

Service for the Lord's Day

March 1, 2026

Second Sunday in Lent

Preparation

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE "The God Of Abraham Praise" Arr. Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME, JOYS, AND CONCERNS Neilee Carroll/Emma Louise Leake

LENTEN INTROIT "God So Loved the World" R. Steven Branyon

God so loved the World that He gave His only Son, that whoso'er believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

LENTEN LITURGY

I went before you in a pillar of cloud, and you have led me to the judgment hall of Pilate. I scourged your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom, but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me. I gave you the water of salvation from the rock, but you have given me gall and left me to thirst, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

NAILING OF THE CROSS

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Tell me something good!

God loves you more than you could imagine.

Tell me something good!

God loves all of creation more than you could imagine.

Tell me something good!

God's love meets us in this service of worship. We are not alone.

This is good news indeed!

Let us worship our compassionate God.

† HYMN 49 "The God of Abraham Praise" (v. 1-4) Leoni

† CALL TO CONFESSION

Family of faith, we long to love others as God loves us, but that work is easier said than done. We lose our way. We become distracted. We grow fearful. We need God's grace. Fortunately for us, God's grace is freely and abundantly given. So join me in the Prayer of Confession. Join me in being transformed.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, did we see you hungry and give you something to eat? Did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink? Did we see you alone and offer you compassion? Or did we cross the street? Did we avert our eyes? Did we come up with every excuse in the book? God, we long to be people who love our neighbors with the same overwhelming love that you have for them. But we must admit, we have a long way to go. Forgive us for the times when we let bias, scarcity, or fear get in the way of love. Wash us clean and give us the courage to try again. With hope for a better tomorrow we pray, Amen.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Good News: even when we act with judgment, even when we are guided by fear, even when we turn our back on a neighbor in need, God does not turn God's back on us. So join me in this good-news declaration:

We are seen. We are forgiven. We are invited to try again. Thanks be to God for this unending love.

† RESPONSE 577 "Lord Have Mercy"

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also, with you.**

As God's forgiven people, let us pass the peace of Christ to one another.

Proclamation

BASKETBALL RECOGNITION

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Good news God, speak louder than the news updates. Speak louder than our mental distractions. Speak louder than our anger and louder than our fear. God, speak loudly to us today, because we long to hear your good news once more. With hope we pray, Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25:35-40

SOLO Come Ye Blessed John Prindle Scott (Landon Freeman Watts, Soloist)

Then, then shall the King say unto them upon His right hand. Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you From the foundation of the world. I was an-hungered, and ye gave me meat; I was a-thirst, and ye gave me drink; I, a stranger, and ye took me in, Naked, and ye clothed me, I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 7:36-50

MESSAGE "Good News is Great Love for God and Neighbor" Rev. Nick Setzer

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostle's Creed pg. 35

† HYMN 300 "We Are One in the Spirit" (v.1-4) They'll Know We Are Christians

Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY They'll Know We Are Christians St. Brendan's Arr. Michael Thomas

During this time you are invited to come forward with your "Good News Leaf" and place it on the tree.

† DOXOLOGY 606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

† OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of grace, you have gifted us with life in Christ. Today we bring the gifts of our work and the gifts of our hearts. May all that we bring and all that we are be your means of grace in the world, that all people may encounter your good news. Amen.

† HYMN 727 "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" (v.1-5) The Servant Song

† BENEDICTION

† CHORAL BENEDICTION "Jesus, We Just Want to Praise You" (Sung by all) William J. Gaither

Jesus we just want to praise You. Jesus, we just want to praise You. Jesus, we just want to praise You. Praise You for bringing us love.

† POSTLUDE "Recap on "Leoni" Arr. Michael Burkhardt

† Stand as you are able.

Landon Watts is honored to share his voice in worship this morning. As a Freshman Music Education Major at Winthrop; he is passionate about using music as a way to serve the Lord and encourage others. Through every performance, his prayer is that the message of the song points back to Christ and reminds listeners of God's faithfulness and grace.

SPRING FAMILY RETREAT AT MONTREAT!

March 13, 14, 15, 2026

"We Are God's Hands & Feet" is our theme this year.

This is a great opportunity for our church family to enjoy the outdoors, fellowship, spiritual renewal and sharing together.

A deposit of \$100 is due to make your reservation.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING This is one of three annual Churchwide Special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) received during the season of Lent, each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations such as disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and immigration/migration and refugees The offering can be put in the envelopes provided. Please put OGHS on memo line of your check. We will collect for this offering until Easter (April 5)

We will be starting another Grief Share program here at First Presbyterian every Tuesday from 6-7:30pm beginning March 3rd.

The Handbell Choir has resumed rehearsals on Monday nights from 5 til 6pm. They will play on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday and few other times during Lent. Let Alice know if you can join us.

Join us for FEAST this Wednesday, March 4th. We will have a potato bar for the meal provided by the Worship Committee. Then following dinner, we will have a representative from Thornwell speak. (See the March newsletter for complete information about the remaining FEAST gatherings.)

We had a wonderful church basketball season this year. We will have a pizza banquet for all players and their families to celebrate tonight at 6pm in the Family Life Center. Hope you can come. Participation medals & trophies will be awarded.

