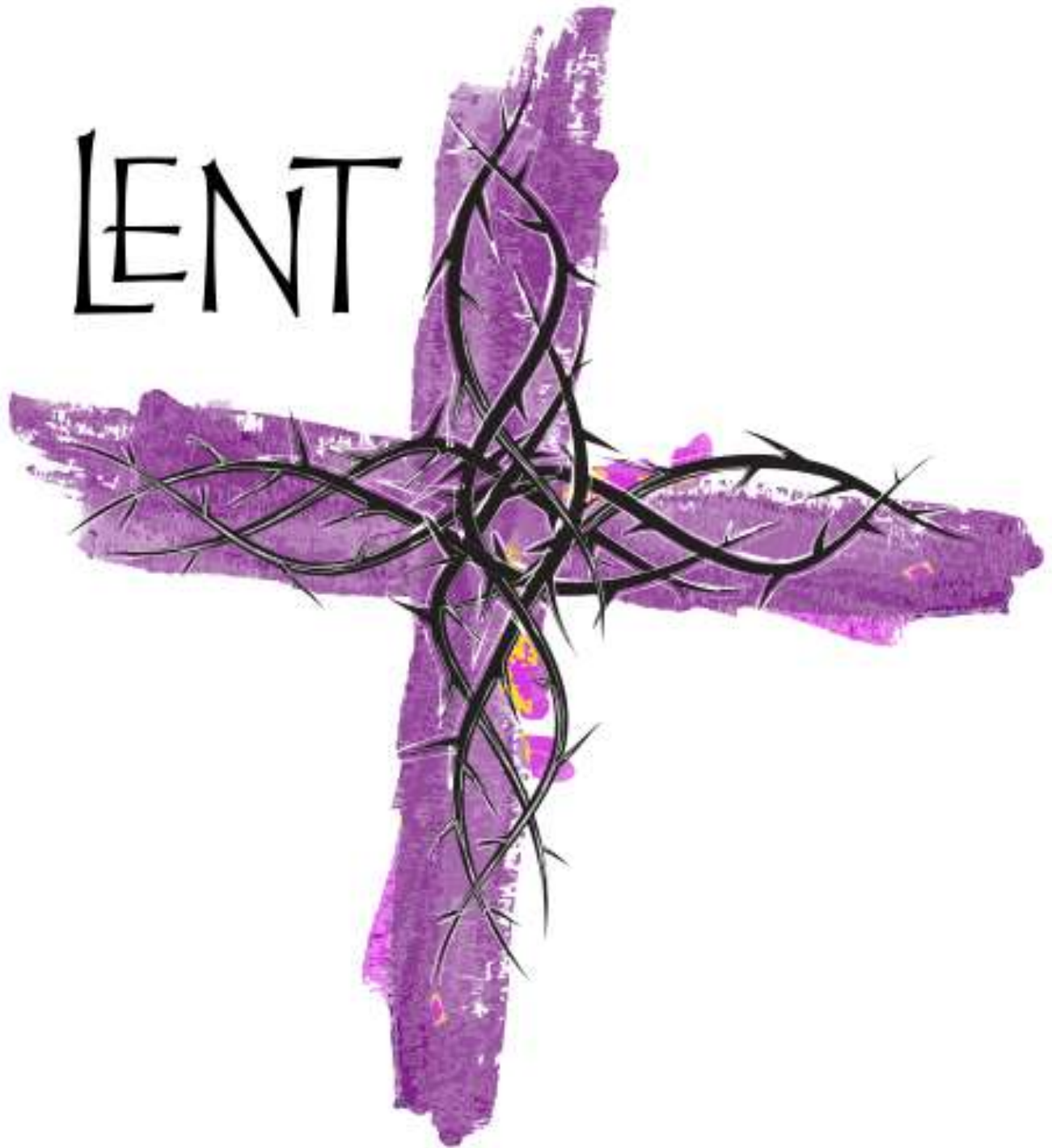


THIRD SUNDAY IN

LENT



First Presbyterian Church

Established 1876

First Presbyterian Church
3rd Sunday in Lent
March 8, 2026

Prelude *“Lord, My Soul Doth Thirst for Thee”* J. S. Bach

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Entrance of the Disciples *“Dolce from ‘Fantasia No. 6’* G. F. Telemann

