



# WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 25, 2024 | 10:30 A.M.



FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH of  
RICHARDSON

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT: THE SHAPE OF EMBODIED FAITH

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*Responding to God's love and grace, we WORSHIP with joy, NURTURE with faith, and SERVE others with love.*

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### *We Gather Around the Word*

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Rosy Robson McCreary

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Frank Camp, PNC Member

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"I'm Just a Poor Wayfaring Stranger"  
Terry Metzger, Organ

*by Robert J. Hughes*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** | *Responsively*

We are here again,  
To lean deeply into ritual, promise, and hope.  
**We come to sing, to confess, to find God,  
To live our lives to the fullest.**  
We come with heavy hearts and full ones.  
We come believing and doubting.  
**We come before your presence  
Mustering all the faith we can,  
in body, mind, and spirit.**  
Receive our worship, O God.  
**May it be a sign of our love to you. Amen.**

Mary Jo Grimes, Liturgist  
*adapted from. Rev. Hannah Faye Allred*

**\*OPENING HYMN** | "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

*Glory to God 39*

**CALL TO CONFESSION** *and* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Savior God, the public spectacle of the cross calls us to account.  
We hesitate and hedge when opportunities arise to speak of you.  
We are shy in faith and not bold to proclaim.  
Your story saves, yet we keep it to ourselves.  
Forgive our reticence of faith.  
Forgive the ways we fail to serve as public witnesses.  
Help us be your candlelight,  
held high to set the world aglow. Amen.

Rev. Alice Hernandez  
*adapted from Rev. Teri McDowell Ott*

*\*Please stand in body or spirit*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your  
pres-ence, and take not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me.  
Re-store to me the joy of your sal-va-tion, and up-  
hold me with your free Spir-it. Cre-ate in me a clean  
heart, O God, and re-new a right spir-it with-in me.

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

God does not forsake us.

Our God is a gracious God, abounding in steadfast love.

Know that in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI | "Glory Be to the Father"**

*Glory to God 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, amen.**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The Peace of Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## TIME FOR TINY THEOLOGIANS

Pastor Alice & Pastor Rosy

*Children of all ages are welcome to join us up front for a brief children's lesson.  
Children between the ages of 0-kindergarten are then welcome to go to the nursery following the lesson, or return to their seats.*

## ANTHEM

"Prayer"

Jeanne C. Warzyn

The Ruth Greer Handbell Choir, Becky Lormor, Director

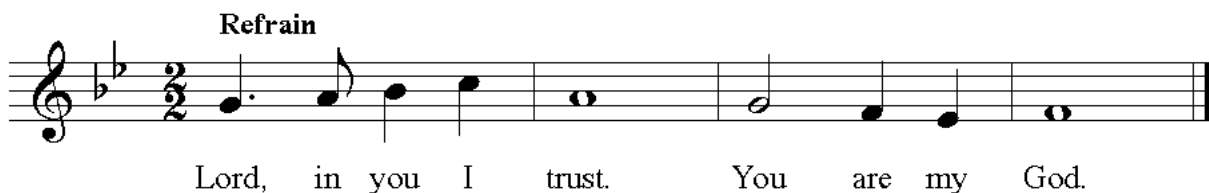
# *We Proclaim the Word*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## PSALM

Psalm 22  
(25-31)

Hal H. Hopson



*I come with praise before the Lord, Release me from all strife;  
The poor will feast at tables full and find eternal life.*

*The far-flung corners of the earth shall turn to God and sing;  
And nations of the world shall rise to hail the Lord as King.*

*The mighty on their knees will bow; As mortals they discern  
That, as from dust God gave them breath, to dust they shall return.*

*Descendants of the coming years who walk the paths well trod  
Will sing to children yet unborn the mighty acts of God.*

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 4:13-25

NRSV N.T. Pg. 155

## GOSPEL READING

Mark 8:27-38

NRSV N.T. Pg. 44

The grass withers, the flower fades.  
**The Word of our God will stand forever.**

## SERMON

Rev. Rosy Robson McCreary

## SILENT REFLECTION

# ***We Respond to the Word***

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** | *Responsively*

*adapted from the Book of Order of the PC(USA), F-1.0301*

**The Church is the body of Christ.**

**Christ gives to the Church all the gifts necessary to be his body.**

The Church is to be a community of faith:

**entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of losing its life.**

The Church is to be a community of hope:

**rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that, in Christ,**

**God is making a new creation.**

**This new creation is a new beginning**

**for human life and for all things.**

**The Church lives in the present**

**on the strength of that promised new creation.**

The Church is to be a community of love:

**where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished,**

**and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down.**

The Church is to be a community of witness:

**pointing beyond itself through word and work**

**to the good news of God's transforming grace in Christ Jesus its Lord.**

**ORDINATION and INSTALLATION OF ELDERS** | *Questions to the Congregation*

1) Do we, the members of First Presbyterian Church, accept Laura Nichols, Jeanne Stone, and Jenny James as elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

2) Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

**LAYING ON OF HANDS and THE PRAYER OF ORDINATION**

**WELCOME OF NEW ELDERS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER** | *Unison*

**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.**

## CALL FOR OFFERING

*There are just a few weeks left to share your insights by responding to the congregational survey questions. These survey questions are part of the final phase of FPCR's mission study. Completion of the mission study is the next required step in our pastoral search process.*

## OFFERTORY

"Show Me Thy Way"

*by Charles Gilchrist*

Jenny James, Soloist

The Sanctuary Choir, Amanda Hollis, Director

Terry Metzger, Piano

**\*DOXOLOGY** | "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Glory to God 606*

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

## *We Are Sent Out to Bear the Word in the World*

## \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**\*SENDING HYMN** | "The Church of Christ in Every Age"

*Glory to God 320*

## BENEDICTION

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"A Song of Hope"

*by Donald Lee Moore*

Terry Metzger, Organ

## Body and Spirit Movement Class

***Tuesday, February 27 | 5:00 pm, Chapel***

A colleague of Pastor Alice's will guide us through a "body and spirit" movement class, for all ages and abilities.

*We are asking for a \$10 donation from attendees.*



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# Week at a Glance:

## Sunday, February 25

Nursery: 9:00 am - 11:30 am, CE Building  
Children's Sunday School: 9:00 am, CE Building  
Coffee Class: 9:00 am, Room A111  
Present Word: 9:00 am, Room A109  
Worship: 10:30 am, In-person and Online  
Grace Community Presbyterian Fellowship: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, Chapel, A111, A109  
Handbell Rehearsal: 12:00 pm, Sanctuary  
United Fellowship Bible Church: 3-5:00 pm, Chapel  
Chili Supper with UDCC: 5:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

## Monday, February 26

Faith Sharing: 1:00 pm, Library  
Book Discussion Group: 2:00 pm, Library  
Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 5-10:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

## Tuesday, February 27

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group: 6:30 am, Phone  
Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 10:00 am, Library  
Pastor's Bible Study: 4-5:00 pm, Zoom  
Body & Spirit Connection: 5:00 pm, Chapel

## Wednesday, February 28

Sometimers: 8:00 am  
Choir Rehearsal: 7:30-9:00 pm

## Thursday, February 29

Tai Chi: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

## Saturday, March 2

Taiwanese Ministry Bible Study: 10:30 am - 12:00 pm, Library  
United Fellowship Bible Church: 4:30-8:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

## Sunday, March 3

Nursery: 9:00 am - 11:30 am, CE Building  
Children's Sunday School: 9:00 am, CE Building  
Coffee Class: 9:00 am, Room A111  
Present Word: 9:00 am, Room A109  
Worship: 10:30 am, In-person and Online  
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# Lenten Meditation Stations

Lent is a time for reflection and prayer in solemn preparation for Easter Sunday. Throughout the season of Lent, we invite you to visit the 15 Meditation Stations placed around the church. Each station has a meditation or lesson, and offers scripture resources.

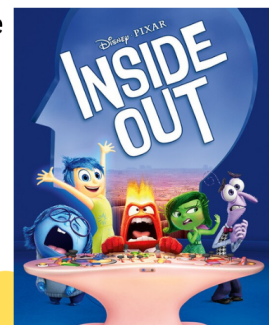
The stations are in no particular order, and you may journey through them at your own pace. They are located in the welcome center, outside the fellowship hall, the library, and around the chapel. There is also a kid-friendly station in the narthex.

Grace and peace to you along the way!

## Movie Night

Friday, March 8 | 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

All are invited to join us for movie night, featuring "Inside Out," a movie that follows a young girl's emotional journey through her personified feelings, teaching the importance of emotional growth.



# DON'T FORGET TO FILL YOUR FISH BANK!

Remember when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!



75  
YEARS



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
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# The Shape of Our Lives Lent 2024

## Lenten Activities

*Tuesday, February 27*

**Body & Spirit Connection**

*Suggested \$10 Donation*

5:00 PM | Chapel

*Friday, March 8*

**Movie Night: *Inside Out***

6:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

*Sunday, March 17*

**Storytelling & Poetry**

5:00 PM | Chapel

*Friday, March 29*

**Good Friday Children's Gathering**

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

### **Easter Flower Dedications**

Be on the lookout for opportunities to purchase flowers for the sanctuary in honor or in memory of loved ones.

*Join us this Lenten season as we explore what gives shape to our lives through our faith journeys. We'll explore "shapes" like hope, feelings, and words on Sunday mornings in worship- and then we'll try to experience those "shapes" with other special activities throughout the week.*

## Special Services

*Sunday, March 24*

**Palm Sunday**

10:30 AM | Sanctuary

*Thursday, March 28*

**Maundy Thursday:**

**The Shape of Service**

Dinners for 8 | 6:30 PM

(Sign-ups to Follow)

*Friday, March 29*

**Good Friday** | 6:00 PM

*Sunday, March 31*

**Easter Sunday: Shaped by**

**Resurrection Promise**

8:00 AM | Outdoors

10:30 AM | Sanctuary