We will be hosting Shellem Cline, a nationally known Christian country singer on Tuesday, March 10th at 10:30am for a concert followed by a covered dish lunch (meat provided). There is no cost. Please invite your friends from the community churches to come and share in fellowship .

Presbyterian Women are now accepting applications for the 2026-2027 Iva Bryson Barnwell and Kitty Sandifer Scholarship. This opportunity is for all rising and current college and graduate students. Please contact the church or Liz Ann Hill (lizannhill15@gmail.com) for an application and to ask any questions. The applications are **due by APRIL 1ST!**

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS Thank you for joining us today. We're glad you're here and hope that you'll experience God's love as we worship together. If you would like to know more about us, please call our church office (684-2356) and ask to speak with our pastor. May God's peace be with you.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS:

All caregivers, Justin Snipes (son of Melissa & Patrick Young & grandson of Micky & Joe Howe), Matt Bozarth (Friend of Leigh Dayton) that is suffering from a rare cancer), Wayne McCormick, Jr., Mark Good (Friend of Jody Templeton has cancer), Gloria Ludwig (Stacey Walden's grandmother), Leigh Dayton, Shane Vickery (friend of Jake Walden) Joe & Mickey Howe, Archie Buchanan, Jim Ballard (Brother in law of Ann Lee), Robert Clewis (Shelia Herron's son), Danny Allman (19 yr. old nephew of Mike Allman), Jackson (friend of the Waldens), Bill Herron(Leukemia), Donna Jo McKinney Ferrell and Jane McKinney Bolin (have cancer, they are nieces of Brenda Brandon), Lauren Bolin (niece of Terri Bratton) had twins, the twins are home & doing well, Chip Lee (father of Bethany James), Rebecca Byrd (preschool teacher, broke her leg), Patti Whiteside (Joanna Setzler's step mom) recovering from broken hip, Randy Street (son in law of Jane Ratliff heart transplant), Jim Bolduc (Surgery), Lorraine Stewart, Mike Allman, Sr. (brain cancer), Linda Lee (sister in law of Eddie & Ann Lee injured in auto accident), Liz Ann Hill (Surgery) and Bruce Richardson (friend of Jake Walden)

RETIREMENT/NURSING HOMES-HOMEBOUND

Barbara & Bob Falls, Jane Spratt & Lorraine Stewart

FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by the Hill Family in memory of Judy Moore. Judy was a wonderful neighbor, friend & valued church member. She will be greatly missed by all!

LITTLE DISCIPLES 1 Patti Earle 8 Jamie Caveny	NURSERY Jenny Hill Angie Pratt	BOB DRAGNER BLANKET DRIVE We will be collecting blankets thru March. Leave donations in the PATH boxes.
ACOLYTES 1 Kemp Hall/Mackenna Zesiger 8 Aubrey Walden/James Caveny	CROSS BEARER Tallon Zesiger Ryleigh Walden	

SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE IS OUR THEME FOR 2026 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, JUNE 22-25. FIND YOUR STRENGTH IN GOD. "I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH HIM WHO STRENGTHENS ME" (PHILIPPIANS 4:13)

The Theology 101 Class will meet this Tuesday, March 3rd at 4pm.

SUMMER OF 2026 DATES FOR MONTREAT CONFERENCES ARE SET!
Youth Conference at Montreat July 11-18 (9th-12th)
Middle School Conference at Maryville College July 15th-19th (6th-8th)
Please put these dates on your calendars for next summer now! We have lots of youth who are eligible to go!

SET UP FOR HEARING AIDS TO CONNECT TO SANCTUARY AUDIO
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Connect: your phone to the Wi-Fi Network
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Open: the ListenWiFi app
Click: "Venue Scan" on the app and the audio will connect to your device
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CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

- Sun. 3-1** 10:00am Adult Sunday School
11:00am Worship/Dimes for Hunger/Basketball Recognition
5:00pm Confirmation Class
6:00pm Basketball Banquet
- Mon. 3-2** 5:00pm Handbell Practice
6:00pm Ladies Bible Study
8:00pm AA
- Tues. 3-3** 7:45am Sr. Highs at Southern Touch
4:00pm Theology 101
6:00pm Grief Share
6:00pm Circle #1
- Wed. 3-4** 10:00am Acts Study
2:30pm FWC at Trinity
5:00pm Worship Committee
6:00pm FEAST
6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
8:00pm AA
- Thurs. 3-6** 6:00pm Girl Scouts in McNeel
- Sat. 3-7** **CHANGE CLOCKS!! SPRING FORWARD**
- Sun. 3-8** 10:00am Adult Sunday School
11:00am Worship/Communion

The 2026 flower calendar is open. Anyone who would like to (sponsor) the flowers during the coming year please contact Ree Dillon at 803-526-1098. March, April, May, June & August are taken.

BOOK CLUB APRIL 21 ST AT 6:30PM The book that we will be reading is "The Correspondent" By Virginia Evans. Please join us! All are welcome!	PATH NEEDS: Cereal and canned meats like Vienna sausages, chicken, tuna, etc. Please leave them in the PATH boxes at the back door parking lot.
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Session Members & Their Committees

Liz Ann Hill...Clerk & Personnel & IT	Rick Beard.....Property
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