



The People of First Presbyterian Church

OUR GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour
 Prelude "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" Dorsey
 arr. Young

Welcome and Announcements
 Choral Call to Worship "Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord" Hall
 Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Call to Worship
 O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God, and a great ruler above all gods. In God's hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are God's also.
The sea is the Lord's, for God made it, and the dry land, which God's hands have formed.

O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture, and the sheep of God's hand.

+Opening Hymn # 386 "Come, Worship God" O Quanta Qualia
 (Verses 1, 2, and 4)

Prayer of Confession
God of endless renewal, God who calls us to lives restored, God who rescues the lost and saves the afflicted, there are times when our way grows confused. We struggle to know what to do. Or worse, we know what needs to be done and find it easier to stay on the wrong path. Forgive us for failing to heed opportunities to follow a better way. Remind us that you stand more ready to forgive than we are to confess those aspects of our lives that stand in need of your grace. And thus forgiven, help us to lean in to what you would teach us about how we are to be. We pray all these things in Jesus' name, and for his sake...Amen. *Moment for Silent Meditation.*

Congregational Prayer Response: **My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away; O let me from this day be wholly thine!** (From Hymn # 829, Verse 1)

Assurance of Pardon

Anthem "Come, Thou Fount" Craig Courtney

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

The Word of God Exodus 17:1-7 (p. 61)
 John 4:5-42 (pp. 89-90)

Children's Message David Mills

Sermon "The Gift of Living Water" David Mills

+Affirmation of faith (Excerpted from the Confession of 1967)
God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

+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 # 53 "O God, Who Gives Us Life" Noel

Prayers of the People

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.

Call for the Offering

Offertory "Morning Prayer" Osman

+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

SENDING

+Sending Hymn # 494 "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts" Quebec
 (Verses 1, 2, and 5)

+Closing Prayer

+Postlude "Jesus Shall Reign, Where'er the Sun" Hatton

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

Please join in unison reading of the bold print.

Praise Reports

Mary Anne Hamblen,
 Hillary Richardson's Mother,
 is recovering well from
 her knee surgery.

Prayer Concerns

Jon Fortman
Health Concerns

Dorothy Fortman
Recovery from a broken leg

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

Julian Gardner
Continued Prayers

Sherean Harrington
(Hope Oakes Stepmother)
Health Concerns

Noah Russell Nagy
Continued Prayers

Simon Storer
(Friend of Lee Hackett)
Cancer Diagnosis

Toni Oakes
Prayer Requests

Hope Oakes
Health Concerns

Hilda Nance
Hillary Richardson's Aunt
Recovery from stroke

Rev. Dr. Greg Goodwiller
Broken Ankle

Anita Marie Turner
(Friend of Eric Krieger)
Final Stages of Cancer

Harolyn Jones
Recovery from fall (broken knee)

Hines Bostwick
(Jennifer Mearkle's Step-Father)
Health Concerns

Colby Huffman
(Friend of Halli Powers)
Recovery from serious injury

*Please let the church office know
 if you have any praise reports
 or prayer concerns.*

THE CHURCH AT WORK

We welcome you to
First Presbyterian Church!

A **Nursery** is available in the Education Building for the youngest worshippers (birth - Kindergarten).

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.

Today
3rd Sunday in Lent
Daylight Savings Time Begins

8:30 a.m.
Admin./Finance Meeting

9:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.
Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship
David Mills

Monday
PCDP Spring Break
March 9th -13th

10:00 a.m.
Cong. Care/Christian Action Meeting

Wednesday
12:30 p.m. Prayer Group
5:00 p.m.
Worship & Music Meeting

Thursday
5:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Next Sunday
4th Sunday in Lent
8:30 a.m.
Session Meeting

9:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m.
Sunday School

11:00 a.m.
Communion Worship
Rev. Buren Blankenship

3:00 p.m.
Presbyterian Women
Gathering

Session

Dr. Tom Richardson, Moderator, Pro-Tem
Hope DeVenney, Clerk of Session

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Maridith Geuder-1	Fran Brown-1	Hope DeVenney-4
Tori Pumphrey-4	Marthalie Porter-1	Tom Hatcher-2
Lezli Waits-4	Steve Porter-2	Anna Jones-4
Steve Wilkes-2	Susan Smith-2	Tom Richardson-3

Numbers beside names indicate Shepherding Group.

