



# The People of First Presbyterian Church

## OUR GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour

Prelude "Prelude No. 6" Chopin

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Call to Worship "In the Presence of Your People" Brent Chambers

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Call to Worship from Romans 4  
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Our faith depends upon the grace of God.  
**Praise the Lord, who gives life to the dead.**  
Let us worship God.

+Opening Hymn # 415 "I Will Arise and Go to Jesus" (vs. 1 & 2) RESTORATION

Prayer of Confession  
**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.** *Moment for Silent Meditation.*

Congregational Prayer Response: "Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin.  
From earth-born passions set me free, and make me pure within."

Assurance of Forgiveness

Anthem "God Be In My Head" John Rutter

## THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

The Word of God **Hebrew Scripture:** Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 (p. 61)

**Psalter:** Psalm 22:23-31 (p. 474)

Congregational Response:



**New Testament:** Romans 4:13-25 (p. 145)

**Gospel:** Mark 8:31-38 (p. 41)

Children's Message Nursery Ages: Birth—5 years old

Sermon

Rev. B.J. Chain

+Affirmation of Faith from The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

+The Gloria Patri, # 581 *Glory Be to the Father*

**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.**

## OUR RESPONSE

+Hymn of Praise # 418 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"  
SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

Prayer of the People

Call for the Offering

Offertory "Jesus Loves Me / Clair de lune" Bradbury, Debussy,  
arr. Bock

+Doxology, # 606  
**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 Thanksgiving  
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

+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.**

+Sending Hymn # 434 "Restore in Us, O God" BAYLOR

+Charge and Blessing

+Postlude "Jesus Is Coming Again" Peterson

+ Indicates a time to stand as you are comfortable in doing so

**Please join in unison reading of the bold print**

## THE CHURCH AT WORK

**Today**  
**2nd Sunday in Lent**

9:00 a.m.  
Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.  
Sunday School

11:00 a.m.  
Worship

2 Cents A Meal Offering  
Fellowship Lunch  
(Shepherding Group 4)

**Wednesday**  
12:30 p.m. Bible Study

**Thursday**  
5:30 p.m. Al-Anon

**Friday**  
World Day of Prayer

**Next Sunday**  
**3rd Sunday in Lent**  
9:00 a.m.  
Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.  
Sunday School

11:00 a.m.  
Worship

## Helping Hands Needs

Canned fruit or fruit cups, pork  
and beans, and canned chili

New Blankets (All sizes)

Hygiene Items: toothpaste,  
toothbrushes, deodorant, soap,  
shampoo, feminine products, laundry  
detergent, or cleaning supplies.

**We welcome you to  
First Presbyterian Church!**

A **Nursery** is available in the Education Building for the youngest worshipers (birth through five years old).

**Restrooms** are located on both floors in the Education Building. Follow the signs or ask a friendly face who will be happy to help you find anything you need.

**Prayer Concerns**

**Sandra Mims**  
*Health Concerns*

**Jon Fortman**  
*Health Concerns*

**Toni Oakes**  
*(Ed Oakes' Sister)*  
*Health Concerns*

**Ginny Oakes**  
*(Ed Oakes' Mother)*  
*Health Concerns*

**Bonnie Boyd**  
*Health Concerns*

**Allison L. Jones**  
*(Scott Jones' Mother)*  
*Health Concerns*

**Sherri Musgrove**  
*(Friend of Anna Jones)*  
*Breast Cancer*

**Phil Adcock**  
*(Hope Oakes' Uncle)*  
*Suffered a Stroke*

**Genie Hutchison**  
*Continued Prayers*

**Amy Sullivan**  
*(Pam Sullivan's Daughter-In-Law)*  
*Health Concerns*

**Laurie Hatcher & Family**  
*On the Loss of her Mother, Joyce Spriggs*

**Roger Burlingame**  
*Health Concerns*

*Prayer requests should be communicated through the Church Office.*

**Session**

B.J. Chain, Moderator Cathy Young, Clerk

<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Fran Brown -1	Collene Albright-3	Maridith Geuder-1
Dennis Harmon -1	Hope Devenney-4	Tori Pumphrey-4
Susan Smith -2	Taylor Richardson-2	Lezli Waits-4
Cathy Young -4	Tom Richardson-3	Steve Wilkes-2

Numbers beside names indicate Shepherding Group

**Diaconate**

<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Angela Gardner -2	Dorothy Fortman-1	Hope Oakes-3
Marthalie Porter -1	Hillary Richardson-3	Eric Waits-4
Emma Richardson-3	Anna Jones -4	

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**FPC Fall 2023 Sunday School/Nursery Program**

Nursery (Room 3-Education Building) : Birth to 5 years	9:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Sunday School (Room 2-Education Building) : Ages 5 - 7	9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School (Youth Room Upstairs-Education Building) : Ages 8 - 10	9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

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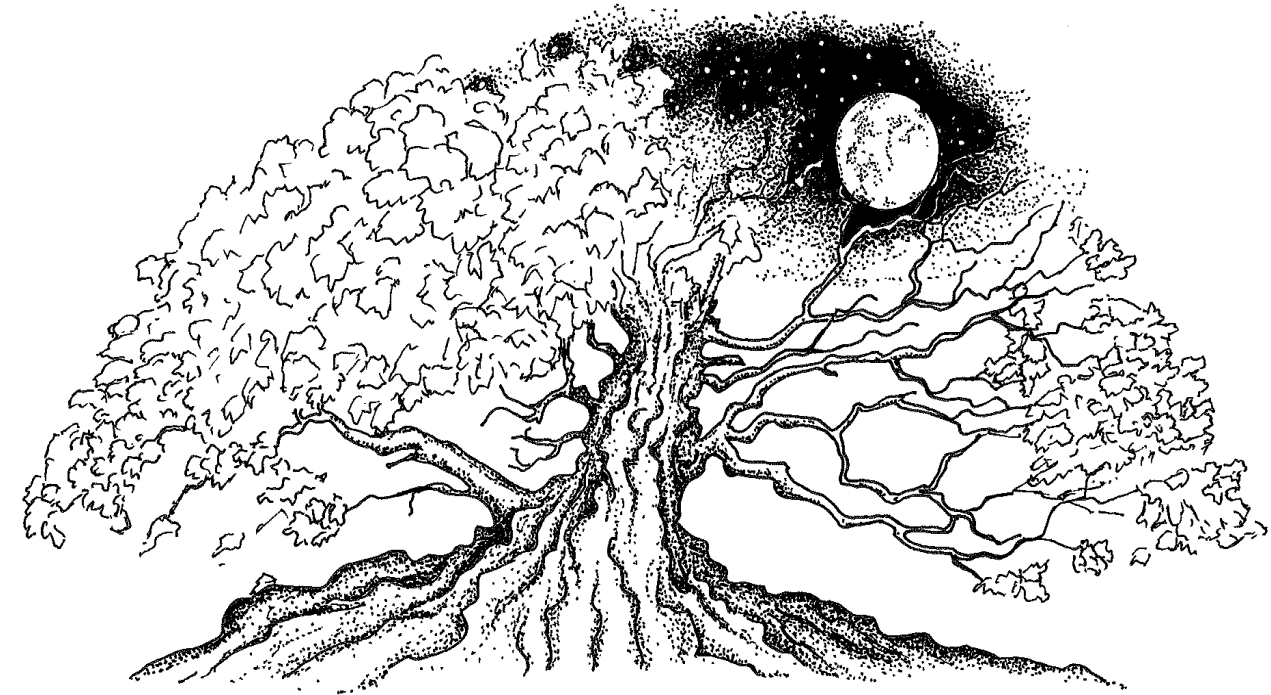
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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

“Second Sunday in Lent”

Rev. B.J. Chain  
February 25, 2024

