

# Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026

9:00 a.m.

*Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.*

\*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship pads and pass them back to the center aisle.

## Our Approach to God

Prelude                      Toccata from Messa Della Domenica                      G. Frescobaldi

The Call to Worship

Gather round, we have come for worship.

**We come as dry and thirsty souls longing for refreshment and hope.**

May the Holy Spirit come upon us now.

**In our worship, may we be blessed and may we find the joy of eternal life.**

\*The Hymn of Praise                      *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* -verses 1 and 4                      303

\*The Call to Confession

It is in our confession where we realize our desire for God and our hope for God's mercy. So let us make our confession.

\*The Prayer of Confession

**God of all the saints and sinners, hear our prayer. We would be like the saints — holy, good, patient, loving. But we end up feeling more like sinners — full of failures, selfish, mean. You see us simply as human — as loved, and flawed, and trying, and failing and succeeding. Keep on loving us and helping us to be the image of Christ, in whose name we pray. AMEN.**

\*The Assurance of Pardon

Friends, know that we are forgiven and thus free to love and serve as the children of God. **Alleluia! Amen.**

\*The Gloria Patri

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**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.**

## The Word of God

The Time with the Children                      Sticking to Easter                      Rev. Ted McCulloch

The New Testament Reading                      John 4:39-42

The Sermon                      Hearing is Believing                      Rev. Ted McCulloch

## Our Response to Serve

\*The Affirmation of Faith                      The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)                      hymnal page 14

\*The Hymn                      *The King of Love, My Shepherd Is* - verses 1,2,and 6                      171

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; 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 of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory                      Lord, For Thy Tender Mercies' Sake                      R. Farrant  
Chancel Choir

# Second Presbyterian Church

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\*The 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.**

\*The Prayer of Dedication

\*The Hymn                    *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*                    281

\*The Charge and Benediction

\*The Congregational Response *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*                    540

**God be with you till we meet again; Loving counsels guide uphold you, With a Shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.**

Postlude                    *Toccata on 'Aberystwth'*                    D. Bednall

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**Liturgist:** Kitty Myers

**Greeter:** Karen Kalina

**Ushers:** Ted & Deb Easlick, Patty Donahue, and Randy Weirda

**Fellowship Hour:**

**Musical Talents:** Thomas Heidenreich – Director of Music Ministry, and the Chancel Choir

## From the SPC Session:



The Annual meeting of the Congregation and Corporation is **Today** immediately following worship. Any business of the congregation or corporation can be conducted. The 2025 Annual Report are available on the table in the vestibule.

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*Seeking and Serving Christ, We are a Place for Growing Christians.*

# Announcements and Upcoming Events

**2nd @ Second** will meet in the library immediately following the congregational meeting. We will continue the Lenten study with chapter 3 of "Meeting Jesus on the Road." Each chapter is self-contained so if you miss some, you can still join us & fit in anytime.



**The office will be open Monday - Thursday 10:00-2:00** but, as unforeseen circumstances may occur, please call 989-792-1023 to be sure that someone is in the office before you drive to the church.

- **On Sunday's, the church doors will be open to the congregation at 8:15 a.m.** Should you have a special circumstance that requires earlier access to the church, (Communion servers, musical guests, etc.) please contact the church office to make arrangements during office hours.

## Easter Lilies:

We will decorate our sanctuary this year with Easter lilies for the Easter Sunday service. If you would like to order one in honor or memory of someone, there are order forms in the gathering area. **Flowers are \$12.00 each and must be ordered by March 15.**



## Soup Supper

**Tuesday, March 24, 6:30 PM – Soup Supper at First Presbyterian.** Bring a soup to share and, if you can, a dessert is appreciated. Beverage and bread are provided – along with our four soup tester trays so we can try all the different kinds. Following, a little fun history on Lent and Thomas will show the organ repairs, for those interested. Everybody is welcome!

## Mission News:

For March, one of the congregation's historically favorite missions to support will again be the Old Town Baby Pantry. It is important to know that the Pantry requests items donated should be for infants from **0 to 9 months of age**; these may include clothing, diapers, wipes, toys, blankets, and other items appropriate for the care of this age group.



## Fish Fry:



Our Fish Fry is fast approaching on **Friday, March 20, 2026!** We will need plenty of help to make this fish fry a success. It really is a fun event! Sign-up sheets are in the gathering area. Proceeds from the sale go to the Presbyterian Men's Group, which pays for many of the maintenance jobs around the church.

## Presbyterian Women News:

**All women of the church** are invited to join us on **Wednesday, March 11,** at 9:30 a.m. as we continue to study "12 Women of the Bible" focusing on "The Syrophenician Woman – approaching God with persistence and boldness.", while enjoying some treats and fellowship. If you have any questions, please call Carol Poole @ 989-793-7485.



We will have a bake sale during the fish fry on Friday, March 20. We will need donations of baked goods to sell (**plated and ready**), and volunteers to set-up, price, sell the items donated, and clean up after the sale. **There are sign-up sheets for the bake sale on the Fish Fry table.** If you have any questions, please call Carol Poole @ 989-793-7485. All proceeds from the bake sale go to Florence Gilmore Circle (Second Presbyterian Women's group) which provides funding for the Rescue Mission lunches, along with donations to many charitable organizations.