

# Order of Worship

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**\*Opening Hymn #275** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

## Call to Confession

Jesus said, “Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.” Trusting too much in human approval and fearing what others think, we often deny Christ in word, silence, and action. Yet the One who warns us also calls us, loves us, and invites us to repentance. Let us come before God with honesty, reverence, and hope, confessing our sin and seeking His mercy.

### Prayer of Confession (responsive)

Holy and righteous God, You see us fully. Nothing is covered that will not be revealed, nothing hidden that will not be made known. **We confess that we have feared people more than You. We have kept silent when we should have spoken of Christ. We have chosen comfort over courage, approval over obedience, and safety over faithfulness.**

Forgive us for denying You in our daily lives—in our words, in our witness, and in our unwillingness to bear the cost of discipleship. **We tremble at the reality of Your judgment, knowing that sin is not small and that hell is the just end of all rebellion against You. Yet we also remember Your mercy shown to us in Jesus Christ, who acknowledged us before You by giving His life for our salvation.**

Cleanse us, renew us, and fill us with holy fear—not a fear that drives us away, but a fear that draws us into faithful obedience and bold love. **By Your Spirit, make us people who confess Christ openly, live truthfully, and trust wholly in Your grace. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: The same Lord who warns us also promises, “Everyone who acknowledges Me before others, I also will acknowledge before My Father in heaven.” In turning to Christ in repentance and faith, your sins are forgiven. You are not abandoned to judgment but claimed by the One who knows every hair on your head and calls you His own.

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and made bold to live for Him. Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gloria Patri #614** *Great Are You, Lord*

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Anthem** *Poor Wayfaring Stranger*  
Chancel Choir

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** **Three Things Every Disciples Needs to Know About Hell (That Jesus Taught) Part 1**  
**Matt 10:26-33**  
**Rev. Lorenzo R. Small, Sr.**

**\*Hymn of Preparation #2112** (Sing the Faith) *Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone*

**Communion**

**Offering**

**\*Doxology**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn #307** *God of Grace and God of Glory*

**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

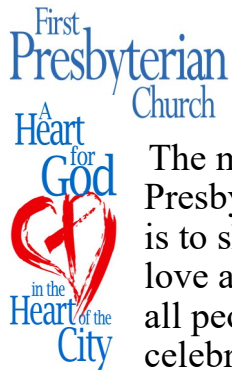
**\* Please stand if able**

Bible for Lunch Bible Study 1st and 3rd Wednesday - Noon in the Parlor  
Biblical Worldview Bible Study 2nd and 4th Wednesday - 7pm in the Parlor  
Young Adults Bible Study 2nd and 4th Wednesday - 7pm in Room 12

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### Prayer Card Initiative...

Remember to grab a prayer card at any of the sanctuary entrances to take home after service. These are prayer requests that we as a community will pray over during the week until we gather again. We anticipate seeing the Lord answer our requests in powerful ways!



The mission of First Presbyterian Church is to share God's love and grace with all people and celebrate the truth of Jesus Christ.

We approach this purpose with a commitment to "unity in essentials, liberty in non-essentials, and love in all things."

We fulfill this purpose by Serving Christ through SERVICE to others.

Connecting people to God through OUTREACH.

Nourishing people in the Spirit through WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP and DISCIPLESHIP.

We express this purpose through our Core Values:

- † GLORIOUS WORSHIP
- † SPIRIT EMPOWERED PRAYER
- † LIFE ROOTED IN SCRIPTURE
- † GRACIOUS WITNESS
- † COMPASSIONATE SERVICE
- † ABUNDANT LIFE THROUGH COMMUNITY
- † EVERY PERSON'S DIGNITY AFFIRMED

SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO CONNECT WITH US!



**Remember in Prayer:** Pat Brewer, Bruce Davy, Katie Graham, Carrie & Jim Hoglen, Sally McCune, Paula McPhee, Richard Medaugh, Georgann Parker, Annettie Tribbett, In Military-James Burns, Steve Mackinder and Samantha Rainwater.

*Flowers today are provided by the Rust family for the blessings of spring.*

**This week at First Presbyterian Church:**

- Mon., 3/2 5:30P Retreat Center Comm.
- Tues., 3/3 8:30A Prayer
  - 9A Pickleball
  - 10A Chair Yoga
  - 1:30P Pickleball
  - 3P Taco Tuesday
- Wed., 3/4 Noon Bible for Lunch
  - 1:30P Open Gym
  - 6P Scouts
- Thurs., 3/5 9A Pickleball
  - 5:30P Bell Choir
  - 6P Zumba
  - 6:30P Chancel Choir
- Sun., 3/8 Daylight Saving Time/Spring Forth
  - 10A Worship

**COMING AT US - Mark your calendar now!**

- HBCU Concert, March 14th, 6pm
- Master Singers, March 15th, 4pm
- Daniel Kring Vocal Recital, March 21, 3pm



*Palm Sunday, March 29 -10 a.m. Worship*

*Maundy Thursday April 2 - 7:00 p.m. Service with Communion*

*Good Friday, April 3 -Noon Community Good Friday Service Maple United Methodist Church*

**Easter, April 5 Easter Breakfast - 9:00 a.m. \* Worship - 10:00 a.m. \***  
*\*This is a correction from prior publications\**

The Deacons are collecting bags of Easter candy for our Easter basket families. Date for distribution is March 29th. There is a designated box in the parlor. Thank you.

