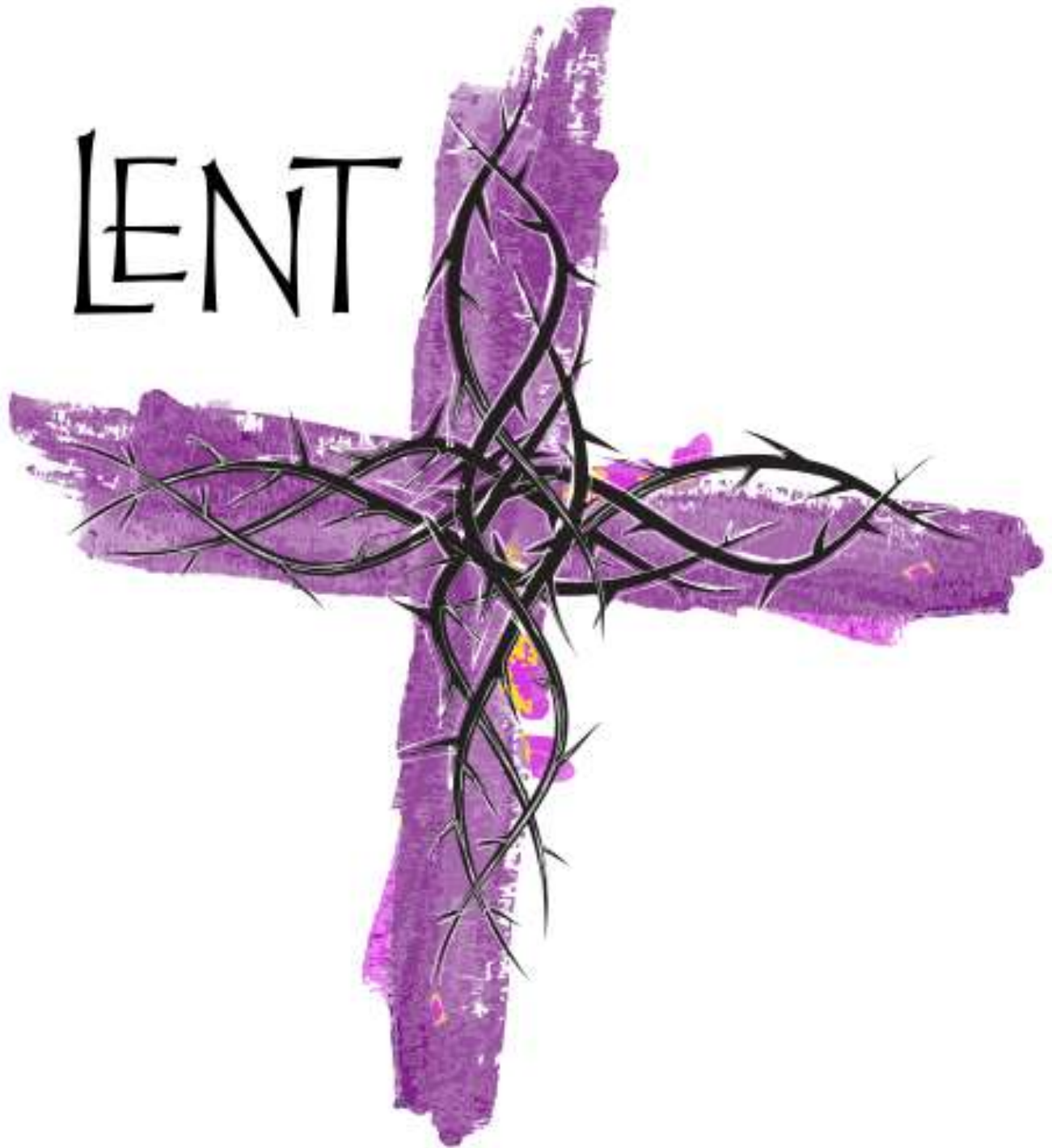


FIRST SUNDAY IN

LENT



First Presbyterian Church

Established 1876

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February 22, 2026

Prelude *“Out of the Depths”* Gerald Near

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

The Last Supper James the Less: Pat Edwards A Lenten Drama
Matthew: Tom Brown

Introit..... *“O, Sacred Head Now Wounded”* ... Hans Leo Hassler/J. S. Bach

Call to Worship Pat Edwards

We have started down a road that will take us to the cross.

It is a journey we take together, and a journey each makes alone.

We are invited to notice things on the way –

To notice the sharp stones, the uneven ground, the mercy of shade, the faithfulness of those who walk with us.

In our worship, we rest and sing and pray and listen.

Then let us worship God.

Opening Prayer Pat Edwards

Holy God, as we enter this Lenten season, we come before you in humility and hope. You call us to walk the path of repentance, to turn our hearts toward justice, mercy, and love. Quiet the noise within us and around us, that we may hear your voice more clearly. We pray in the name of Jesus, our companion in the wilderness and our hope for new life. **Amen.**

* Hymn of Praise No. 457 ... *“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”* TOULON

* Call to Confession

(A moment of silent personal confession)

* Litany of Confession and Forgiveness

Before God, with the people of God, I confess to you, my brothers and my sisters, of my brokenness: the ways I wound my life, the lives of other, and the life of the world.

By the love and grace of Jesus Christ, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven. May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Amen.

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Amen.

* Glory to the Father (Gloria Patri) (Unison)Hymn No. 579
**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.**

Prayer for Illumination.....Pat Edwards

First Scripture ReadingMatthew 13:1-9.....NT Page 13

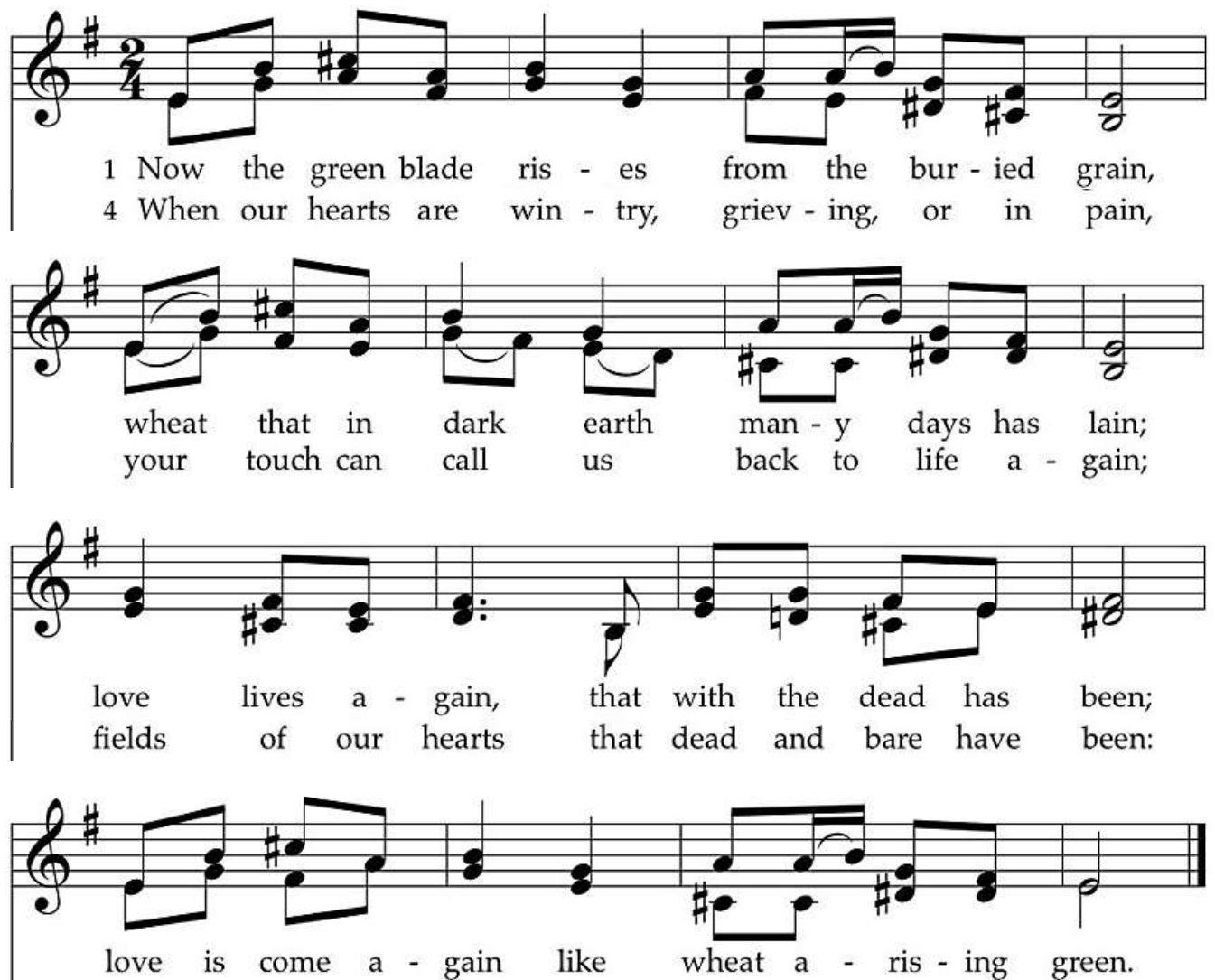
Time with Young Disciples

Anthem..... *“Lenten Song”*David Peninger

Second Scripture Reading.....John 12:20-26.....NT Page 106

Sermon.....The Seed and the Harvest.....Rev. Leslie Roper

* Hymn (Verses 1 & 4) *“Now the Green Blade Rises”*NOËL NOUVELET



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,
wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
your touch can call us back to life a - gain;
love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

* Affirmation of Faith (Unison)-Apostle's CreedPat Edwards
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 on 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.

