

Prayers of God's People and 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Our Tithes and Offerings	Offertory on "Restoration"	Tom Birchwood
*The Doxology		Page #809
*Prayer of Dedication		
*Hymn	"How Firm a Foundation"	Page #612
*Benediction		
Postlude	"How Firm a Foundation"	Steven Scott

SESSION

Pastor Scott Cress, *Moderator*
Tom Conner, *Clerk of Session*

Class of 2026

Rich Péwé (*Trustee*) and Kevin Porteus

Class of 2027

Tom Conner (*Trustee*) and Les Hutchinson

Class of 2028

Gregg Patten (*Trustee*) and Marsha Rollins

DEACONS

Class of 2026

Patti Péwé, Faye Ross, Steve Ross (*Co-Moderator*), and Pam Steiner (*Treasurer*)

Class of 2027

Earla Carver, Linda Fogarty (*Moderator*), Doug French, and Nancy Veenstra (*Secretary*)

Class of 2028

Beverly Fall, Sue Hayes, Carol Ringenberg, and Sheryl Sanford

The First Presbyterian Church



Second
Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 1, 2026

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday of Lent

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*Congregation May Stand

10:30 a.m. Worship

Prelude "Holy Manna" Southern Harmony

Welcome and Announcements James Brandon

***Call to Worship** Psalm 123:1-2

Invocation

***Hymn** "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" Page #802

***Responsive Reading:** Psalm 121

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From whence does my help come?

People: **My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: He will not let your foot be moved,
He who keeps you will not slumber.

People: **Behold, He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

Leader: The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

People: **The sun shall not smite you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

Leader: The Lord will keep you from all evil;
He will keep your life.

People: **The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and for evermore.**

Prayer of Confession Adapted from *The Worship Sourcebook* (unison)

Eternal and merciful Father, You have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and You have set us on paths of righteousness for Your name's sake. Yet we have strayed from Your way; we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. As we remember the lavish gift of Your grace symbolized in baptism, O God, we praise You and give You thanks that You forgive us yet again. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit.

Silent Confession (continue in silent prayer)Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***The Gloria Patri** Page #805

Children's Sermon "Who Were Jesus's First Students?" Pastor Scott Cress

First Scripture Lesson Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 Pew Bible Page #979

Anthem "Peace Like a River" Donald Moore

Second Scripture Lesson Judges 6:33-40 Pew Bible Page #214

Sermon "Gideon: Portrait of Hesitation" Pastor Scott Cress

***Hymn** "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" Page #451

***Affirmation of Faith** Westminster Shorter Catechism Questions 35 & 36

Question: What is sanctification?

Answer: Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

Question: What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?

Answer: The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification, are, assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today, March 1 ~ 2nd Sunday of Lent

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Practice, Sanctuary
- 9:40 a.m. Sunday School, Classrooms
- 10:20 a.m. Pre-Service Prayer, Chapel
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 2

- 7:00 p.m. Arts Chorale Practice, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 3

Wednesday, March 4

- 6:00 p.m. Lenten Dinner, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, March 5

- 9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Anniversary Room
- 4:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting, Anniversary Room

Friday, March 6

- 5:00-6:30 p.m. Soup Supper, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, March 7

Next Sunday, March 8 ~ 3rd Sunday of Lent

- 2:00 a.m. Daylight Saving Time begins!
- 8:30 a.m. Choir Practice, Sanctuary
- 9:40 a.m. Sunday School, Classrooms
- 10:20 a.m. Pre-Service Prayer, Chapel
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Usher Schedule

- March 8:** Tom Fink, Patti Pewe and Carol Ringenberg
- March 15:** Linda & Norm Bearman and Marty Games
- March 22:** Bev & Larry Fall and Stuart Risendorph
- March 29:** The Cress and Portteus children

WELCOME

Welcome friends, old and new! We're delighted by your presence on this second Sunday in Lent. With pleasure and joy, let us praise God and have Christian fellowship with one another.

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS worshiping with us this morning. We ask that you please include your name and address when filling out the Friendship Pads and pass the pad along the pew so others may do the same. After everyone has registered, send the pad back along the pew so you can learn the names of those sitting with you. Attendance Last Sunday: 71

The FLOWERS on the Communion table today are provided by the Brandon family, in loving memory of James' brother, Kevin Lee Brandon.

