

† Our communion bread is gluten-free, so that all may share one bread.

(1 Cor. 10:17)

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Worship Notes: This morning's call to worship was written by the Rev. Teri Peterson.

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church! We are so glad you are here. You are invited to join us for study, service, education, and fellowship in addition to worship. If you have questions or would like to learn more about this community, please speak with one of the pastors following worship.

Sanctuary Safety—In our ongoing efforts to care for all who work, play, and worship on our campus, we are being intentional about access to buildings throughout the week and on Sundays. All sanctuary doors are locked after worship begins on Sunday mornings, with the exception of the main doors leading to the narthex. Worshipers are free to exit by any of the doors at any time. To re-enter, please come through the doors to the narthex.

Children are always welcome here. We have a wonderful nursery and childcare for infants through preschool each Sunday in the Will Young Building. Worship bags for young children are available in the narthex near the front doors. Please speak with an usher for assistance. In order to comply with our Child Protection policy, we ask that a parent/caregiver accompany children under 12 to the sanctuary restroom.

Pew Prep - We invite any kindergarten and first grade children to attend Pew Prep after the Children's Message. Our volunteers will lead the children to the Children's Chapel on the second floor of the Education Building where they will engage in fun activities while learning about different aspects of worship. The goal of Pew Prep is to provide education that allows our young worshipers to understand and fully participate when they are in the sanctuary. Volunteers will bring the children back to the sanctuary during the Doxology and they will return to sit with their family.

Offering our Talents, Time, and Treasure: In response to the Good News of God's saving love in Jesus Christ, we are invited to give of ourselves and our resources. If you are seeking ways to share your time and your talents, please speak to one of the pastors. Financial contributions may be placed in the offering plate or donated by texting 704-288-7459 or by using the "Give" button on the church's website (firstpresconcord.org).

Large Print Hymnals, printed copies of the sermon, and a hearing assistance system are available. We have an AED Machine in the Narthex. Please speak to an usher for assistance with any of these items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note the times for Youth Groups today, all in Davis Hall:

Middle School 4:30 PM –6:00 PM

High School 5:30 PM—7:00 PM

March Lunch Bunch will bring the much anticipated, rescheduled program on the Holocaust with Dr. Doug Kelling, Tuesday, March 24th at 11:45 AM in Davis Hall. Call now to make your reservation: 704-788-2100 #7.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Later Today

12:00 PM
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4:30 PM
5:30 PM
6:00 PM

Girl Scout Cookie Booth (Sanctuary Lawn)
Library Open House (Library Conference Room)
Middle School Youth (Davis Hall)
All Youth Dinner (Davis Hall)
High School Youth (Davis Hall)

Monday, March 2

9:00 AM
1:15 PM
7:00 PM
7:00 PM
7:00 PM

First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg)
Library Committee (Library Conference Room)
Boy Scouts (Will Young High School Room)
Racial Equity Reads (Library Conference Room)
Theo of Golden Group (off campus)

Tuesday, March 3

9:00 AM
11:00 AM
7:00 PM

First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg)
Labyrinth Walk (Commons)
Al Anon Mtg (Commons)

Wednesday, March 4

9:00 AM
10:30 AM
12:30 PM
6:30 PM
7:30 PM

First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg)
Bible Study (Library Conference Room)
Staff Lunch (off campus)
Building & Grounds (Library Conference Room)
Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, March 5

9:00 AM
6:00 PM

First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg)
Girl Scouts (Ed Bldg)

Friday, March 6

9:00 AM

First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg)

