

First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Interim Pastor

2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 1, 2026

Preservice Music

Boyd Thomas

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Announcements

Opening Prayer

Prelude

Crystal Hogan

*Praise Medley

Insert

Prayer of Confession:

Greed and hoarding is a symptom of a lack of faith in
God's provision

which is a root cause of poverty in the world

The need to lord it over people is a lack of faith in God's Lordship,
and leads to escalating violence and insecurity.

The refusal to act justly is a lack of faith in God's call to do justice,
love kindness, and walk humbly with God

**and leads to ongoing disparity and suspicion between "the
haves" and "the have nots", between the perpetrators and
victims of injustice.**

If we can begin to live in faith, though, we may appear foolish
or even naive, but it will make a huge impact on the big issues
of our world.

Just a few faithful people really can make a big difference.

(silence for reflection and personal confession)

Response:

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down.
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it someday for a crown.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Dearly beloved, hear and believe the Good News of the gospel,
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen. Alleluia!

**Gloria Patri:* **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.**

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Time with Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson: Genesis 12:1-4

Pg. 8, Pew Bible

Sermon Text: John 3:1-17

Pg. 887, Pew Bible

Sermon: *Living by Faith*

Responsive Reading: Psalm 121

Pg. 516, Pew Bible

The Offering

Offertory: *Remember Me* (Grier/Everson)

Choir

***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 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.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and
praise, Heavenly Father, creator and ruler of the universe...

... Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with the
heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of Your name

(Sung) **Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty**
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth
and sky, and sea.
Only Thou art holy- there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, in purity.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ
Your Son, our Lord...

Great is the mystery of faith
Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these
Your gifts of bread and wine...

Prayers of Intercessions

Prayer Concerns: Don Sericati, Chuck Jennings, Lorna March,
Charlie Novara, Floyd Kucharski, Chris Hanley, Geri Anderson,
Scott Doda, Phil Peterson, Kathy Eavenson, Bonnie Hyde,
Anne Starr, Mary Rushford; the PNC; missionaries, Sam and Cayla

...Through Christ, all glory and honor are Yours, Almighty God,
with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

Words of Jesus

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*(Communion is received by intinction, the bread is received,
then dipped in the cup and then partaken of.)*

Prayer after Communion

*The Lord's Prayer *(sung)*

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

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