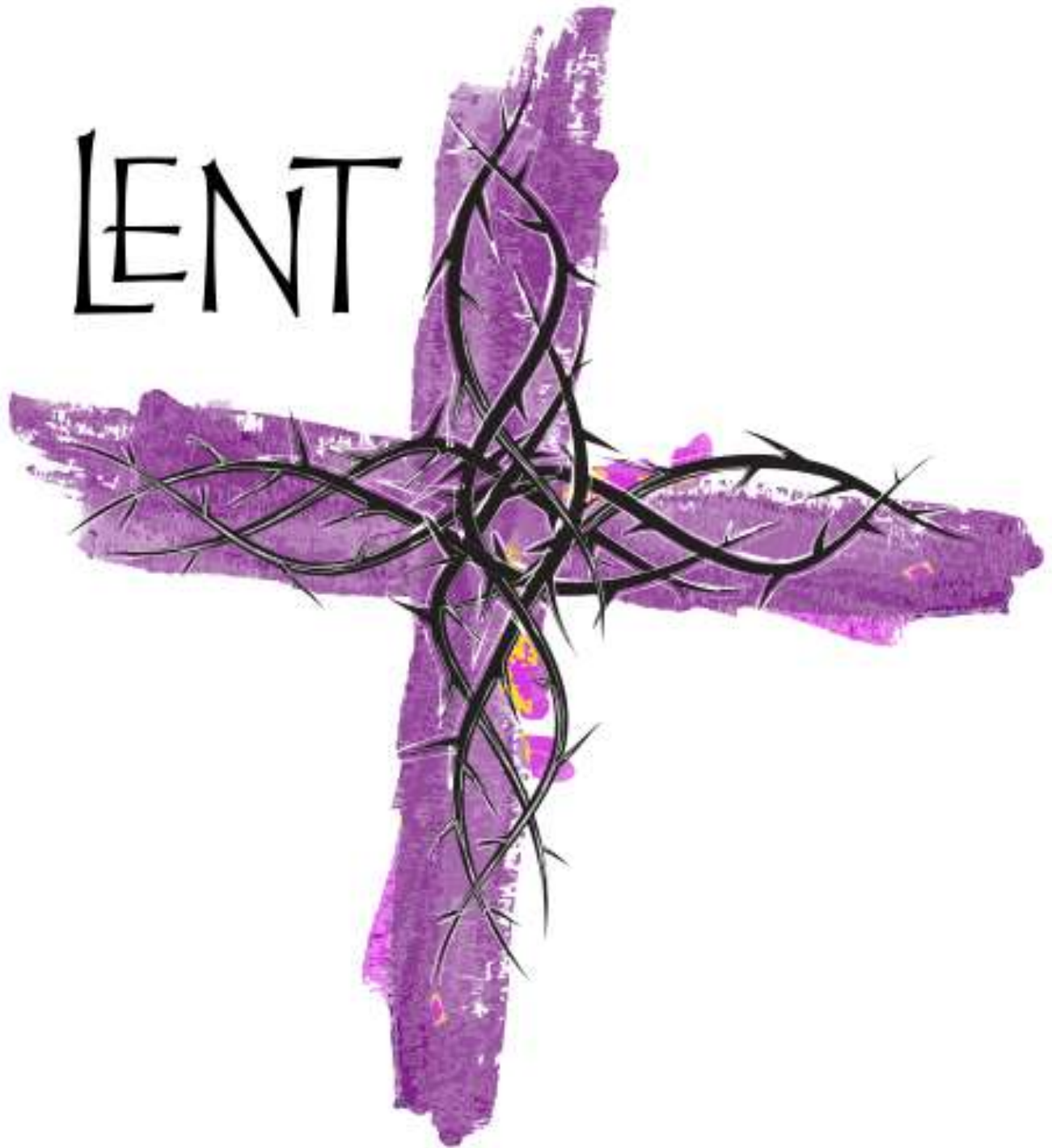


SECOND SUNDAY IN

LENT



First Presbyterian Church

Established 1876

First Presbyterian Church
2nd Sunday in Lent/Communion
March 1, 2026

Prelude *“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”* Gerald Near

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

The Last Supper Andrew: Stephen Hinsley A Lenten Drama
James: Led Davis

* Hymn of Praise No. 515 *“Now to Your Table Spread”* LOVE UNKNOWN

Call to Worship Sally Pierce

Come, the banquet of hope and praise is ready.

We come on your invitation, seeking to be fed.

Feed on the love of God in Jesus Christ.

We come on your invitation, needing healing.

Be healed by God’s gracious mercy.

We come on your invitation, longing for forgiveness.

Come, let us worship.

Opening Prayer Sally Pierce

Gracious God, in love you open wide the doors and welcome us into Your presence— saints and sinners alike. We come with joy to meet you here, to eat and drink at your table, to taste and see your goodness. Inspire our praise and thanksgiving, our prayers and petitions as we worship together in Your presence. In the name of Jesus Christ, our host and Lord, **Amen.**

Introit..... *“Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”* Carl F. Mueller

* 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..... Sally Pierce

First Scripture ReadingIsaiah 55:1-5OT Page 685

Time with Young Disciples

Anthem..... *“Jesus Took the Cup”* Hal Hopson

Second Scripture Reading.....Luke 14:16-24.....NT Page 77

Sermon *“The Invite List”* Rev. Leslie Roper

* Hymn No. 516..... *“Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”* ... O QUANTA QUALIA

* Affirmation of Faith (Unison)-Apostle’s Creed Sally Pierce
**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 & Offerings Sally Pierce

Offertory *“Lenten Meditation”* Gerald Peterson

* 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 Dedication Sally Pierce

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (all are invited to participate)

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer 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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

You are invited to hold the elements until all are served.

Closing Prayer

* Closing Hymn No. 535 "Go with Us, Lord" TALLIS' CANON

* Charge & Benediction

Postlude..... "Praeludium in G 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 father, Owings Ross.

Today is Communion Sunday and the FPC Blessing Box food collection. The first Sunday of each month you are encouraged to bring food for the Blessing Box or give a check made out to the church with Blessing Box on the memo line. Please remember those less fortunate.

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, March 2, the host church is Oaklawn United Methodist Church (216 Higdon Ferry Road) with Rev. David Fleming preaching.

The next Family Night Supper is Wednesday, March 11, at 6:00 p.m. On the menu is an "Ole Fashioned Chicken Dinner." The Fellowship Committee will furnish the chicken, but members are asked to bring a side dish (vegetable, salad, and/or dessert). The program this month is our annual meeting. Come for the delicious food, but stay for the updates on what all is happening in the life of our congregation.

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*



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.



Calendar of Events

Church Office Hours:

Monday – Friday
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Office Lunch Hour:

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

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

Monday, March 2

9:00 a.m. Bargain Box Marking
10:00 a.m. Jackson House Lunch Prep
12:05 p.m. Lenten Worship & Lunch at Oaklawn United Methodist Church (216 Higdon Ferry Road)

Wednesday, March 4

10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
12:00 p.m. Bargain Box Open until 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 5

10:30 a.m. Mission Committee Lunch Prep at Jackson House

Sunday, March 8 – 3rd 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



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.*

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

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