



# First Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026



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## Order of Worship

Prelude *Chorale Improvisation on "Now Thank We All Our God"* Sigfrid Karg-Elert  
Bruce Stevens, organ

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Amy Starr Redwine

Introit *Praise to the Lord* Hugo Distler  
Chancel Choir  
(Lyrics may be found in hymn 35)

\*Call to Worship Rev. Stephanie Hamilton

One: Jesus gathers us in and teaches us a new way to live,

**All: a way that challenges what the world calls blessed.**

The world blesses power and success;

**Jesus blesses the poor in spirit and those who mourn.**

The world rewards winning and getting even;

**Jesus blesses the merciful and the peacemakers.**

This is the way of Christ's kingdom.

**Let us worship the One who calls us to this way.**

\*Hymn 667 "When Morning Gilds the Skies" LAUDES DOMINI

\*Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, you bless those who mourn, yet we hurry past grief. You bless those who hunger for righteousness, yet we feast on complacency. You bless the peacemakers, yet we cling to being right more than being reconciled. Forgive us, and turn our hearts toward you. Give us courage to grieve what is broken, do justice, and lay down our pride. Form us again in your grace.**

\*Passing the Peace

Time for Young Disciples Cate Jobe

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

Hymn 450 "Be Thou My Vision" SLANE

Prayer for Illumination Rev. Amy Starr Redwine

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:1-12 NT p, 4

Sermon "The Losing Team" Rev. Amy Starr Redwine

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

Anthem

*Lord, Make Me an Instrument*  
Libby Mullins, soprano; Alan Chavez, baritone

Jonathan Willcocks

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, may there be union;  
where there is doubt, faith.*

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;  
where there is despair, let me be hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, may there be joy.*

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;  
may we all be in peace, and only peace,  
And may that peace come unto each of us.*

\*Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Derek Starr Redwine

**All I know is this:**

**Being human is hard. Temptation reveals. Rebirth is possible.**

**Trust upholds. God chooses us. Grief transforms.**

**Betrayal hurts. Love remains. Death is part of life.**

**Hope overcomes.**

Call to Generosity

Heather Cooper

Offertory

*Prelude on REPTON*

Ashley Grote

\*Doxology (Prayer of Thanksgiving)

ST. FLAVIAN

**Praise God throughout these forty days;  
praise Christ, whom God did raise;  
and praise the Spirit who imparts  
Christ's love into our hearts. Amen.**

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 432

"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

REPTON

\*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Amy Starr Redwine

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God," from *Cantata 79*

J. S. Bach

## **RISC Nehemiah Action, March 24 at 6:30pm St. Paul's Baptist Church on Creighton Rd**

Join people of faith from around the Richmond metropolitan area for the annual RISC Nehemiah Action. We hope to bring out over 2,700 people for justice. Visit [riscrichmond.org](http://riscrichmond.org) or contact Rev. Derek Starr Redwine to learn more. Arrive at church by 5:30pm to carpool.

### **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 2026 PW Annual Meeting in May. Please scan the QR code and submit your recommendations before March 20.



### **Easter Lily Memorials**

If you wish to provide an Easter lily as a memorial or make a donation to our Music Fund as a memorial, complete the form by March 29.



**This week's usher team includes:** Ken Horton, Caley Cantrell, Bill Collier, Sherry May, Steve May, Tara Modisett

**Elders at the doors:** Susan Quinn, Gary Barranger, LaMont Noble

*The flowers in the Sanctuary and Memorial Corridor were arranged by Julie Langan.*

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

- Susan Anthony (*Jane Neer's sister*), continued recovery
- Bev Berwick (*Jim Berwick's mother*), health concerns
- Kit Campbell, recovering from hip replacement surgery
- Rebecca Darling (*Ashley Raggi's sister*), health concerns
- Brian Finlay (*Neely Barnhardt's brother-in-law*), health concerns
- Billy George, health concerns
- Sherry May, recovering from neck surgery
- Nancy Perry, health concerns
- Oliver Perry (*Nancy and Sam Perry's grandson*), health concerns
- Betty Proffitt (*Jenny Morris' mother*), health concerns
- Sam Spencer (*Sharon Spencer's brother*), health concerns
- Sharon Spencer, health concerns
- Harriet Yake, recovering from hip replacement surgery

### **Those Grieving:**

- Judy and LaMont Noble on the death of Judy's mother, Barbara Mitchell, on March 8.

### **Those Rejoicing:**

- Liz and Stephen Dewey on the birth of their son, Charles Walker Dewey, on March 17, 2025.
- Cate Jobe on becoming certified from the Presbytery of New Harmony to seek her first pastoral call and be ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament.
- Jim and Sandy Irby on the birth of their grandson, Caleb Elliott Bairby, on March 6.

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

Tripp Bowles, Jenny Sigel Burkett, Toby Collins, 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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