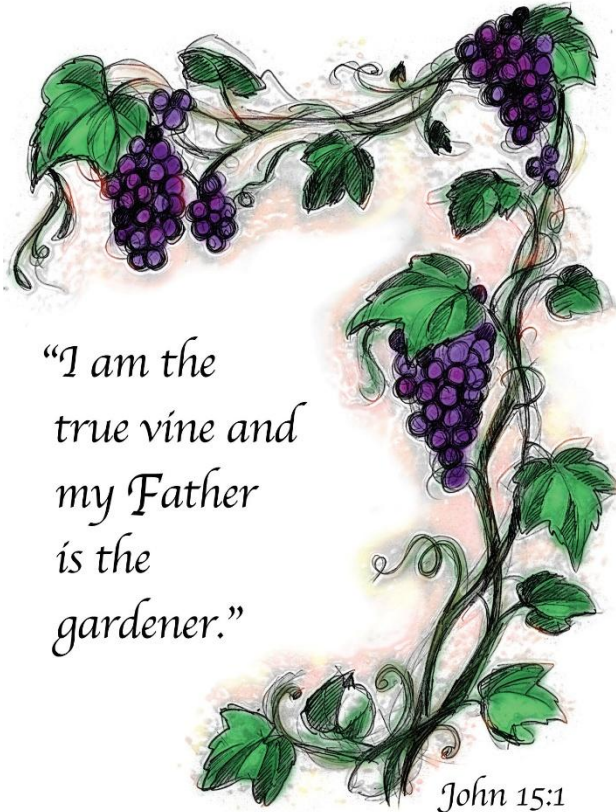


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 22, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Lent



*“I am the
true vine and
my Father
is the
gardener.”*

John 15:1

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GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hermann Ball

PRELUDE

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We come with longing,

All: We come with longing,

Leader: out of the depths,

All: out of the depths,

Leader: into God’s presence,

All: into God’s presence,

Leader: toward life made new.

All: toward life made new

CHOIR ANTHEM “Surely the Presence of the Lord”

***PASSING THE PEACE**

The Peace of the Lord be with you!

People: And also with you.

***SONG** “Abide with Me” vs. 1 & 3 #543

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: God, we bring you our sorrow

All: God, we bring you our sorrow

Leader: and you weep with us.

All: and you weep with us.

Leader: You hold our grief,

All: You hold our grief,

Leader: but we do not trust your care.

All: but we do not trust your care.

Leader: You call us by name,

All: You call us by name,

Leader: but we do not respond.

All: but we do not respond.

Leader: You invite us to rise,

All: You invite us to rise,

Leader: but we stay wrapped in what has been.

All: but we stay wrapped in what has been.

Leader: Forgive us.

All: Forgive us.

Leader: Unbind us and call us to new life.

All: Unbind us and call us to new life.

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

Hosea 10:1-2

John 15:1-8

SERMON

"Abiding in the Vine

Rev. Kathy Nealand

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

SENDING

***SONG**

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

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LENTEN CANDLE READING

L: The Garden. Gethsemane. “Come with me and pray,” Jesus said.

P: So they did, Peter, James and John, Thomas, Andrew and Philip; Bartholomew, Matthew and James (son of Alphaeus); Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot.

L: There beneath the olive trees Christ knelt and poured out his heart to his Father, “If it is your will, Father, please take this cup from me.”

P: and the disciples slept.

L: Jesus prayed, “Not my will but your will, O God.”

P: and still, the disciples slept.

L: Lord, we acknowledge the times we have failed you, just as the disciples did so long ago in the garden. As the flames are taken away from the candles, remove our sins from us. We remember your pain as we snuff out yet more of your lights.

(The fifth candle of Lent is extinguished)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE