



First Presbyterian Church



First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026, 11:00 AM

* Indicates that those who are able may stand

Bold type is spoken by the people.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Ellen Casey, Rory Womack, Bobby Young

VOLUNTARY:

Amazing Grace

Gerald Near

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jaden Mullins, Liturgist

ONE: We are the body of Christ, and we depend on God's grace.

ALL: We pray to God in times of distress, knowing that we are freed from sin and preserved from trouble.

ONE: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

ALL: We will be glad in the Lord and shout for joy!

*OPENING HYMN:

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

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CALL TO & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE When we stay silent, when we do not acknowledge what we need to change, we waste away. Our guilt turns into shame that eats away at us like a poison. God calls us to repent and be healed; let us turn to God, saying...

ALL: Merciful One, we are so easily tempted. We turn away from your word so quickly. We seek anything that claims to save us from discomfort, inconvenience, pain, fear, and emptiness. But these are false idols, dissolving in the wind. You are our true hope and salvation, our hiding place, our guide, our guardian. We confess our transgressions to you: forgive our sins.

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

*RESPONSE HYMN:

Lord Have Mercy Upon Us

#575

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice! God does not count our sins against us, but offers us a free gift of righteousness.

ALL: 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. Michael McLaughlin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–7

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SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Romans 5:12–19

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

J.S. Bach

Lord, keep us steadfast in your word; curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from your Son and bring to nought all he has done.
Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are Lord of lords alone;
Defend your holy church, that we may sing your praise triumphantly.
O Comforter of priceless worth, send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife and lead us out of death to life.

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 4:1-11

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SERMON

Rev. Michael McLaughlin

*SERMON HYMN: Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

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COMMUNAL AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Confession of 1967, 9.21

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

*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.**

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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:

Sanctuary

James Southbridge

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

*CLOSING HYMN:

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE:

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Alfred V. Fedak

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

BIRTHDAYS:

Volpe, Jennette	02/03
Koci, Abby	02/10
Woods, Rick	02/11
Smith, Annabelle	02/14
Duvier, Hank	02/15
Maier, Ann	02/16
McLaughlin, Lisa	02/18
Dore, Josh P.	02/19

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

Turner, Ann	02/20
Rios, Marge	02/21
Malone, Josh	02/23
Wilson, Anne	02/27
Dugle, Jon	02/28
Glasgow, Sam	02/28
Moore, Melissa	02/28

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