

March 1, 2026
First Presbyterian Church
2nd Sunday in Lent

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Vivace*, from Sonatina in C Major, Op. 36, No. 1

Muzio Clementi

Welcome

Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship** (from Psalm 121:1-2)

Christy McLeod

I lift up my eyes to the hills--
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth

***Hymn** 166 *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

ST. FLAVIAN

Invitation to Confession

We need God's help. Therefore, let us approach God's throne of grace and honestly confess all that keeps us from right relationship.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, as we wander through the wilderness this Lent, we are aware of our need for your presence, your love, your guidance on life's journey. Forgive us for turning away from you. Forgive our doubts and uncertainty that led us to place our faith in worldly comforts that don't run deep enough and don't last. We come to your well this Lent desperate and thirsty for Christ's living water. Quench our thirst, we pray. Grant us your forgiveness and your grace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (from John 3:17)

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." Know that you are forgiven in Jesus Christ, and be at peace. Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us now greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

***Holy Interruption**

***Gloria Patri**

Choral Anthem *In Remembrance*
(Chancel Choir)

Red/Larson

We Receive God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 12:1-4

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading: John 3:1-17

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon "*When the Wind is Blowing*"

Rev. Maxwell Michaels

Affirmation of Faith (*The Apostles' Creed*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Hymn** 833 *O Love, That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

ST MARGARET

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem *Prelude in C Minor, BWV 999*

J.S. Bach

***Doxology**

Sacrament of Communion

Communion

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Elements

Communion Music

Meditation

Andante

Siciliano

Tanner Winchester

Yann Tiersen

Anon

Prayer After Communion

We Go Out to Serve

Hymn 182 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

KINGSFOLD

Benediction

Benediction Response

Lead Me, Lord

(Chancel Choir)

Charles Wesley

Postlude *March*

Henry Purcell

***Please wait until the end of the Benediction Response before exiting.**

*Those who are able, please stand as directed at the items marked with an asterisk.

Acolytes: Sam Baker & Jackson Tucker

The Church This Week (03/1/2026)

Today 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 Mon. 8:30 a.m. MMO
 Tues. 12:00 p.m. At Ease
 6:00 p.m. CW Bible Study
 Wed. 8:30 a.m. MMO
 9:00 a.m. CW Bible Study
 10:00 a.m. Circle Meeting
 3:15 p.m. Fun Program
 5:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
 Fri. Church Office hours 10am-12pm
 Sun. 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship

Prayer List as of March 1, 2026

Gerry Rogers
 Bea Sloop
 Benny Moore
 Bobbie Jones
 For those suffering from chronic mental and emotional illnesses
 B.J. Moore
 Louise Carpenter
 Shirley Brock
 Edward Tinsley
 Ruth Jackson
 Nadia Harris
 Lesley Jean Watson
 Rebecca Harris Ott
 Pam Cook (Alison Chapman's mother)
 Wyatt Smith
 Tommy Gullledge
 April Quick
 Summer Cathey

The sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop. For individuals with hearing aids, please activate your T-coil to utilize this feature. Spare headsets are also available.

If you would like to place flowers or a plant in the sanctuary for worship service, there is a sign-up sheet outside of the church office. You can also call, or email Cathy Chapman and she can sign you up for a date.

Spring Forward

Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday, March 8, 2026.
 Don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour!

Please Join Us

At Ease - first Tuesday of each month, 12 noon in the fellowship building.
Circle Meeting - first Wednesday of each month at 10 am in Ladies Parlor.
Prayer meeting - Wednesday night at 5:30 pm in the Session House.

Nursery Volunteer Schedule for January - March

Jan. 4	Heather Tucker
Jan. 11	Cathy Chapman
Jan. 18	Jean Page Watson
Jan. 25	Kelli Beck
Feb. 1	Brittany Tillman
Feb. 8	Steve Cook
Feb. 15	Jessie Baker
Feb. 22	Charlene Tillman
March 1	Laura Folger
March 8	Mary Jane Evans
March 15	Lainey Baker
March 22	Alison Chapman
March 29	Marietta Melton Burch

Session of First Presbyterian Church

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Mary Anderson	Mike Chapman	John Folger
Andrew McLeod	Christie McLeod	Cam Beck
Kristen Miller	Tracie Phillips	Tammy Joyce
Richard Pierce	Harold Watson	Steve Cook

The Church Staff

Rev. Maxwell Michaels, Pastor
 Mrs. Danielle Self, Office Administrator
 Mr. James W. Kendall, Sexton
 Mrs. Arneha Kendall, Housekeeper
 Miss Eve Nobles, Nursery
 Mrs. Mary Louise Baker, Music Director, DCE
 Mrs. Gini Eddins, Director MMO



Our Vision

*Rooted by God's Grace,
 Growing in the Spirit,
 Reaching Out with Christ's Love*

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