Diaconate

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Hope Oakes-3	Lee Hackett-1	Roger Burlingame-2
Eric Waits-4	Mary Nelson-1	Holly Longton-3
Sue Hatcher-3		Jennifer Mearkle-2

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Sunday, March 1, 2026 – Attendance: 47

Helping Hands Immediate Needs:

Canned spaghetti sauces and boxed cereals.

PCDP/HELPING HANDS BLANKET DRIVE UPDATE

Thank you to all who donated to the blanket drive.
A total of **113** blankets were collected and donated!

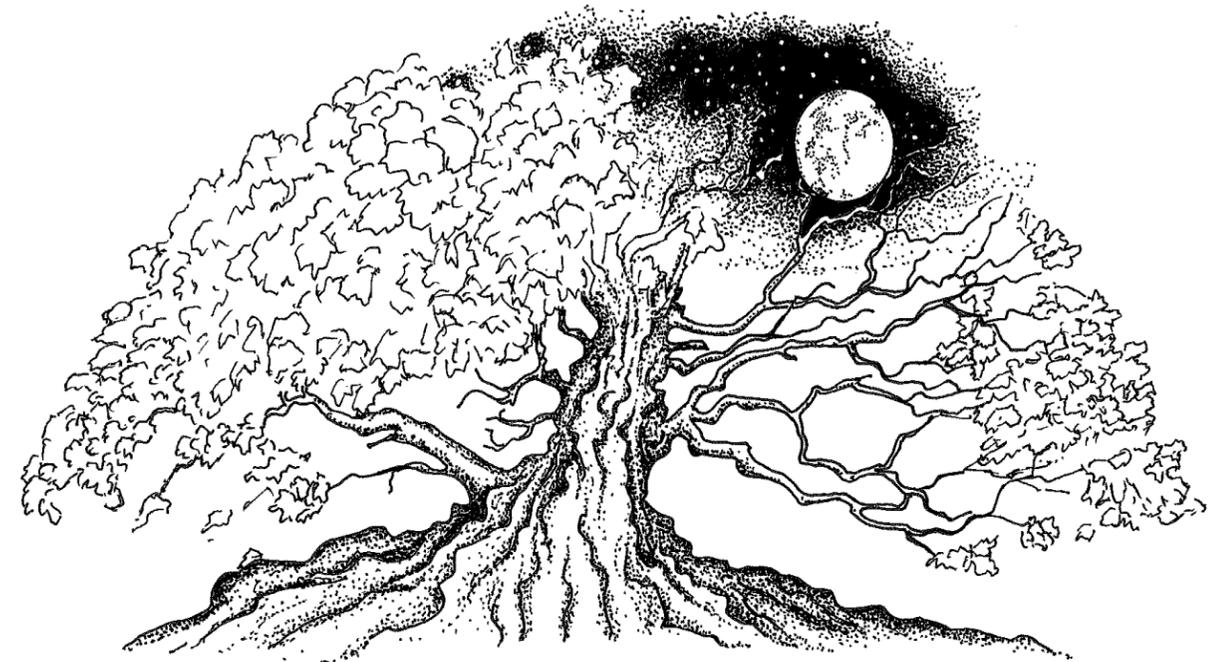
DEACONS/PCDP BLESSING BAGS UPDATE

Thank you to all who donated to the blessing bag drive.
A total of **75** blessing bags were assembled for distribution!

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

“The Gift of Living Water”

3rd Sunday in Lent

David Mills

March 8, 2026