The Last Supper Simon the Zealot: Dick Mattson A Lenten Drama
 Judas: Paul Mills

* Hymn of Praise *“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”* Will L. Thompson



1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2. Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3. O for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



1. you and for me; see, on the por - tals he's
 2. you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and
 3. you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has



1. wait - ing and watch - ing, watch - ing for you and for me.
 2. heed not his mer - cies, mer - cies for you and for me?
 3. mer - cy and par - don, par - don for you and for me.



Refrain
 Come home, come home, you who are



wea - ry, come home; ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for you to come home!

Call to Worship Bob Pierce
In reverence, in wonder, in hope, we gather.
With unsettled questions in our hearts,
With the mystery of God enshrouding us,
Acknowledging that we who were lost are now found and loved,
Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer Bob Pierce
God of boundless mercy, gather us now into your presence. Quiet the noise within us, and open our hearts to the joy of being found. Teach us to rejoice in grace, to welcome the lost, and to celebrate every life restored to your love. In this time of worship, renew us with your compassion so that we may reflect your seeking, saving love in the world. **Amen.**

Introit..... *“At Thy Feet”*J. S. Bach

* 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..... Bob Pierce

First Scripture Reading Psalm 133OT Page 575

Time with Young Disciples

Anthem..... *“O Come and Mourn”* Hal Hopson
Adrienne Ingles, Flute

Second Scripture Reading..... Luke 15:1-10.....NT Page 78

- Sermon The Company We Keep Rev. Leslie Roper
- * Hymn No. 370..... *“Just as I Am, Without One Plea”* WOODWORTH
- * Affirmation of Faith (Unison)-Apostle’s Creed Bob 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 Bob Pierce
- Offertory *“Leaving Footprints”* Adrienne Inglis
- * Doxology – Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Hymn 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 Bob Pierce
- 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. 420 *“God of Grace and God of Glory”* CWM RHONDDA
- * Charge & Benediction
- Postlude..... *“Allegro from ‘Fantasia No. 6’”* G.F. Telemann

*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 Led Davis in honor of family.

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 9 the host church is First United Methodist Church (1100 Central Ave.) with Rev. Mark Nabors 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.

Next Sunday, March 15, is "Birthday Sunday" where we honor our members and friends celebrating birthdays in the month of March. Following worship, we invite members, friends and guests to the Fellowship Hall for Birthday Cake. Please join us!

Sandwiches, Sandwiches! We Need Sandwiches! We will be hosting the Lenten Worship and Lunch here at FPC on Monday, March 30, and we need sandwiches. If you are able to make sandwiches for our Lenten Lunch, contact Tammy in the church office and let her know what kind and how many you plan to bring.

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."



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, 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

Monday, March 9

- 9:00 a.m. Bargain Box Marking
- 12:05 p.m. Lenten Worship & Lunch at First United Methodist Church (1100 Central Ave.)

Tuesday, March 10

- 12:00 p.m. Jackson House Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 11

- 10:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study
- 12:00 p.m. Bargain Box Open until 3:00 p.m.
- 5:00 p.m. Anniversary Committee Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Family Night Supper

Thursday, March 12

- 9:00 a.m. PW Mission Sewing Project

Friday, March 13

- 9:00 a.m. P.E.O. Chapter Meeting

Sunday, March 15 – 4th Sunday in Lent

- 9:00 a.m. Handbells
- 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Birthday Cake in the Fellowship Hall
- 3:00 p.m. Hot Springs Music Club
- 5:30 p.m. Spa City Youth

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.*

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

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