



First Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday in Lent

March 01, 2026, 11:00 AM



* Indicates that those who are able may stand

Bold type is spoken by the people.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY:

Trio

Johann Ludwig Krebs

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ann Maier, Liturgist

ONE: The Lord God keeps us, saves us, and protects us in times of trouble.

ALL: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

ONE: Even when fear strikes us, we know that we are safe, for we belong to God.

**ALL: We shall never be shaken or moved, for we are shadowed by God's almighty hand.
We lift our voices together in thanks and praise.**

*OPENING HYMN:

To God Be the Glory

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CALL TO & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE Our help does truly come from God. This help is not just for the times when trouble befalls us, or when our lives are hard, but when we are the ones who are to blame, when we face the consequences of our own actions. Knowing that, we turn to God for help, trusting in unending grace, saying...

ALL: Teacher, you call us to go, following the plan that you have set out for us. You promise us blessings and purpose, but we do not trust your words. We cling to what we already know, we trust in what we can see and touch, we make excuses for our failure to trust in you. Call to us again, that we may be born again through your Spirit. Help us to believe and give us the abundant life that comes from following your will.

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

*RESPONSE HYMN:

Lord Have Mercy Upon Us

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***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

ONE: God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

ALL: **Thanks be to God. We will bear witness to God's saving grace with our lives.**

***GLORIA PATRI**

#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!**

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Katie Long

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Genesis 12:1-4a

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SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

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ONE: We proclaim Christ crucified—the wisdom and power of God.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON:

John 3:1-17

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SERMON

Rev. Michael McLaughlin

***SERMON HYMN:**

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

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COMMUNAL AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***GREETINGS**

After an exchange of Peace between the Pastor and the Congregation, we encourage you to greet one another. The Greetings will conclude with the first verse of *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*.

ONE: ...The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

ALL: **And also with you.**

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ONE: ... Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: I to the Hills Lift Up Mine Eyes

Jean Berger

Text: Psalm 121 from the Bay Psalm Book, 1640

I to the hills lift up mine eyes, from where shall come mine aid.
Mine help doth from Jehovah come, which heav'n and earth hath made.
He will not let thy foot be mov'd, not slumber that thee keeps.
Lo he that keepeth Israel, he slumb'reth not nor sleeps.
The Lord thy keeper is, the Lord on thy right hand the shade.
The sun by day, nor moon by night, shall thee by stroke invade.
The Lord shall keep thee from all ill; thy soul he keeps away.
Thy going out, and thy in-come, the Lord keeps now and aye.

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

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**ALL: 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.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ONE: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

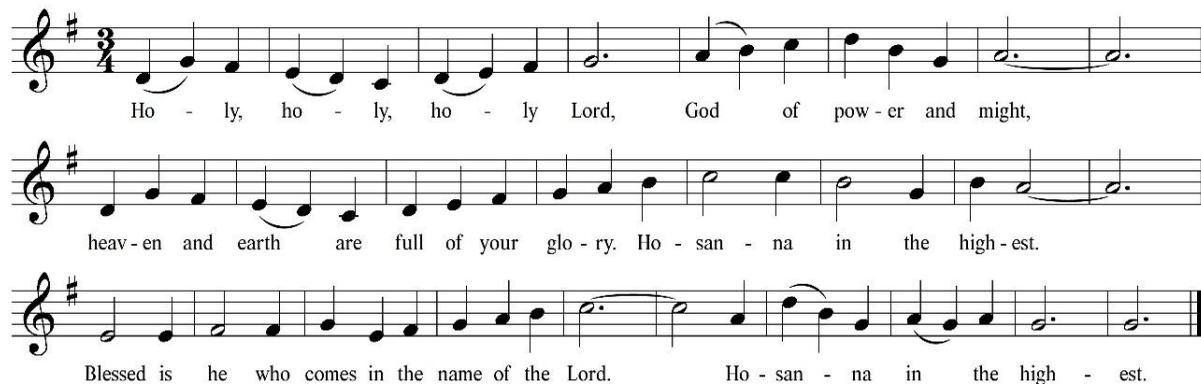
ONE: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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

ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

ONE: ...Remembering your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast.

ALL: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

THE 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 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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***CLOSING HYMN:** Womb of Life and Source of Being

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***BENEDICTION**

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