

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026

WE ASSEMBLE TO WORSHIP GOD

**Rise in body or in spirit...(as indicated below)*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

In the Garden

arr. Dan Miller

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

May Women's Retreat

Brooke Zehmer

CHORAL INTROIT (Hymnal 395, v.3)

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

LIEBSTER JESU

Glorious Lord, yourself impart, Light of Light, from God proceeding.
Touch our lips and ears and heart; help us by your Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry your church now raises; hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

*CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 107

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**All: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
those he redeemed from trouble.**

One: Thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.

**All: We will offer thanksgiving sacrifices,
and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.**

*OPENING PRAYER WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN 624 (vss. 1, 2 and 5)

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, our failure to live as though we have really been saved and enlivened by Christ's atoning death. Forgive us and help us to claim the redemption of your greatest gift in Jesus. Help us to live lives that glorify you and bear evidence of our belief in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. In our savior's name we pray,

Silent Prayer -How have you disappointed God, others, or yourself?

AMEN.

*KYRIE ELEISON

O Lord, Have Mercy

ORÉ PORIAJÚ VEREKÓ

**O Lord, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy,
have mercy on us.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear this good news. Our Lord, who walked this earth and faced temptation, understands our struggles and temptations. Jesus stands ready to listen, to forgive, and call us to new life.

All: We believe the Good News that in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE (Hymnal 581)

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

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, amen.

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Dr. Lee Zehmer

Brynn Adley Kirksey and Emma Grace Kirksey

Daughters of Grayson and Katie Kirksey

*WE SAY WHAT WE BELIEVE – *The Apostles' Creed (Contemporary)*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from where he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting, Amen.

BAPTISMAL HYMN 482 (v. 1)

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

(Children through 2nd grade are welcome in Children's Church with Ms. Lauren.)

ANTHEM

My Song Is Love Unknown

GUNNAR/arr. Edwin T. Childs

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me, love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be. Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die? Sometimes they strew his way and his sweet praises sing; resounding all the day Hosannas to their king. Then "Crucify" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry. Why, what has my Lord done to cause this rage and spite? He made the lame to run, and gave the blind their sight. What injuries! Yet these are why the Lord most high so cruelly died, my Savior died, my song of love so cruelly died. Here might I stay and sing of him my soul adores. Never was love, dear king, never was grief like yours! This is my friend in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend. My song of love.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Numbers 21:4-9

(Pew Bible p. 134)

Ephesians 2:1-10

(Pew Bible p. 181)

THE SERMON

The New Covenant Revealed

Dr. Lee Zehmer

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

What is God saying to you through Scripture, sermon and song?

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please touch the plate as it is passed to offer your time, talents, and tithes to God.

OFFERTORY

Eye Hath Not Seen, nor Ear Heard

Myles B. Foster

Colleen Guseman, soprano and Marsha Roberts, alto

"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God had prepared for them that love Him." God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: remember how He spake unto you, "I will not leave you comfortless. I will come unto you. Therefore, comfort one another with these words."

*RESPONSE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We honor you, O gracious God. Accept these gifts, we pray, as a sign of our obedience to you, our love for you and our desire to take your reign into the world. Transform them into your blessing for others, we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

*CLOSING HYMN 215

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymnal 541, v. 1)

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

RANDOLPH

God, be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Lamb of God, Our Savior

J.S. Bach

*The flowers today are given to the Glory of God
and in celebration of Diane and Rod Hicks' 50th wedding anniversary.*

Guests... WELCOME to First Presbyterian Church!

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us and pray that you will discover anew God's love for you today. Please sign the Friendship Pad with your contact information when it is passed. Church members and staff would be delighted to provide you with more information about FPC.

