

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 15, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Lent

I am shepherd for the
sheep



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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 Carol Herhilan

PRELUDE- Chancel Bells "Processional" Eugene Butler

***SONG** "Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days" # 81

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Awake, come into the newness of the day.

All: Awake, come into the newness of the day.

Leader: God welcomes us as we are.

All: God welcomes us as we are.

Leader: We are alert;

All: We are alert;

Leader: Our hearts are ready to receive.

All: Our hearts are ready to receive.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

The Peace of the Lord be with you!

People: And also with you.

***SONG** "Gentle Shepherd" Insert

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: All-knowing God,

All: All-knowing God,

Leader: you give us compassion,

All: you give us compassion,

Leader: but we do not always receive it.

All: but we do not always receive it.

Leader: You are with us,

All: You are with us,

Leader: but we do not always notice.

All: but we do not always notice.

Leader: You call us beloved,

All: You call us beloved,

Leader: but we do not believe you.

All: but we do not believe you.

Leader: Forgive us.

All: Forgive us.

Leader: Help us receive your grace

All: Help us receive your grace

Leader: and live as your people.

All: and live as your people.

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Samuel 17:34-35

John 10:11-21

SERMON

"The Good Shepherd"

Rev. Kathy Nealand

THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC *"Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross"* arr. Kevin McChesney

*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

SENDING

***SONG**

"Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

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LENTEN CANDLE READING

L: Today is the fourth Sunday of Lent. In three short weeks, on Easter Sunday, we will celebrate the end of Lent with a jubilant chorus of:

P: Christ has risen indeed!

L: But that victory is not yet in sight as Jesus walks toward the deathly darkness of Good Friday. The disciples did not understand so Jesus tried:

P: To teach them, to show them, to prepare them for the coming crises.

L: Jesus said goodbye by:

P: washing their feet and giving them a new commandment that they love one another as Jesus loved them.

L: In these darkening days of Lent, let us hear these words of Christ. Let us see God's love and care, shining brightly against the black Good Friday horizon that is looming.

(The fourth candle of Lent is extinguished)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE