

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 1, 2026

Second Sunday of Lent



I AM THE
LIGHT
OF THE
WORLD

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First Presbyterian Church of Mount Clemens invites you to

“Come as a guest, leave as family.”

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BOLD TEXT – All participate

* - Stand if you are able

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GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***SONG** “Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days” # 81

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God calls us forward,

All: God calls us forward,

Leader: even when we do not know the way.

All: even when we do not know the way.

Leader: God calls us to trust,

All: God calls us to trust,

Leader: even when we do not understand.

All: even when we do not understand.

Leader: God calls us beloved,

All: God calls us beloved,

Leader: even before we believe it.

All: even before we believe it.

Leader: Let us worship God.

All: Let us worship God.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

The Peace of the Lord be with you!

People: And also with you.

***SONG** “Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining” # 425

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Companion God

All: Companion God,

Leader: you call us forward,

All: you call us forward,

Leader: but we hold back.

All: but we hold back.

Leader: You offer a new birth,

All: You offer a new birth,

Leader: but we cling to the familiar.

All: but we cling to the familiar.

Leader: You promise light,

All: You promise light,

Leader: but we close our eyes.

All: but we close our eyes.

Leader: Forgive us.

All: Forgive us.

Leader: Free us and fill us with your Spirit.

All: Free us and fill us with your Spirit.

Leader: In Jesus' name.

All: In Jesus' name.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

***GRATEFUL RESPONSE**

Bless the Lord my soul, and Bless God's Holy Name. Bless the Lord my soul, who leads us into life.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE WORD

SUNG PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 13:17-22

1 John 1:5-10

Matther 5:14-16

THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

***OFFERING RESPONSE**

**Peace of God be with you. Peace of God be with you. Salaam, salaam.
Peace of God be with you.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

HOLY COMMUNION

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Jesu, Son of God Most Holy”

Mark Wilson

WORDS OF INVITATION & **GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also, with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE

Pastor: Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and heavenly choir:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

(Sanctus)

J. M. S.

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly
Lord God of power and might.
Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo - ry.
Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord Most
High. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is He that cometh in the name of the
Lord, Ho - san - na in the high - est!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

All: Christ has died! Christ has risen! Christ will come again!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION PRAYER

In this season of Lent, Holy God, we thank you for feeding us at this table. We pray for courage and faith, that we might face your message of transformation and let it remake us again in your image. How deep our need for mercy; how deep our joy in learning your grace. We praise you, Triune God. Amen.

SENDING

*SONG

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

STF 2173

LENTEN CANDLE READING

L: Jesus said, I am the true vine and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch that does not bear fruit he takes away and every branch that bears fruit, he prunes that it may bear more fruit. Abide in me, a branch cannot bear fruit on its own, so neither can you, unless you abide in me. And the world:

P: lied and cheated, plotted and schemed

L: to do away with the One who:

P: would choose them, befriend them, love them and lay down his life for them.

L: The days of Lent grow darker as the cross comes into focus, where the One with the greatest love laid down his life for us.
(The 2nd candle of Lent is extinguished)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE