



# First Presbyterian Church



## Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026, 11:00 AM

\* Indicates that those who are able may stand

**Bold type is spoken by the people.**

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY:

Solemn Prelude

*John Marsh*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Ann Hayes, Liturgist*

ONE: As children of God, we dwell in the Spirit, and the Spirit dwells in us.

**ALL: We are alive in the Spirit through the righteousness of God.**

ONE: In humility and faith, we come to worship the One who gives us life, hope, and healing.

**ALL: God has brought us to this moment and will guide us still. Praise the Lord!**

\*OPENING HYMN:

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

**#32**

### CALL TO & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE Christ is nearer to us than we can imagine. Jesus' power is not just for a distant past and a far-off future. Jesus is here for us here and now. Because there is forgiveness with God, let us call upon the Lord, saying...

**ALL: God of resurrection, We know the power of death. We have seen its works, we have felt its sting. We have been to the valley of despair, and felt like there was no chance for life. We do not believe in your power to resurrect. We do not believe in your power to redeem our pain, and fashion something beautiful in this world. Forgive us. We cry from the depths—however faint our call may be, we pray you hear our voice.**

### SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

\*RESPONSE HYMN:

Lord Have Mercy Upon Us

**#575**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: Thus says the Lord, You shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live.

**ALL: We believe the good news! Thanks be to God.**

\*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: Ezekiel 37:1–14

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SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Romans 8:6–11

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: Out of the Depths

*Daniel Nelson*  
*Text: Psalm 130*

Out of the depths I cry to thee. O Lord, hear my voice!  
If thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?  
But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou might be feared.  
My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning.  
O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love,  
And with him is plenteous redemption.  
And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 11:1-45

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SERMON

*Rev. Michael McLaughlin*

\*SERMON HYMN: Spirit, Open My Heart

**#692**

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.**

ONE: Let us pass the peace...

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

**#306**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ONE: ... Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

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.**

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERTORY: Every Time I Feel the Spirit

*Pepper Choplin*

OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY

**#606**

**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

\*CLOSING HYMN:

Christ Be Beside Me

**#702**

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE:

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

*Philip Moore*

# REGULAR WEEKLY CALENDAR

## SUNDAY

- **Higher Grounds Café** – 9:30am-11am, in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Religion & Culture Class** – 9:30am-10:30am, in room 6.
- **Faithful Living Class** 10am-10:45am, in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Adult Morning Bible Study** – 10am-10:45am, in the Library
- **Worship Service** – 11am, in the Sanctuary
- **Nursery** – 9:30am-12:15pm - Ages 5 and under.
- **Children's Church** - 11:15am, in Room 16.

## WEDNESDAY

- **Wednesday Night Gathering** – Dinner 5:15pm, Study of Psalms 6pm, Fellowship Hall.
- **Choir Rehearsal** – 7:30pm, in the Sanctuary.

## THURSDAY

- **High School Youth Group** – Morning coffee talk and encouragement, 7am-7:30am, home of Rev. Long.

## ELDERS:

2026: Cade Arnold, Josh Doré  
2027: Sidonie Sansom, Dee Tompkins  
2028: Ben Marsee, Donna Simpson

**CLERK:** Chris McCormick

## DEACONS:

2026: Michelle Doré, Ron Ledbetter, Stacey Trent  
2027: Kelly Appleton, Ann Hayes, Tony Lawson,  
Colleen Mestayer, Gabrielle Pate, Shelley  
Wiley  
2028: Missy Moore, Liz Tompkins, Pat Wilhelm

## BIRTHDAYS:

Sansom, Sidonie 3/02  
Winscott, Mary 3/06  
Samon, Matthew 3/08  
Rory Womack 3/11  
Dore, Jensen 3/12  
Neil, Richard 3/12  
Trent, Stacey 3/17

Weidner, Heidemarie 3/17  
Pelren, Alana 3/19  
Burgess, Willa 3/24  
Pate, Pam 3/24  
Butler, Ginny 3/25  
Scott, Erica 3/27

## STAFF:

The Rev. Michael D. McLaughlin.....Pastor & Head of Staff  
The Rev. Katie Long.....Dir. TTU PSA, Community Life Minister  
Paul Thurmond..... Director of Music  
Virginia Fillers.....SoulSong Coordinator  
Amy Ainsley.....Office Administrator