



2nd
Sunday
in **Lent**

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

10:00 a.m.

In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music: Hymn 65

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Cwm Rhondda”

arr. Don Hustad

Call to Worship

from John 3:11-15

We speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen.

No one has ascended into heaven

except the one who descended from heaven.

The Son of Man must be lifted up,

that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

* Hymn 440

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

God of light,

you sent Jesus Christ to illumine the world.

Yet we stumble in the dark

as those who do not know where they are going.

We dwell in lies and act as if you do not know us.

We live by fixed rules and resist your mercy.

We question your love and stray from truth that might set us free.

Take away our sin.

Speak your mercy so that we can hear your voice

and receive the fullness of your eternal life;

through Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world.

* Silent Confession

* Kyrie 437

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

You are the Christ, giver of mercy!

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

During the season of Lent, we refrain from singing alleluia.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 (NT p. 154)

Psalter: Psalm 121 (Hymnal 45)

A Time with Children

Anthem "Bread of Heaven, On Thee We Feed" arr. Barbara Baltzer
Kinyon

Gospel Lesson: John 3:1-15 (NT p. 93)

Sermon: "Old Dogs and New Tricks"

Rev. Carter

Sermon Series: Concealed and Revealed

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 451 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal p. 35)

Minute for One Great Hour of Sharing

Offering "Ar Hyd Y Nos"

arr. Austin Lovelace

Offertory

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer (Hymnal, p. 35)

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Please hold the bread until all are served, so that we might share it as a sign of our unity in Christ. As a sign of individual devotion and commitment, you may drink the cup as you are served.

Prayers of the People

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 263 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (to "Diadem")

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Morte Christe"

arr. Emrys Jones

If you are leaving before the postlude is finished, please do so quietly.

* All who are able shall stand.

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Karen White in memory of loved ones.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor

Rev. William Carter

Coordinator of Children and Youth

Jana Schillinger

Director of Music

Frank Jones

Organist

Kay Ten Eyck

Liturgist

Christine Lee

Usher

Diana Pope-Albright & Bett Ellis

First Presbyterian Church

Church Family Announcements

Our congregation worships God, equips God's people for ministry in the world, and serves God in ways that are faithful to the Gospel.

Thank you for joining us for worship.

- We gather each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in person or on our YouTube channel, (or stream the service on YouTube at a later time).
- Please use the red attendance pads to record your presence today.

Today and Next Sunday: “Three in One? – The Discovery of Trinity, and What it Means for Us Today” 1700 years ago, in 325 CE, the Christian Church met to argue about God. The result was the Nicene Creed, which for the first time articulated that Christians believed God was Triune. We affirm this belief today, but what does it mean, and why does it matter, then and now? Today’s topic: “Why were people arguing about God, and what was the outcome at Nicea?” Next week: “How does the belief that God is Trinity inform our faith today?” **Gather downstairs in Room 111 at 11:15 a.m.**

Tell us your prayer concerns. Prayer Request Cards are in the pew racks. Pass them to the center aisle to be collected during the first hymn.

Please pray for: Debbie, Molly, Ellen S., Jeff, Jean, Nancy, Sarah, Carol, Leslie, Kim, Stuart, Kathy, Timothy, Claire, Craig K., Gary K., Judy S., AJ, Lee, Sally, Terry, Estelle, Nate, Len, Millie, Faith, Erin, Katie, Mary, Sue and family, Renee, Wendy, Margaret, Jim L., Robyn, K.J., Christine, Rachel and family, Theresa, Cindy, Bob, Dick, Kate, Shirley, Peg, Dorina, Jane & Family, Stan and Leona.

Our Lenten Series: “The Celtic Way – When Heaven Touches Earth”

On Wednesdays in Lent, we will explore the Celtic contributions to the Christian Life. Join us each week at 6:00 pm in Room 206 (Session Room). We will meet an ancient saint or two, reflect on the “Thin Places” we have known, and discuss the high crosses and the ornate vines that decorate them. All are welcome! The six-week series runs from February 25 through Wednesday, April 1.