Nursery Care Today: Natalie Harper **March 29:** Michele Murdoch
Elder/Deacon on Duty Today: Julia Nichols, Richard Quandt
Elder/Deacon on Duty March 29: Clair Roberts, Joan Musselwhite
Monitor/Greeter Today: Matt Goodner **March 29:** NEED
Acolytes Today: Taylor Chubb, Alexander Roberson
Acolytes March 29: Penelope Zelinski, Cecily Zelinski

Remember the following in prayer: Worth Kendall, Mary Tice, Shirley Burton, Beth Easley, Michele Horne, Rev. Barry Lambert, Keira Esposito, Ashley Platts, Nancy Lowery, Colleen Lathan, Jean Horton, Manfred Liewald, Donna Martin

The Help for HOPE April Collection is jars, cans, or packs of FRUIT. Any type and brand will be welcomed! Drop off your donations in the Narthex by April 19.

Easter Lilies: Order forms are in the Narthex. The lilies are \$12.00 each. Submit payment when you place your order. Place your orders by **TODAY** in the offering plate OR in Jonna's box (#33) by the Church Office.

The Nominating Committee will be preparing a slate of nominees for election to serve as 2027-2029 members of the Session and the Board of Deacons. Nominating forms are in the Narthex and Sanctuary doors. Place your completed forms by **TODAY** in the offering plate or in Box #15 outside the Church Office.

Let's Light It Up Blue on Sunday, March 29 by wearing **BLUE** in celebration of people with autism and those who love and support them. Let's stand together and pledge our support by helping people with autism reach their full potential.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be on Sunday, March 29: Lunch will be at noon in Hopkins Hall. The Egg Hunt will be held outside. Please RSVP for lunch by Wednesday, March 25 with a Pew Reservation Card or in the Church Office.

Our Maundy Thursday Service with Communion and the Service of Tenebrae will be on April 2 at 6:30 pm.

Flowering of the Cross and Easter Breakfast Our Easter breakfast will be in Hopkins Hall at 10:00 am. Sunday School Classes will not meet. Bring blooms or greenery from your yard or your grocery floral shop to help adorn the cross in our annual tradition. A light continental breakfast will be served.

Calling FPC Artists! On Easter Sunday, artists (photography, paint, pencil, clay, cloth, yarn, etc.) are invited to share their works in thanksgiving and glory to God at the 10:00 am breakfast and Flowering of the Cross. Contact Kara with any questions and to share your art.

Great Hour of Sharing Offering: On Easter Sunday we will join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need in over 100 countries by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. See more information at pcusa.org/special-offerings/one-great-hour-sharing. Fish-shaped coin boxes are in the Narthex.

Italian Night Fundraising Dinner & Silent Auction will be on Sunday, April 26 at 5:30 pm. This event is for the summer Youth Dominican Republic Mission Team. Tickets are on sale in the Narthex today and in the Church Office during the week: \$15/Adult & \$8/Child. You can pay on Realm and by check/cash. Physical items for our Silent Auction can be left in the Church Office. We also invite you to think about unique experiences you might be able to offer for the auction. If you have any questions, please reach out to Kara.

FPC Women's Retreat will be held at the SC Inn the weekend after Memorial Day, May 29 – 31. To learn more info and to register, please use the QR code.



This QR Code may be used for all online contributions to the church. There is a 1% processing fee for Checking/ACH transfers and 3% fee for Credit Card transaction.

This Week's Calendar

March 20 – 22: Youth Charleston Mission Trip

Sunday, March 22

9:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship
 2:00 pm Plentiful Harvest at Covenant PC
 3:30 pm Handbells
 5:00 pm Children's Choirs

Monday, March 23

7:00 pm Matthew 25 Lenten Study

Tuesday, March 24

10:00 am Women's Bible Study
 2:30 pm HOP
 4:00 pm Seniors Exercise Class

Wednesday, March 25

6:00 pm Yoga
 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study

Thursday, March 26

4:00 pm Seniors Exercise Class
 10:00 am Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen
 5:00 pm Pickleball Play

Wear BLUE for Autism Sunday!

