

**GOOD MORNING!** We welcome each of you to this service of worship and we are glad you are here. We invite you to fill out the Welcome card found in the pew rack and place the card in the offering plate, so we can welcome you further and start to get to know you better.

**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

<b>Today</b> (02/22)	9:30a 10:30a	Sunday School Worship Service
<b>Mon</b> (02/23)	9:00a 9:00a 9:00a 6:30p	Bulletin Information Due Website Information Due EGGS TACC Rehearsal
<b>Tue</b> (02/24)	9:00a	EGGS
<b>Wed</b> (02/25)	9:00a 7:00p	Weight Watchers Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thu</b> (02/26)	9:00a	EGGS
<b>Sun</b> (03/01)	9:30a 10:30a	Sunday School Worship Service

*Financial Update can be found on the bulletin board.*

**Pennies for Hunger:** Don't forget to drop your pennies in the "Hunger" pail located in the Narthex.

**Dollars for Missions:** All loose dollar bills placed in the collection plates will be earmarked for mission work—divided between FPC Mission Team and a Salem Presbytery mission.



# First Presbyterian Church

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February 22, 2026—*First Sunday in Lent*

## **SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

### **GATHERING**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**One:** We have entered into the season of Lent, a season of examination, prayer, and penitence.

**All:** *We have entered a wilderness time; yet this day of worship is an oasis in the desert.*

**One:** We are here to worship the God of all creation. We gather to remember God's revelation in Jesus.

**All:** *Today we revisit the garden of Eden. We remember God's overflowing generosity.*

**One:** We worship God, who gives us laws and limits. Are we open to God's counsel and instruction?

**All:** *Today we remember the temptations Jesus faced. As we face our own temptations, God helps us make good choices. Let us worship God!*

\*HYMN NO. 166

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

ST. FLAVIA

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess our transgressions before you. We resent limits on our freedom to follow the impulses of the moment. We want life to revolve around us. We want other people to fit into the patterns that serve us best. Like a horse or a mule, we resent the bit and bridle that make us useful participants in the community you seek to create. We have tried to live apart from you. We sense that something is missing from our lives. Will you walk with us in this season and help us become all we are created to be? (*The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession.*)

Amen.

### RESPONSE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God's grace comes to us as a gift. When we are responsive to God's leading, when we open our lives to God in prayer, when we turn from our relentless pursuit of personal gain, when we embrace the obedience of Christ, we may recognize the abiding gifts of the Spirit. Happy are those who accept God's forgiveness! Friends, believe the good news...

**All:** *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.*

### \*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All:** *And also with you.*

*(Please share a sign of peace with others.)*

## ANTHEM

### THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All:** *Thanks be to God.*

Genesis 3:1-7

Matthew 4:1-11

### SERMON

*"Take the Long Way Home"*

Rev. John Pruitt

## SENDING

### \*HYMN NO. 418

*"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"* SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

### \*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.

### PRAYERS OF THE 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

### \*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### \*HYMN NO. 223

*"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

HAMBURG

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

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#### Serving Today (Feb 22)

Greeters/Ushers: Darcy & Mike Polinsky

#### Serving Next Sunday (Mar 01)

Greeters/Ushers: Linda Volcek, Rich Tincher

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