



*"Those who drink of the water that I will give them
will never be thirsty" (John 4:14).*

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Service for the Lord's Day

Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 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 479

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Prelude in G Minor”

JS Bach

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:6-7

O come, let us worship and bow down.

Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

For the Lord is our God.

We are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

* Hymn 35

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

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: John 4:1-15 (NT p. 94)

Psalter: Psalm 95 (Hymnal 386)

A Time with Children

Anthem "Sicut Cervus" Palestrina

Gospel Lesson: John 4:16-42 (NT p. 95)

Sermon: "Well, That Was Embarrassing..." Rev. Carter

Sermon Series: Concealed and Revealed

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 183 "Come to Me, O Weary Traveler"

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

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

Minute for One Great Hour of Sharing Charlie Pinches

Offering

Offertory "Fugue in G Minor" JS Bach

* Response 694, verse 1

Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care.

You are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.

How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start;

Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 81 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

Today's flowers are given by Jack Pittman in memory of his wife, Barbara Pittman

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

* All who are able shall stand.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor Rev. William G. Carter

Coordinator of Children and Youth Jana Schillinger

Director of Music Frank Jones

Organist Kay Ten Eyck

Liturgist Jack Pittman

Usher The Farrell family and Diana Pope-Albright

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: “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: “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, Timothy, Claire, Craig K., Gary K., Judy S., AJ, Lee, Sally, Terry, Kathy, Estelle, Gary, Tami, Nate, Len, Millie, Faith, Erin, Katie, Mary, Sue and family, Jim L., Robyn, K.J., Christine, Rachel and family, Theresa, Cindy, Bob, Dick, Kate, Peg, Dorina, Jane & Family, Stan and Leona, Denise H. and family, Char and Family, Renee and Wendy.

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.



This Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 8

- 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 9

Tuesday, March 10

- 9:30 a.m., Yoga, Room 111
- 10:00 a.m., My Brother's Keeper Quilt
- 6:15 p.m., Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary
- 7 p.m., Session Room 206
- 7 p.m., AA, Room 111

Wednesday, March 11

- 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 12

- 4:00 p.m., Mobile Food Pantry

Friday, March 13

- 12:00 p.m., Bridge Club

Saturday, March 14

- 9:45 a.m., OA
- Presbyter Deadline

Sunday, March 15

- 10 a.m., Worship
- 11:00 a.m., Confirmation, Room 206
- 3 p.m., OA, Room 210
- 4 p.m., Arts Event: Blue Note Jazztet in concert, sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m., Girl Scouts, Room 111

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.**



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 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.



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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shows in College, will

Free Bibles: Take What You Need! You may have noticed that our Worship/Music/Arts committee has been replacing the Bibles in our pews. That means we have plenty to give away. Help yourself to one (or more) of the Bibles on a table in the Narthex. If you want more, there are a couple of boxes of used red pew Bibles in Room 210. Everybody needs a Bible! Help us find new homes for them.

- *FYI: We found a box of Bibles in Spanish when we were cleaning the church attic. They have been given away, offered with a prayer that the recipients will read them and find them helpful.*

Last week, the Deacons sent out twenty-seven care packages to college students as an expression of our church's love and support. Thank you to all who support the caregiving work of the Deacons.

Palm Sunday, March 29 - L.I.F.T. Program for Holy Week - We will host a L.I.F.T. (Living in Faith Together) program after worship on Palm Sunday, with a lesson and activities over a simple lunch for all in Fellowship Hall. Households of all ages and sizes will break bread together as we hear God's Word and engage in discussion and activities. Can you make a crockpot of soup of share? Please let Jana know.

Check out our upgraded website - Did you know that most of our visitors and new members found us on our website? That's why it is important to keep it attractive, informative, and up to date. We are grateful to Dick Cochrane (our beloved webmaster) who led the initiative to update the website from the ground up. We are also grateful for the Session's leadership in dedicating funds from our "Ministry Enhancement" fund to rebuild the site. Check it out for yourself at <https://fpccs.org/>