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9:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship
 Noon Easter Egg Lunch and Hunt
 3:30 pm Handbells
 5:00 pm Children's Choirs

Members of the Session

Susan Roberson, Clerk

Class of 2026

John Abernathy
 Jimmy Campbell
 Scott Harris
 Elizabeth Owen
 Susan Roberson

Class of 2027

Paul Horne
 Ann Hunsucker
 Chip Hutchison
 Julia Nichols
 Sheryl Smith

Class of 2028

Clair Roberts
 Bo Redmond
 John Blackwelder
 Cynthia Johnson
 Rob Joiner

Members of the Diaconate

Beth Janicke, Moderator

Class of 2026

Jennifer Abernathy
 Heather Dellinger
 Kathy James
 Margaret Joiner
 Dave Keely

Class of 2027

Beth Janicke
 Allen Katz
 Joan Musselwhite
 Steve Roberts
 Sherry Hutchison

Class of 2028

Cameron Lawson
 Carolyn Johnson
 Jonathan Nichols
 Richard Quandt
 Betsy Forrester

Deacons of the Month for March

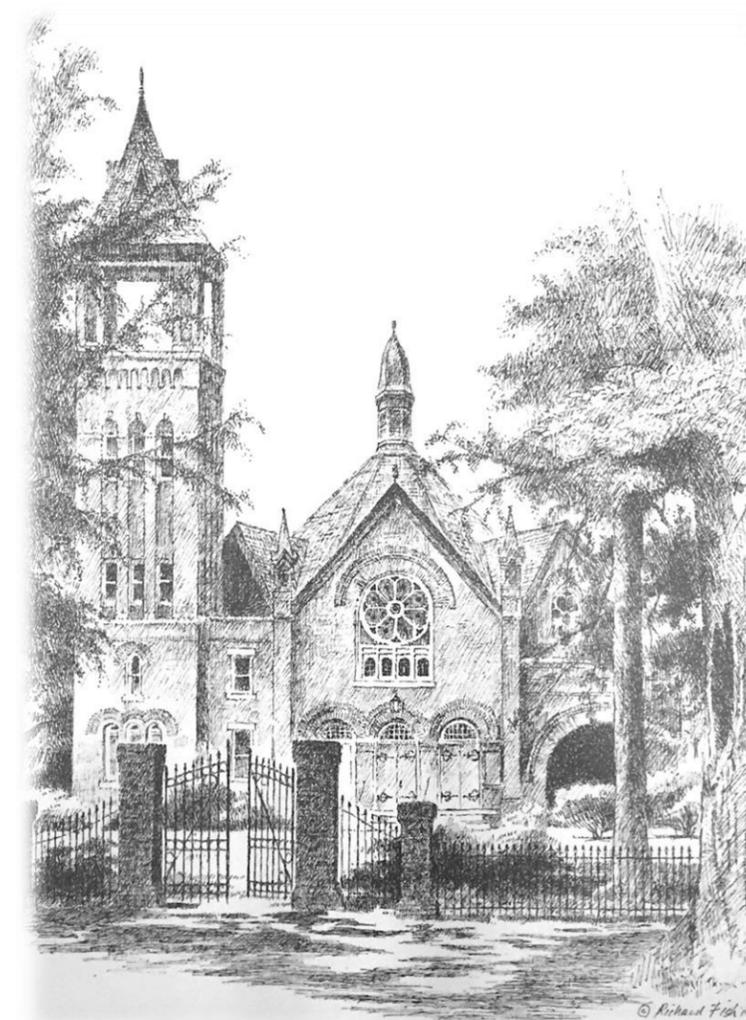
Kathy James, Joan Musselwhite, Cameron Lawson

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Church Office Hours

Monday – Wednesday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
 Thursday: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
 Friday: Closed



First Presbyterian Church

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We are a diverse family of believers in Jesus Christ, who seek to glorify God by celebrating and sharing God's renewing and transforming love as we:

Worship the living God with joy and thanksgiving
Teach the Word of God to deepen our faith and grow in our love of Christ
Serve others through sharing our unique gifts of the Holy Spirit
Fellowship with one another to energize our life together as a congregation
Nurture and Embrace all of God's children.

Dr. A. Lee Zehmer – Senior Pastor
 Rev. Kara Wheeler – Associate Pastor of Family Ministries
 Dr. Donald M. Rogers – Director of Music
 M. L. Marley – Organist
 Angela Harris – Director of Cherub Choir
 Ashley Platts – Director of Handbell Choirs