



# First Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025



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## Order of Worship

Prelude *Trumpet Tune (Homage to the 18th Century)* David N. Johnson  
Bruce Stevens, organ

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Amy Starr Redwine

Introit *Create in Me, O God, a Pure Heart* Johannes Brahms  
Chancel Choir

*Create in me, O God, a pure heart, and grant anew a right spirit within me.*

~ Psalm 51:10

\*Call to Worship Rev. Josh Andrzejewski

One: It is written,

**All: “We do not live by bread alone.”**

It is written,

**“Worship only God.”**

It is written,

**“Do not test the Lord your God.”**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

\*Hymn 165 “The Glory of These Forty Days” ERHALT UNS HERR

\*Prayer of Confession

One: I confess to God, in the company of all God's people,  
that my life and the life of the world are broken by my sin.

**All: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.**

Amen.

**We confess to God, in the company of all God's people,  
that our lives and the life of the world are broken by our sin.**

May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

**Amen.**

\*Passing the Peace

Time for Young Disciples Cate Jobe

*Children ages 3 years through 5th grade are invited to Children's Chapel.  
They may be picked up from the chapel following worship.*

Hymn 494 (vv. 1, 2, 5) “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts” QUEBEC

**\*Please rise in body or in spirit.**

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Amy Starr Redwine

Scripture Reading

Psalm 91:1-12

OT p. 518

Luke 4:9-12

NT p. 57

Sermon

“God Is Not a Snowplow Parent”

\*Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Derek Starr Redwine

**We believe in God, who is Mystery. We believe in God, who commands us to do justice, take responsibility, and love our enemies. We believe in God, whose wisdom is both a comfort and a challenge. We believe in God, whose love for us, and others, knows no end. We believe in God, who was, is, and forever will be.**

Anthem

*Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*

arr. Tom Trenney

*Mothering God, you gave me birth  
in the bright morning of this world.  
Creator, source of every breath,  
you are my rain, my wind, my sun.*

*Mothering Christ, you took my form,  
offering me your food of light,  
Grain of life, and grape of love,  
your very body for my peace.*

*Mothering Spirit, nurt'ring one,  
in arms of patience hold me close,  
So that in faith I root and grow  
until I flow'r, until I know.*

~ Jean Janzen, b. 1933;  
based on Julian of Norwich, c. 1

Call to Offering

Rev. Amy Starr Redwine

\*Doxology (Prayer of Thanksgiving)

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**Praise God throughout these forty days.  
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.  
And praise the Spirit who imparts  
the love of Christ into our hearts. Amen.**

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Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Derek Starr Redwine

**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.**

\*Hymn 547

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

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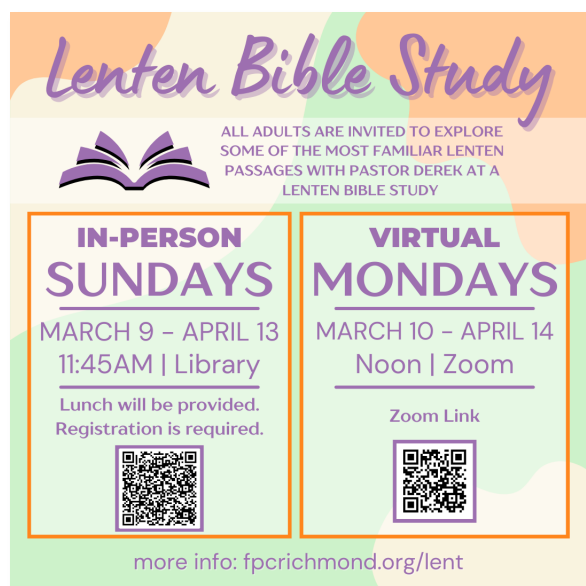
\*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Amy Starr Redwine

### Usher Training, March 16 at 11:45am



If you have been interested in becoming an usher, there will be a training on Sunday, March 13 following morning worship. Lunch will be provided. Scan the QR code to register or reach out to Ken Horton for more information.



**Lenten Bible Study**

ALL ADULTS ARE INVITED TO EXPLORE SOME OF THE MOST FAMILIAR LENTEN PASSAGES WITH PASTOR DEREK AT A LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

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| <p><b>IN-PERSON SUNDAYS</b></p> <p>MARCH 9 – APRIL 13</p> <p>11:45AM   Library</p> <p>Lunch will be provided. Registration is required.</p>  | <p><b>VIRTUAL MONDAYS</b></p> <p>MARCH 10 – APRIL 14</p> <p>Noon   Zoom</p> <p>Zoom Link</p>  |
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more info: [fpcrichmond.org/lent](https://fpcrichmond.org/lent)

### PW Honorary Life Nominations

FPC Presbyterian Women is seeking nominations for Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women PC(USA). This special honor is conferred upon an individual (FPC member) in recognition of faithful service to PW and FPC and will be presented at the 2025 PW Annual Meeting in May. Please scan the QR code and submit your recommendations before March 27.



**This week's usher team includes:** David Williams, Ken Horton, Judy Price

**Elders at the doors:** Clark Lewis, Susan McNulty, Jim Purser

### Please keep in your prayers those with special concerns:

- Christi Barranger, health concerns
- Bev Berwick (*Jim Berwick's mother*), health concerns
- Sarah Campbell (*Kit and Pat Campbell's daughter*), health concerns
- Pat Lintner (*Christa Santos' father*), health concerns
- Bob McGann, in palliative care
- John Miller, in treatment for brain cancer
- Barbara Mitchell (*Judy Noble's mother*), in hospice care
- Jane Neer, health concerns
- Byrd Newton (*Emily Laux's father*), health concerns
- Jacquie Nolley, health concerns
- Sue Parrish (*Kathy Nelson's mother*), recovering from surgery
- Betty Proffitt (*Jenny Morris' mother*), health concerns
- Sandra Putbrese (*Cortland Putbrese's mother*), health concerns
- Sherri Rose, health concerns
- Sharon Spencer, health concerns
- Percy Wootton, health concerns

### We pray for members and family serving in the military:

Tripp Bowles, Jenny Sigel Burkett, Joshua Garber, Zach Kirk, Mason Louthan, Nathan Thomas Meade, Peyton Spivey, Pierce Tarry, and Will Watkins.

### How can we pray for you?

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