

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		
Today (03/01)	9:30a 10:30a	Sunday School Worship Service
Mon (03/02)	9:00a 9:00a 9:00a 6:30p	Bulletin Information Due Website Information Due EGGS TACC Rehearsal
Tue (03/03)	9:00a	EGGS
Wed (03/04)	9:00a 7:00p	Weight Watchers Choir Rehearsal
Thu (03/05)	9:00a	EGGS
Fri (03/06)	6:00p	TACC Rehearsal
Sat (03/07)	9:00a	TACC Rehearsal
Sun (03/08)	9:30a 10:30a	Sunday School Worship Service— <i>Communion</i>

Financial Update can be found on the bulletin board.

The Gathering: Our next Gathering will be Wednesday, March 11, at 5:30 p.m., at The Seafood Shack in Walkertown. If you plan to attend, please register on the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Deadline for registering is Sunday, March 8, 2026.

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.



Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday, March 8, 2026, at 2:00 a.m. So, don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 7, 2026.



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March 1, 2026—Second Sunday in Lent

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: People of God, where do we put our trust? Where do we find wholeness and meaning?

All: *We lift up our eyes to the hills. Our help comes from the Creator of heaven and earth.*

One: We are sons and daughters of Abraham and Sarah. We trust in God, who neither slumbers nor sleeps.

All: *We are followers of Jesus, who proclaimed God's realm. We are born of the spirit, born from above.*

One: Our lives are a gift from God, who loves us. By the grace of God, we are born anew each day.

All: *God loved the world in the gift of Jesus Christ. Through faith in Christ, we receive eternal life. Let us worship God!*

*HYMN NO. 307

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

CWM RHONDDA

*You may stand in body or spirit.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we confess that we have been far more ready to say we believe than to trust you to lead us to new ventures of faithfulness. We are afraid of the evil that surrounds us. We fear rejection, failure, and ridicule. We admire Jesus, but it is difficult to follow in footsteps that lead to a cross. In the midst of life as we know it here, how can we catch glimpses of eternity? Save us, we pray, from our timidity, and use our doubts as an entry to deeper faith. *(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: Our lives are in God's hands. We can only glimpse the mystery of the Source of love, "who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist." Yet, as we look up in trust, there comes to us an abiding assurance that we are not alone. Receive, with humility and joy, the rebirth God offers this day and for all eternity. Friends, believe the good news...

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

*RESPONSE

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 12:1-4

John 3:1-17

SERMON

"God So Loved"

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 462

"I Love to Tell the Story"

HANKEY

*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. 724

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

ANGEL'S STORY

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Mar 01)
Greeters/Ushers: Linda Volcek, Rich Tincher

Serving Next Sunday (Mar 08) —Communion
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