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Sunday, March 8 daylight saving time begins so don't forget to
"Spring forward one hour."

The Second Presbyterian Church Session has called **The Annual meeting of the Congregation and Corporation for Sunday, March 8, 2026 immediately following worship.** Any business of the congregation or corporation can be conducted.



On Sunday, March 1, at 4 PM, Thomas will be playing an hour-long organ recital at Flint First Presbyterian Church. The recital is called *Triduum Prisms*, and will feature music reflecting on Lent and Holy Week.

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. **The office is open Monday through Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** (unless otherwise noted) 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.



Music and Worship Committee:

We need your help!! The Music and Worship Committee is looking for volunteers to help with Fellowship Hour, Liturgists, Greeters and Ushers on Sundays. There are sign-up sheets available so please look for a Sunday service you can help!

2026 Ruling Elders

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Lectionary for March

2nd Sunday in Lent – March 1

Genesis 12:1-4a and Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9

3rd Sunday in Lent – March 8

Exodus 17:1-7 and Psalm 121; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

4th Sunday in Lent – March 15

1 Samuel 16:1-13 and Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

5th Sunday in Lent – March 22

Ezekial 37:1-14 and Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

Palm Sunday – March 29

Matthew 21:1-11 and Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Monday of Holy Week – March 30

Isaiah 42:1-9 and Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11

Tuesday of Holy Week – March 31

Isaiah 42:1-9 and Psalm 71:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36

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.**



Sunday, March 29 is Palm Sunday. Communion will be celebrated during the worship service. We hold an open Communion at Second Presbyterian Church which means all believing Christians are welcome to participate. We also invite you to bring non-perishable food items for **The Ecumenical Food Pantry at First Presbyterian Church.** We do so knowing that it is our privilege to feed the hungry and care for the poor as we are fed and sustained by the grace of God.

Communion is served 7 times per year during Sunday worship. If you are homebound and unable to come to church when communion is celebrated, arrangements can be made for you to be served communion at your home or the facility where you live. If you would like to be included on this list, please call the church office @ 989-792-1023.



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.

Bake Sale:



We will have a bake sale during the fish fry on Friday, March 15. 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 in the gathering area. 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.

From the Desk of Marsha Bennett Christian Education Director

Grace and peace to you!



Moving through this time of transition together, I am grateful for the many ways God continues to work through our church.

Focus on God, not the world. Focus on God, not the storm. Focus on God, not the stress. Focus on God, not the struggle. – Hebrews 12:2

During Lent, here is what I challenge you to do. Pick up your Bible. Read it! Hear it! Live it!

We are having a great time at Sunday school. If you know someone who is looking for a church home, bring them along! If you are interested in teaching, please sign up. We have two classes most Sundays, so we need two teachers. There is a sign-up sheet in the Sunday school hallway.

If you have signed up to teach, your lesson is printed for you labeled with your name and date. You can find them in the Sunday school hallway, in the "teachers' corner." All materials including lesson plan, worksheets, and craft supplies are provided. Please reach out to me either by email – christianeducation@spcsaginaw.org or by phone @989-792-1023 during my scheduled office hours office Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 10-1, if you have any questions or special requests. I am also available Sunday mornings.

Parents, please remember there is Sunday school every Sunday for all kids four and up. Please come to the classroom to pick up your child after service.

If you have a child that attends Sunday school, they should receive "The kid's connection." It is a special newsletter especially for your child. It is sent out separately to your children, I ask that you read it with them or have them read it as there is information especially for them! If your child does not receive the newsletter and you would like them to, please reach out to me.

My office hours are Tuesday and Wednesday 10-1, and Thursday 8:30- 11. I am also here Sunday mornings if you need me.

2nd @ Second:

2nd @ Second meets after worship promptly at 10:15 and should be wrap up by 11:30. The study focus during Lent is based on the book "Meeting Jesus on the Road" by Cynthia M. Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr. Grab your snack and drink and join us in the library.

Scholarship Information:

If you are a graduating senior, or a first year college student, please see Marsha for an application for the Muriel Lakey Scholarship and the Mary Ann Rigterink Geiersbach Scholarship(s). Applications need to be turned in by April 12, 2026.

Missions & Stewardship

"God Can Do It: We Can Help"



THANK YOU to our congregation for your generous donations to the 2 Coins a Meal Mission in January. This mission addresses hunger programs through the Presbytery of Lake Huron and locally. The \$502.45 total equals \$376.84 for the Presbytery and \$125.61 for The Caring Closet of Kochville Township.

February saw our congregation pull together to support the Saginaw City Rescue Ministries through "Hope and Care Totes." Grooming and hygiene products donated will be delivered to the Rescue Mission and provided to its residents to support their needs. A final tally will be in the April newsletter.

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 provided 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.



Suggestions for future missions are always welcome, and if you are interested in being a member of the Stewardship and Mission Committee, please get in touch with either Billie Bauer, Linda Mattson, or Kitty Myers.



We will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on Easter Sunday, April 5. Millions of Christians join together through One Great Hour

of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Your gifts will support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance, resettlement, and community development. There are special offering envelopes in the pews, however if you just mark One Great Hour of Sharing on your check or donation, that will also work.



Mission Offering:



Each March the "Missions Offering" envelope is in our box of offering envelopes. Any contributions given in this envelope are deposited directly to the Mission Committee Dedicated Fund account and are used for various mission projects. A few of the missions supported in the past using these funds are Community Village, Underground Railroad, Mustard Seed Ministries and the Saginaw Rescue

Mission. If you do not use offering envelopes, but wish to contribute, simply mark the memo line of your check as "Mission Offering." We thank you for the continued support of all our mission projects.



Online Giving:

If you utilize online giving and changed your Estimate of Giving for 2026 you will need to go www.spcsaginaw.org and click the "Give Now" button to modify your giving amount. You can also scan this QR code with your smart phone to modify your online giving.



Fish Fry:

Our Fish Fry is fast approaching on **Friday, March 20, 2026!** Please consider distributing the enclosed flyer to a friend or business and sharing our event on Facebook!

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.



Please let one of the following individuals know if you are willing the help:

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Thank you for your support!



March 2026



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School Annual Meeting  | 9 | 10 | 11 Florence Gilmore Circle 9:30 a.m. | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 Fish Fry  | 21 |
| 22 9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School  | 23 | 24 Session 7:00 p.m. | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School Communion | 30 | 31 |  | | | |

