

First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Interim Pastor

3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 8, 2026

Preservice Music

Boyd Thomas

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

Announcements / Opening Prayer

Prelude

Logan Smith

*Praise Medley

Insert

Prayer of Confession:

...O Lamb of God

Take away this sin.

(silence for reflection and personal confession)

Begin with me, O Lamb of God, forgive my sins, cleanse my heart, disarm my will and let me fight armed with Your truth, righteousness, and love with Your cross of love engraved deeply upon my heart, O Lamb of God.

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:

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

***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

Susan Strang

Scripture Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

Pg. 59, Pew Bible

Responsive Reading: Psalm 95

Pg. 499, Pew Bible

Response: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Text: John 4:5-42

Pg. 888, Pew Bible

Sermon: *Bubbling up into Eternal Life*

*Hymn: *Higher Ground*

No. 549

*Affirmation of Faith: *The Apostles' Creed*

We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. We believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

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.**

The Offering

Offertory: *Let the Words of My Mouth* (P. Choplin)

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

*Hymn: *Be Thou My Vision*

No. 562

*Charge & Benediction

*Response:

**Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.**

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

CHURCH NOTES

Monday: 5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen (*drive-thru only*)

Tuesday: 1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry
5:30p.m. Session

Wednesday: 3:30p.m. 4-yrs. – 8th Grade Young Disciples
5:00p.m. 9th – 12th Grade Young Disciples
6:30p.m. Adult Choir

Thursday: 9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That
12:30p.m. *The Chosen Study (last one)*

College Connection: Care packages will be sent to our college students in April, so please get your college student's address to Mary Jean (maryjean5775@gmail.com) by March 31st.

All women are invited to the Women's Luncheon on Friday, March 20th, at *Thai Bistro* at 11:30a.m. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Fireside Room.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA: Wednesday, March 25th.
See the sign-up sheets on the table right outside the office to see where you can help.

We still need Ushers & Readers for April. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Fireside Room.

Ushers: Mike and Susan Corcoran; Bob and Susan Strang