

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 (03/15)	9:30a 10:30a	Sunday School Worship Service
Mon (03/16)	9:00a 9:00a 9:00a 6:30p	Bulletin Information Due Website Information Due EGGS TACC Rehearsal
Tue (03/17)	9:00a	EGGS
Wed (03/18)	9:00a 7:30p	Weight Watchers Choir Rehearsal
Thu (03/19)	9:00a	EGGS
Sun (03/22)	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 15, 2026—Fourth Sunday in Lent

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God summons us to wake up and see. Light has come to lead us to all that is good.

All: Our eyes have been opened to God's goodness. We seek to live as children of light.

One: God sees beyond our outward appearance. God knows the intent of our hearts.

All: We are here to find out what is pleasing to God. We want to know what is right and true.

One: God listens to all who worship sincerely. Praise God with openness and obedience.

All: We seek to know and follow God's will. This is a day to do the works of God. Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 35

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

LOBE DEN HERREN

Financial Update can be found on the bulletin board.

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 today, March 15, 2026.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great Shepherd, we thank you for finding us and bringing us to this time of prayer. We have wandered from the paths of integrity, justice, and peace that you have set before us. We are ashamed of some things we do when we think no one will find out. We are quick to judge others and to excuse ourselves. We want to decide who is acceptable to you and who is not. Surely, we persuade ourselves, you prefer people like us and not those who appear, believe, or act differently. Even as we say those words, we know we are not in tune with your way. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to change. *(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: The goodness and mercy of God are always available to us. We can receive these gifts when we are truly sorry for our sin and open to the richness of God's grace. When we let God touch our unseeing eyes, we gain new insights and can begin to view others with the compassion of Christ. Let us accept with joy the healing we are offered right here, right now. 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.*

1 Samuel 16:1-13

John 9:1-41

SERMON

"Do You See?"

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 792

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

BALM IN GILEAD

*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. 761

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

BEECHER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Mar 15)

Greeters/Ushers: Loretta Davies, Dee Barham

Serving Next Sunday (Mar 22)

Greeters/Ushers: Loretta Davies, Dee Barham

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