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This Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 1

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- 11:00 a.m., Confirmation, Room 206
- 11:15 a.m., Table Talk: "Three in One?", Room 111
- 3 p.m., OA, Room 210

Monday, March 2

Tuesday, March 3

- 9:30 a.m., Yoga, Room 111
- 6 p.m., OA, Room
- 6:15 p.m., Choir, Rehearsal Sanctuary
- 7 p.m., Mission & Justice
- 7 p.m., AA, Room 111

Wednesday, March 4

- 10:30 a.m., Prayer & Share
- 12:00 p.m., Bridge club
- 6 p.m., Adult Education, "The Celtic Way," Room 206
- 7 p.m., Bell Choir Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall
- 7:30 p.m., AlAnon, Room 111

Thursday, March 5

- 8:30 a.m., Men's Breakfast Room 206
- 4:00 p.m., Finance Committee, Room 209
- 5:30 p.m., Worship, Music, Arts Committee, Room 206
- 7:00 p.m., Christian Education Committee, Room 206
- 7:00 p.m., Building and Grounds Committee, Room 209

Friday, March 6

- 12:00 p.m., Bridge Club

Saturday, March 7

- 9:45 a.m., OA

Sunday, March 8

- 10 a.m., Worship
- 11:00 a.m., Confirmation, Room 206
- 11:15 a.m., Table Talk: "Three in One?", Room 111
- 3 p.m., OA, Room 210
- 5:30 p.m., Girl Scouts, Room 111

Our Next Arts Event: The Blue Note Jazztet

Sunday, March 15 at 4:00 p.m.

The Blue Note Jazztet specializes in snapping tunes from the venerable the Blue Note record label. This is swinging and accessible music, the 1950's and '60's. Featured are Horace Silver, Freddie John Coltrane, Herbie Hancock, and Wayne Shorter.



in the finger-tradition of hard-mostly from composers Hubbard, Lee Morgan,

The Jazztet, following sold-out upstate New York and at Keystone perform a free concert on Sunday, March 15 at 4:00 p.m. as preparation for an upcoming live recording with producer George Graham. The lineup includes Jeff Stockham on trumpet, Mike Carbone on tenor sax/flute, Kate Anderson on alto sax, Bill Carter on piano, Tony Marino on bass, and Tyler Dempsey on drums. A free-will offering will support event costs, and a reception to meet the artists follows the concert.

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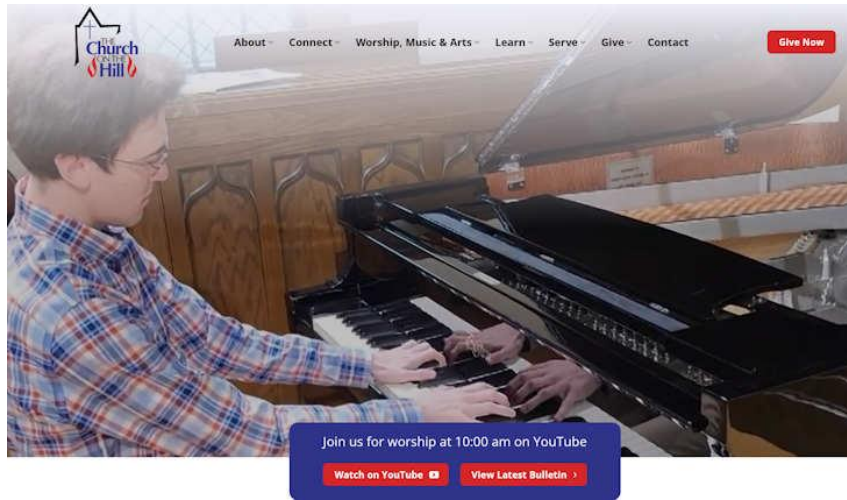
Help us fill the sanctuary with Tulips on Easter Morning. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 8. Please make checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church".

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Number of tulip pots _____ \$9.00 each. Total amount enclosed: _____

Dedication: In memory/In honor of: _____

I will take my flowers YES NO



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Learn about us, connect with us, stay in the know. With something always going on, check out the worship service link. The music and arts section where you will be sure to find something happening. From youth programs to adult Bible study our learn section will connect you with Christian education. Check out all the opportunities to serve the community from caring ministries to world missions. The Church on the Hill has something for everyone.

Please contact our webmaster at webmaster@fpccs.org with any questions or comments your input is appreciated.

We are grateful for the many ways that people support our church's ministry to the community and world. If you wish to contribute by cell phone, **scan here.**