PASTOR:	Rev. Scott Cress
WORSHIP LEADER:	James Brandon
CHOIR/ORGANIST:	Dean James
BUILDING CLOSER:	Marsha Rollins
DEACON:	Faye & Steve Ross
USHERS:	Nancy Ashton, Ruth Brown and Doug French

PRAYER REQUESTS: Dennis Anders (*Brother Tammy James*) & Susie Schray

CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS: Charles Cress (*Pastor's Father*), Sarah Price (*Daughter B.Barron*), Marlene Risedorph (*Wife Stuart*), Barbara Craine & Susan Wilson (*Sisters C.Hoffman*), Nancy Leutheuser, Andre Portteus (*Kevin's Father*), Tom Osborn (*Brother-in-law B.Kneen*), Norma Baldwin, Melinda Foulke-Beckwith, Carissa Benavides, Jack Bowles (*Cousin Vida*), Keith Brown (*Friend H.Wood*), Elizabeth Burke (*Friend B.Kneen*), Kimberly Burlew, Rosie Dryer (*Friend S.Kinney*), Kevin & Bridget Fowler (*Parents B.Portteus*), Maxine & George Gaffney & Snookie Ham (*Friends B.Kneen*), Sheila Hall (*Friend C.Erholtz*), Ashley Hightower, Robert Jones (*Irma's Husband*), Shirley McIntyre, JoAnne Rollins (*Sister-in-law M.Rollins*), John Scott (*Friend C.Ringenberg*), Lois Shrock, Theresa Tomas (*Friend C.Erholtz*), Laura VanWormer (*Friend L.Fogarty*), Amy Wright, and Elijah Wright (*Son Karen Lagasee-Wright*); **PRAY FOR MILITARY:** LT. Andrea Cornett (*USN*); First Lieutenant Spencer Eves (*USN-Grandson Judy & Ron Adams*); LT. Col. Garron Garn (*US Marines*), Commander Zachary Laden (*US Navy—Grandson B.Taylor*), Major Ben Larson (*Nat'l Guard--Grandson C.Dear*); Army First Lt. Cheryl Jackson (*Granddaughter W.Schneider*), and LT. Sydney Rouble (*USN RN—Granddaughter Bishers*); **PRAY FOR MISSIONS:** Lingap Children's Foundation, Father's Table Food Pantry, King's Cupboard, Love, INC, Salvation Army, Samaritan's Purse, and Share the Warmth; **PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS:** Diane Eames and Warren Schneider

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE HOUR is a special time in our Church, and a sign of the health of our congregation as members and friends stay for afterwards for fellowship following most services. Coffee and snacks are provided by volunteers who sign up to host. There is a signup sheet in Fellowship Hall if you'd like to be a host!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME (March 8): Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour at 2:00 AM next Sunday! As we spring forward into a new season, may we also step into the fresh grace God provides each day. Though we may have lost an hour of sleep, we gain time together in His presence—a reminder that His mercies are new every morning.

DEACONS MEETING (March 5): The Deacons will hold their regularly monthly meeting this Thursday, March 5th at 4:00 PM in the Anniversary Room.

FLOWER CALENDAR: Donating Altar flowers is a simple way to honor a loved one, glorify God, and to beautify the sanctuary for Sunday's worship. Flowers can be donated in memory of someone who has died, in celebration of an anniversary, birthday, or other milestones, or in thanksgiving for friends and/or family. Select an open date and enter your name to donate flowers through the Flower Calendar. Please call Irma in the Church office so your dedication for flowers can be printed in the bulletin on the Sunday which you are providing.

JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL: Classes are available for all ages each Sunday morning from **9:40-10:20 AM** before worship. It's a wonderful opportunity to study God's Word, ask questions and grow in faith together. Whether you're brand new or returning after a break, there's a place for you. Come learn, connect and be encouraged as we dive deeper into Scripture this year!

LENTEN DINNERS & STUDY: During Lent, we will gather with the folks from the First United Methodist Church on Wednesday nights at 6:00 PM for a light meal and a short video presentation. Please see the schedule on this page. Join us and our neighbors for food and a great study on the "Heroes of Faith!"

MEN'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY: Join our Men's Bible Study on **Thursday mornings at 9:00 AM** in the Anniversary Room. We believe that studying God's Word together will strengthen our faith and build stronger relationships within our Church. So don't miss out on this chance to grow together!

PRAYER REQUESTS: It is important to pray for our members and friends of our congregation especially those who are sick, or hospitalized, home-bound, or serving our country around the world. Please notify the Church office for prayer requests/concerns, hospitalizations, illness, and anyone needing pastoral care or help from the Deacons. It is our privilege to lift you and those you love in prayer.

SOUP SUPPER (March 6): FPC will host this Friday's Soup Supper! Food is served from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to come to this no-cost meal for food and for fellowship and friendship. We can use anyone in a variety of positions and times. Please be sure to sign up today if you'd like to help! This is a joyful way to serve the Lord as we feed our neighbors!

STRONG FOUNDATIONS CLASSES (February 3-April 28): The Strong Foundation Classes are sponsored by Love, INC will conclude on April 28th. Classes are **Tuesdays from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM** with dinner included in the Anniversary Room. If you or someone you know would like to attend or you'd like to see your Church support this transformational ministry through volunteers, dinner, or incentives, speak to Pastor.



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"As we journey towards Easter, let's deepen our faith, seek repentance, and embrace opportunities for spiritual growth, service, and renewed love for God and others."