Giving of Our Tithes & OfferingsPat Edwards

Offertory*"My Song Is Love Unknown"* Robert Hebble

* Doxology – Praise God, from Whom All Blessings FlowHymn 592
**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.**

* Prayer of DedicationPat Edwards

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (Unison) Traditional, Hymnal Page 16
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.

* Closing Hymn No. 388 *"O Jesus, I Have Promised"*ANGEL'S STORY

* Charge & Benediction

Postlude.....*"Prelude in E Minor"*J. S. Bach

*It is the practice of this congregation to sit back down for the postlude.
Please join us in enjoying a few moments of reflection as our service concludes.*

*Congregation Standing (Please remain seated if standing is uncomfortable.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Sanctuary Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Nancy Doyle in memory of her mother, Betty Ross.

Annual Lenten Worship and Lunch Series: Each Monday in Lent, you are invited to gather as a Hot Springs faith community as we center worship around "Praying the Psalms through Lent." We will begin at 12:05 p.m. each Monday in the host sanctuary with a brief time of worship followed by a light lunch and fellowship. Tomorrow, February 23, the host church is Westminster Presbyterian Church (3819 Central Ave.) with Rev. Leslie Roper preaching.

Presbyterian Women's Spring 2026 Gathering! The Spring Gathering will be Friday, April 17, and Saturday, April 18. We will begin with lunch here at First Presbyterian and the remaining events will follow at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Registration forms and a complete schedule of events can be found on the table in the hallway between the sanctuary and fellowship hall.

Welcome Visitors! Please take a moment to fill out the visitor information card, located in the pew in front of you. Please drop them in the offering plate or hand them to an usher. We'd love to get to know you better! After Worship, join us for a time of fellowship and beverages in the Fellowship Hall. There, you'll find the Welcome Center, with more information about our church!

Children are always welcome in worship at First Presbyterian Church. Older children are encouraged to participate in worship and are welcome to pick up pre-packed activities on the table in the back of the sanctuary just for them. A nursery is available upstairs for children under 5. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

Save your Quarters for the Heifer Project! The quarter tube is located just inside the sanctuary doors near the steps leading into the sanctuary.

Save your Dimes! All dimes put into the offering plates go to the Vera Lloyd Home to purchase Bibles. "Make a joyful noise to the Lord."

There are a few openings on The 2026 Flower Chart! Located on the wall by the 2 large closets in the Fellowship Hall, pick your date, add your name and special dedication. If you do not wish to write it on the board, or if space does not allow, please call, email or visit the office. You may do this at any time well in advance of your day. ***Cost is \$38.50***

Prayer Requests: Anyone who wants prayer from the Prayer Chain should email or call Jamie Williams, jsar43@gmail.com / 276-2852 or Patricia Mills, paulpatmills@yahoo.com / 545-5250 with your request. You may also email the Church Office office@firstpreshotsprings.org. A request can be for yourself, a family member, or a family friend. *You may ask that the request be kept confidential. Only the Prayer Chain members will be notified and they will also be told to keep it confidential.*



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

<p><u>March 4</u> Cheryl Martin</p> <p><u>March 6</u> Gary Cline</p> <p><u>March 10</u> Fred Fuquay Mari Simmons Amy Westmoreland</p>	<p><u>March 18</u> Brooke Hopkins</p> <p><u>March 19</u> Tyler Gardner</p> <p><u>March 20</u> Kathy Harst</p> <p><u>March 22</u> Kathryn Cattaneo Grant Muzny</p>	<p><u>March 23</u> Robert Raines</p> <p><u>March 24</u> Ann Hiers</p> <p><u>March 31</u> Lee Westmoreland</p>
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MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

<p><u>March 10</u> Darlene and Lacy Sellars</p> <p><u>March 18</u> Jamie and Bill Randall, Jr.</p> <p><u>March 20</u> Leslie and Jeff Roper</p>
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We are so very lucky to have a congregation that is willing to invest in our graduating seniors each year. Each month on the 3rd Sunday, members celebrating their birthdays that month are encouraged to make a special “Birthday Blessing” to our scholarship fund. We have been so blessed in the past to be able to contribute to the continuing education of our Youth. We hope that you will consider this month to give in honor of your birthday.



Church Office Hours:

Monday – Friday
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Office Lunch Hour:

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 22 – 1st Sunday in Lent

- 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Handbells
- 3:30 p.m. Session Meeting

Monday, February 23

- 9:00 a.m. Bargain Box Marking
- 10:00 a.m. Jackson House Lunch Prep
- 12:05 p.m. Lenten Worship & Lunch at Westminster Presbyterian (3819 Central Ave.)

Wednesday, February 25

- 10:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study
- 12:00 p.m. Bargain Box Open until 3:00 p.m.
- 12:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open until 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 28

- 9:00 a.m. Master Naturalists Meeting

Sunday, March 1 – 2nd Sunday in Lent/Communion

- 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship/Communion
- 11:30 a.m. Handbells
- 5:30 p.m. Spa City Youth

Please remember to recycle your bulletins by placing them in the blue recycle container in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you.

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