

**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.

<b>Our Tithes and Offerings</b>	<i>"O God, Thou Faithful God"</i>	J.S. Bach
*The Doxology		Page #809
*Prayer of Dedication		
<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"</i>	Page #552
<b>*Benediction</b>		
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>"Fugue in G minor"</i>	J.S. Bach

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**SESSION**

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

**Class of 2026:** Rich Péwé (*Trustee*) and Kevin Portteus  
**Class of 2027:** Tom Conner (*Trustee*) and Les Hutchinson  
**Class of 2028:** Gregg Patten (*Trustee*) and Marsha Rollins

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**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

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# *The First Presbyterian Church*

## **Fourth** *Sunday* *in Lent*



***Sunday, March 15, 2026***



# CHURCH CALENDAR

## Today, March 15 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent

### NO Choir Practice

- 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 16

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

## Tuesday, March 17

## Wednesday, March 18

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

## Thursday, March 19

- 9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Anniversary Room
- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Anniversary Room

## Friday, March 20 ~ Spring begins!

## Saturday, March 21

## Next Sunday, March 22 ~ Fifth 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
- 2:00 p.m. Spring Children's Fellowship, Home of the Portteus

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## Usher Schedule

- March 22** Bev & Larry Fall and Stuart Risendorph
- March 29:** The Cress and Portteus children
- April 5:** Lauren Kimbrough and Faye & Steve Ross
- April 12:** Carol Ringenberg, Marsha Rollins and Andrew Root
- April 19:** Becca & Kevin Portteus and Marty Games
- April 26:** Bev & Larry Fall and Vida Long

# WELCOME

Welcome to worship as we continue in the season of Lent. May we listen for Jesus' voice, rest in His care and share His love with others.

**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: 75

- PASTOR:** Rev. Scott Cress
- WORSHIP LEADER:** Rich Péwé
- CHOIR/ORGANIST:** Dean James
- BUILDING CLOSER:** Bill Barron
- DEACONS:** Earla Carver & Sheryl Sanford
- USHERS:** Linda & Norm Bearman and Marty Games

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** First Lieutenant Spencer Eves (*US Navy-Nephew Vida Long*)  
Michael Brown and Robert Jones (*Irma's Nephew & Husband*)

**CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS:** Dennis Anders (*Brother Tammy James*), 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, 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*); 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

**ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE MEETING (March 27):** The Endowment Committee will have a meeting on Friday, March 27 at 2:00 PM at CNB Wealth Management Building. Please speak to Homer Bentley if you have any questions.

**FROM THE DEACONS:** The Daily devotional booklets, *Our Daily Bread*, are now available on the tables at the Church door entrances. Please take one for your reading pleasure or give one away to a friend. They are **FREE** to you, compliments of the Deacons.

**LENTEN DINNERS & STUDY:** We continue to gather with the folks from the First United Methodist Church on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM for a light meal and a short video study on the "Heroes of Faith." This **Wednesday, March 18th** our Church will be hosting the dinner and our friends from the Methodist Church will graciously do the last one on March 25th. Please make plans to join us and our neighbors for food and a great study!

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Join our weekly 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!

**SESSION MEETING (March 19):** There is a Session Meeting this Thursday, March 19th at 7:00 PM in the Anniversary Room. Please make plans to attend.

**SPRING BREAK IS HERE,** and we hope it offers your family a chance to rest, travel safely and enjoy time together. During the break, Choir members have taken a break are not singing today. We'll look forward to gathering again with full energy once everyone returns. Have a wonderful and refreshing spring break!

**SPRING CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP (March 22):** After a cold winter, we are excited for the families of our children's ministry to join together for a time of encouraging fellowship on March 22nd at 2:00 PM at the home of the Portteus family. If you have any questions, please reach out to Rebecca Portteus.

**STRONG FOUNDATIONS CLASSES (February 3-April 28):** The Strong Foundation Classes are sponsored by Love, INC and 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.

**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!

**THE DEPOSIT-RETURN CANS/BOTTLES COLLECTION** continues with a **BIG Thank You to Marty and the Cub Scouts** for recycling the cans/bottles and sharing half the money with our youth! They're doing a great job of keeping the bin empty and it's much appreciated, too!

**YOU CAN HELP FEED THOSE IN NEED!** Help feed the hungry by filling the collection bin inside the parking lot entrance doors with non-perishable food items, toiletries, and paper products. We are thank you and are so incredibly grateful for all that you give!

**WE WANT TO INCLUDE YOUR CONCERNS IN PRAYER!** 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. Names can be added or removed from the prayer list by calling the Church office. Please notify the Church office for prayer requests/concerns, hospitalizations, illness, and anyone needing pastoral care. It is our privilege to lift you and those you love in prayer.



*I am so grateful for every prayer, every kind word, and all the encouragement you've shared with me for my recent surgery. Your prayers were successful and I'm getting stronger each day.*

*I was simply so overwhelmed with the warmth and concern received from my Church family.*

*But thanks be to God for placing caring people around us when we need them most. May God bless you as abundantly as you have blessed us through your prayers!*

*~Dan Ashton*