

**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.



# First Presbyterian Church

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March 22, 2026—*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### GATHERING

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God calls us from the valley of dry bones. Come, listen for a word from our God.

**All: We hear God calling us in a far distant voice. We had nearly forgotten God's care for us.**

One: The Spirit breathes life into our dry bones. God offers hope when we have lost our way.

**All: Our souls wait for the refreshment God offers. Our spirits are filled with great expectation.**

One: Christ came as a light to all the world. Christ comes among us today to light our way.

**All: We hear the teacher calling for us. Christ unbinds us that we may see and believe. Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN NO. 634

"To God Be the Glory"

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### THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

<b>Today</b> (03/22)	9:30a 10:30a	Sunday School Worship Service
<b>Mon</b> (03/23)	9:00a 9:00a 9:00a 6:30p	EGGS Bulletin Information Due Website Information Due TACC Rehearsal
<b>Tue</b> (03/24)	9:00a	EGGS
<b>Wed</b> (03/25)	9:00a 7:00p	Weight Watchers Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thu</b> (03/26)	9:00a 12:00p	EGGS EGGS Luncheon
<b>Sun</b> (03/29)	9:30a 10:30a	Sunday School Worship Service—Palm Sunday

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

**Maundy Thursday Service & The Gathering:** On Thursday, April 2, at 6:00 p.m. we will enjoy a meal of various sandwiches, chips, desserts and beverages. 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 29 by 11:30a. Following the meal we will proceed to the sanctuary for the Maundy Thursday Service which will begin at 7:00 p.m.

**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.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Out of the depths we cry to you, O God. Hear our prayers, the confessions of our neglect, the admission of our desire to rule in your place. Like the house of Israel in Ezekiel's time, we are cut off from communion with you. We are like dead people, going through the motions of living. We cry out for forgiveness and a new start. We long to know you and to live in reverence before you. By your steadfast love, redeem us from our iniquities and raise us up to serve you, in Jesus' name. *(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: Jesus says to us, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" Arise, in faith and trust, knowing that God will give life to our mortal bodies through the spirit who dwells in us and among us. We are not slaves to the flesh. God has made us to be instruments of self-giving love, who find life by giving it away. As God has invested in us, we are free to invest ourselves in ministry to others. Praise God! 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.*

Ezekiel 37:1-14

John 11:1-45

### SERMON

*"In Our End, Is Our Beginning"*

Rev. John Pruitt

## SENDING

### \*HYMN NO. 819

*"Be Still, My Soul"*

FINLANDIA

### \*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. 805

*"Come Sing to God"*

ELLACOMBE

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

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Serving Today (Mar 22)

Greeters/Ushers: Joy Budkey, Jim Ingram

Serving Next Sunday (Mar 29) — Palm Sunday

Greeters/Ushers: Skip & Pam Smith

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