Saturday, March 7

8:00 AM

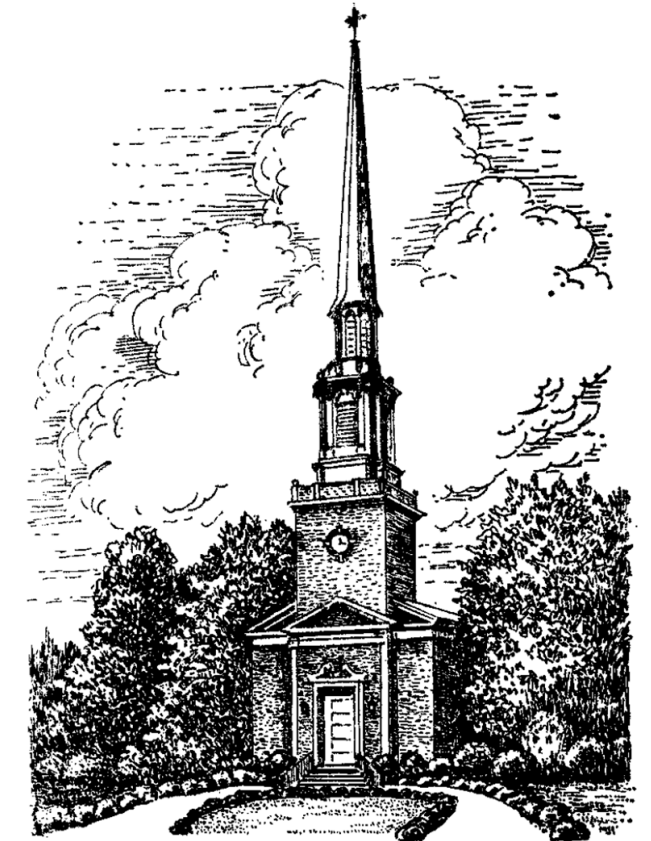
Love Feast (off campus)

Sunday, March 8

9:30 AM
9:30 AM
9:45 AM
10:30 AM
11:00 AM
2:00 PM
3:00 PM

Music & Motion (Children's Library)
Children's Choir (Children's Choir Room)
Sunday School Classes (Various Rooms)
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Worship (in person and live streamed)
Theo of Golden Group (off campus)
Circle 5 (Library Conference Room)

Second Sunday in Lent



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

As the music plays, you are invited to pause, reflect, and pray silently as we prepare for worship.

Ground us in your truth today, O God:
the truth of your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven,
the truth of community and mutuality,
the truth of humility and power.
Set our feet firmly on the earth,
and prepare us to walk your way
even when it surprises us.
Amen.
~ The Rev. Teri Peterson

PRELUDE

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Friendship Pad found on the center aisle of each pew and pass it to your neighbor.

VOLUNTARY

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The One who turns things upside down is among us
All: *and we pray we will see the new thing he is doing.*
Leader: The One who loves first, so that we too may love, is among us
All: *and we open ourselves to receive as well as give.*
Leader: The One who is Sovereign of all is among us
All: *and we will follow his lead.*

*HYMN 370 *This Is My Father's World* TERRA BEATA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son, Amen. *[Time for silent confession follows.]*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE 184 *Calm to the Waves* CALM SEAS
Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Jesus whispers, "Peace, be still." Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In stillness, hear his voice.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION lay readers, Emily Tignor and Lilly Carpenter

FIRST LESSON Psalm 51:10-12 pew bible, page 520
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM *I'm Gonna Follow* Kevin Hofer
(Children's Choir)

SECOND LESSON John 13:1-17 pew bible, page 107
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Casey Aldridge

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 203 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* CHEREPONI

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from Philippians 2:5-11
Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *In Remembrance* Red and Larsen
(Sanctuary Choir)

In remembrance of me, eat this bread. In remembrance of me, drink this wine. In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done. In remembrance of me, heal the sick. In remembrance of me, feed the poor. In remembrance of me, open the door and let your brother in, let him in. Take, eat, and be comforted; drink and remember too, that this is my body and precious blood shed for you, shed for you. In remembrance of me, search

for truth. In remembrance of me, always love. In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart, look in your heart for God.

*DOXOLOGY 675 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow* TALLIS' CANON
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Every good gift comes from you, O God. We cannot begin to thank you enough. Bless what we offer here and in the days ahead as we seek to follow you and love and serve our neighbors in Christ's name, Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER †

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...
And so, we join our voices with the faithful of every time and place, joining with choirs of angels and the whole creation in joyful praise...

HYMN 562 *Holy, Holy, Holy*
The prayer continues and then ends with 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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

We will eat the bread and drink the cup together, after the pastor says, "The body of Christ, given for you," and "The cup of salvation, poured out for you."

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you reconciled your people to yourself. Following his example of prayer and fasting, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love in this and every season; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 766 *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound* MC KEE

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Amen in C minor* Jacquie Yost

POSTLUDE