

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 (03/08)	9:30a 10:30a	Sunday School Worship Service— <i>Communion</i>
Mon (03/09)	9:00a 9:00a 9:00a 6:30p 7:00p	Bulletin Information Due Website Information Due EGGS TACC Rehearsal Stated Session Meeting
Tue (03/10)	9:00a	EGGS
Wed (03/11)	9:00a 5:30p 7:30p	Weight Watchers The Gathering at Seafood Shack Choir Rehearsal
Thu (03/12)	9:00a	EGGS
Sun (03/15)	9:30a 10:30a	Sunday School Worship Service

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.



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March 08, 2026—Third Sunday in Lent

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, let us sing a new song to our God. Make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: *Let us enter God's presence with thanksgiving. Make a joyful noise with songs of praise!*

One: God is a great ruler, above all other gods. The depths of the earth are in God's hands.

All: *The highest mountains belong to God. The farthest reaches of the universe are God's own.*

One: O come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before God our Maker.

All: *We are the people of God's pasture. Today we will listen to God with open hearts. Let us worship God!*

*HYMN NO. 81

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

AUSTRIAN HYMN

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.

Geraniums to Decorate the Sanctuary: If you are interested in purchasing a pink or salmon Geranium (\$10/ea.) to help decorate the Sanctuary for Easter, please complete the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board in the Narthex. The deadline is Sunday, March 15, 2026.

*You may stand in body or spirit.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

What will you do with us, God? We are never satisfied with our lot. We rebel and complain when things don't go our way. Our hearts chase after things that become gods to us and consume our time, energy, and attention. We spend little time in communion with you and then begin to doubt your presence. You seem far away and unavailable. We create barriers among ourselves that separate us from one another to worship in spirit and in truth. Forgive our sins, O Lord. *(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: Christ died for us, demonstrating the vastness of God's love for us, bringing reconciliation and the assurance of salvation. We are offered a new quality of life in which faithfulness is valued more highly than security. Rise up, all who have been drifting through life. Christ has come to lead us through the shadowed valleys. Let us respond in spirit and truth. 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.*

Exodus 17:1-7

John 4:5-42

SERMON

"Did You Hear About What Jesus Did?"

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 507

"Come to the Table of Grace"

TABLE OF GRACE

*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.

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

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Words of Invitation

The Prayer of Thanksgiving - 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.

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of God's Gifts

The Communion Prayer

*HYMN NO. 318

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

ST. PETER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Mar 08) — Communion

Greeters/Ushers: Linda Volcek, Rich Tincher

Element Prep: Wanda Sampson, Nancy Bolen

Assisting Elders: Mike Polinsky, Skip Smith,
Nancy Bolen, Shari Downing

Serving Next Sunday (Mar 15)

Greeters/Ushers: Loretta Davies, Dee Barham

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