Charitable Union - **winter coats and snow-pants** for the Coat Drive. We will continue collecting thru March. Place them in the Mission Corner in the parlor.

**SOLES for SOULS - as of 2/22/26 \$3943.48**  
**Thank You Generous Souls!**



**March 15th** following worship. Join us in Fellowship Hall for an opportunity to break bread and fellowship with members and friends. Use the orange 'After Church' RSVP card in the pew-select your food item and place it in the offering plate by March 8th. This reserves you a place at a table. Meal is \$10/person or \$25/family. You may pay when you arrive for lunch.



You may place your Easter lily order with Kathy Medaugh by March 26th. They are \$25.00. Call or text Kathy at 832-2758

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS - CORRECTION FROM MARCH CARILLON!** Will be celebrated following worship the 4th Sunday, March 22nd.

**Caravan Mission Trip 2026: June 7-13th**  
 This year we will be headed to Charleston, West Virginia to work with "Rebuilding Together: Charleston". For more information please see Doug McCune.

**Book of the Month Club!**

Join the discipleship ministry as we journey through one book a month from January through April—reading together, growing together, and gathering for meaningful conversation.

- ☐ March 31: Outgrowing the Ingrown Church by C. John Miller
- ☐ April 28: Knowing God by J. I. Packer

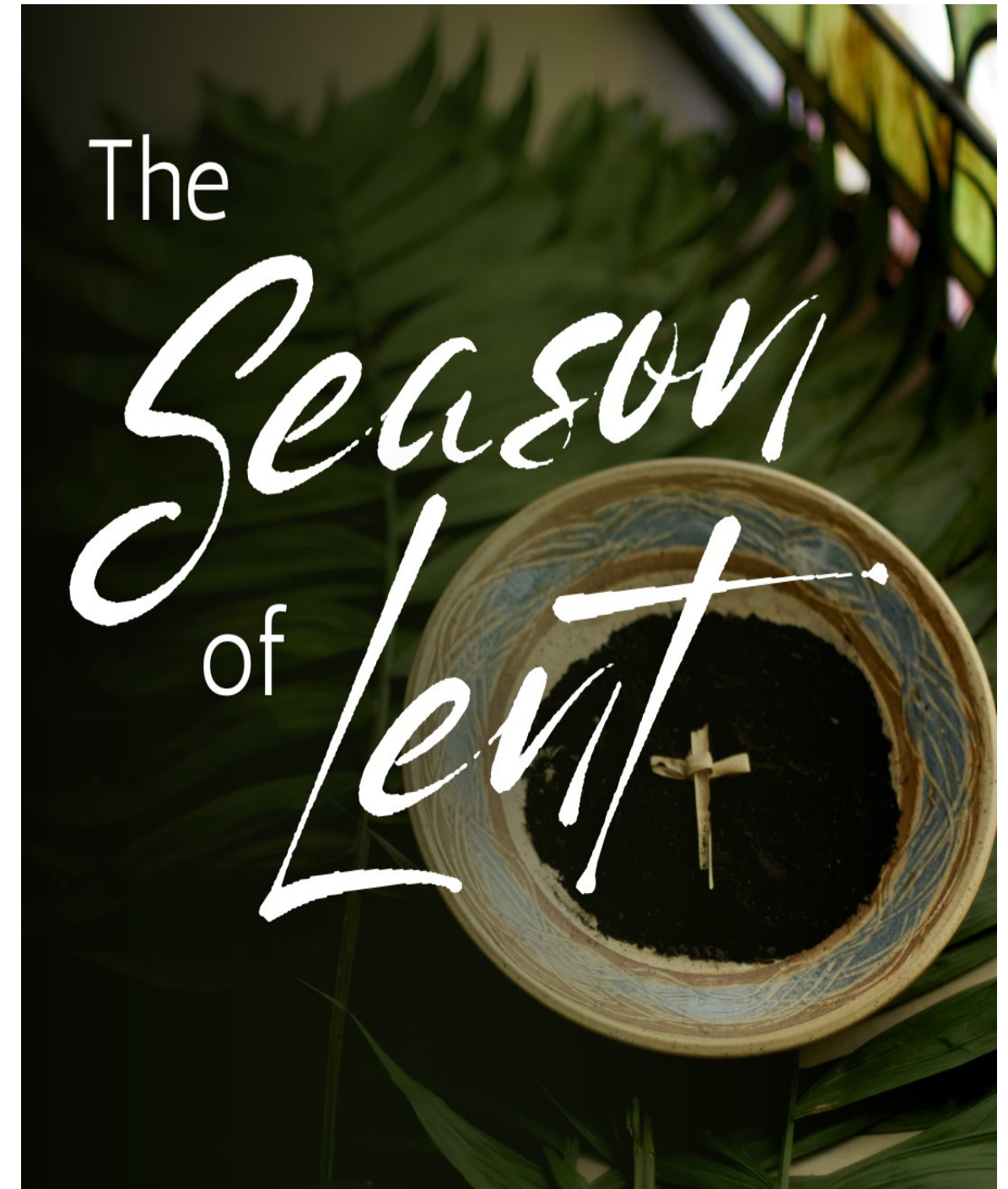
We are offering two meeting times on the last Tuesday of each month at noon and 6 pm to discuss each month's reading in the parlor! Interested in joining us? Reach out to Taylor Brown or Gerda VanStralen to get connected, or email Taylor at [tayjbrown96@gmail.com](mailto:tayjbrown96@gmail.com).

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