" Ricky Kirby

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Hymnal p.35

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** (with the Lord's Prayer)  
Hymnal p.35

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into  
temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the  
Kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**OFFERING MUSIC**

Tommy Clay, Jr.

**DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Hymn #606

“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

**HYMN**

“Dream On, Dream On”

Hymn #383

Dream on, dream on, children of peace,  
Till on earth God's kingdom come.  
Wolf and lamb will feed together;  
lions like oxen will eat straw.  
Dust shall be the serpent's food;  
No one shall destroy or hurt.  
Children of earth in all colors,  
Live in peace and harmony.

Hope on, hope on, Easter people:  
Beyond the cross, a dawning sun.  
Christ, our peace, broke down all barriers:  
Nation, culture, tribe, and clan.  
Reconciling us to God,  
Christ made us one human race,  
Joined in peace and liberation,  
led by justice, hope, and love.

Mount up, mount up, like an eagle,  
To the heights, beyond the clouds.  
Strife and sorrow shall not stop you;  
Pain and tears shall lose their power.

Even though the young may stumble,  
God the Lord renews their strength.  
They shall run and not grow weary;  
They shall run and shall not faint.

## **BLESSING AND CHARGE**

### **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

“Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place”

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;  
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.  
I can hear the brush of angel's wings,  
I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

## **POSTLUDE**

Tommy Clay, Jr.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS: (Details on our website, Facebook, Realm & 386-385-3040.)**

### **Church Activities**

**Small Groups**-Sunday 9:15 am; Tues. 4:00 pm; Wed. 5:00 pm.

**Presbyterian Women**-Circles meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 10:30am & 6:30pm.

**Social Connections**-Thurs. 1pm in Zoom Rm. Contact Shaaron Kohl 864-378-7032.

**Quilting Group**-Friday's at 10:00 in the Zoom Room, Welcoming new members.

### **Outreach Ministries**

**Bread of Life**- March needs are Bottled Water, Mild Chili Seasoning packets, Barbeque Sauce, Salad Dressing packets (any flavor).

**Shower Ministry**-Thurs. from 2-6pm

**PC3 Ministry**-Monday 2-6pm

**Meridian/Grace Market Place**-Thurs. 2-4pm in the Bartram Rm a representative for assistance.

**CDC (Chemical Dependency Counseling)**-Mon. 8-12; Tues. 8-6, Wed. 8-6, Sat. 8-6.

**Ascend Music Ministry**-contact Felecia Nelson for an interview/audition [pinkorchidjfn@aol.com](mailto:pinkorchidjfn@aol.com).

### **Church Calendar**

<b>3-7</b>	Outreach	5:00am	Parking Lots
<b>3-15</b>	Deacon Meet & Great	11:30am	WH
<b>3-16</b>	Bunco	6:00pm	WH
<b>3-24</b>	Private Event	9:00am	WH

**Financial Report** – We received 43,031.06. That is enough to take advantage of the full \$40,000 matching offer. We are just over \$2,000 short of paying off the entire loan balance.

2026 Financial Report/Operating Budget

<u>January</u>		<u>February</u>
Total Received	\$ 22,695	\$ 16,471
Total Spent	\$ 18,906	\$ 18,873
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 3,789	(2,402)

Year to Date

Total Received	\$ 39,166
Total Spent	\$ 37,779
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 1,3887

**The Brick Opportunity** *to build a space rooted in legacy, community, and faith, one brick at a time. (#31)* For more details go to our website [fpcpalatka.com](http://fpcpalatka.com).