

# Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 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.

After worship, please greet your neighbors by name.

## Our Approach to God

Prelude

Love Unknown

F. Jackson

The Call to Worship

Our Eternal Father, who loved us and set us free from our sins,  
Who loves us still with a love that will not let us go,  
And who will love us forever, calls us to worship him today.

**We have gathered to praise our gracious God.**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!**

\*The Hymn of Praise

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

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\*The Call to Confession (based on Isaiah 55:6-7)

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them. Let them return to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. Trusting ourselves to the grace of God, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

\*The Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy, whose Son, Jesus Christ, longs to gather us in the wide embrace of his love, we confess that we have been wayward children. We have disobeyed your commands; our ears have been deaf to your call; our hearts have been cold to your love. In thought, in word, and in deed we have hurt others and dishonored your name. In your great mercy receive us yet again as your well-beloved**

**children, not because we are worthy but for the sake of him who loved us and gave himself for us.** [silent confession.]

\*The Assurance of Pardon(John 3:14-16)

Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

**that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.**

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,

**so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.**

\*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 Anthem

God So Loved the World  
Chancel Choir

J. Stainer

## The Word of God

The Time with the Children

Marsha Bennett

The Epistle Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

page 1604

The Gospel Reading

John 3:1-17

page 1512

The Sermon

Rev. Michael Hahn

## Our Response to Serve

\*The Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

hymnal page 14

\*The Hymn

To God Be the Glory

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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            What a Friend We Have in Jesus            arr. T. Smith

\*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            We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight            399

\*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            Chorale Prelude on "Caswall"            P. Hurford

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**Liturgist:** Karen Kalina

**Greeter:**

**Ushers:**

**Fellowship Hour:**

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

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

# Announcements and Upcoming Events



The office will be open Monday 1:30 – 5:00, Tuesday - 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.

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

## From the SPC Session:



The Annual meeting of the Congregation and Corporation is **Sunday, March 8, 2026** immediately following worship. Any business of the congregation or corporation can be conducted. The 2025 Annual Report are available TODAY on the table in the vestibule.

## Music Recital:



Today, 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.

## 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.***



## 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! Thank you for supporting Second Presbyterian Church!

## 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.