



# First Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026



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## Order of Worship

Prelude *Fugue in G Minor ("The Little"), BWV 578* J. S. Bach  
Bruce Stevens, organ

Welcome and Announcements Cate Jobe

Introit *I Have Chosen the Way of Truth* Craig Courtney  
Libby Mullins, soprano

*I have chosen the way of truth; I have set my heart on your laws. I hold fast to your statutes, O Lord, My God; let me not be put to shame. I run in the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free. Teach me to follow your decrees, O Lord, and I shall keep them to the end. Turn my heart to your decrees away from worthless gain. Preserve my life according to your word.*

*I have chosen the way of truth; I have set my heart on your laws. Lead me in the path of your commands, for there will I find delight.*

~ Psalm 119:30-37

\*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 95)

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

**All: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.**

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,  
**lifting our voices with songs of praise.**

\*Hymn 436 "God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us" O QUANTA QUALIA

\*Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, you call us and we ignore you, distracted by the voices of this world. You call us and we choose a different path, following our own desires. Forgive us and reorient our hearts toward your steadfast love. Empower us to bear your peace, embody your compassion, speak your forgiveness, and live your love and grace.**

\*Passing the Peace

Time for Young Disciples Ian Dayalsingh

*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 442 (vv. 3 & 4) "Just as I Am, without One Plea" WOODWORTH

Prayer for Illumination Rev. Derek Starr Redwine

Scripture Reading Mark 1:1-8 NT pp. 32-33

Sermon "Repent" Rev. Derek Starr Redwine

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

Anthem

“The Promised Land” from *Over Jordan*  
Chancel Choir  
Bruce Stevens and Charles Staples, piano

arr. William Averitt

*On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,  
and cast a wishful eye  
to Canaan's fair and happy land,  
where my possessions lie.*

*Refrain:  
I am bound for the promised land,  
I am bound for the promised land;  
oh, who will come and go with me?  
I am bound for the promised land.*

*O the transporting, rapturous scene,  
that rises to my sight!  
Sweet fields arrayed in living green  
and rivers of delight. [Refrain]*

*O'er all those wide extended plains  
shines one eternal day;  
there God the Son forever reigns,  
and scatters night away. [Refrain]*

*When I shall reach that happy place,  
I'll be forever blest,  
for I shall see my Father's face,  
and in his bosom rest. [Refrain]*

*Filled with delight my raptured soul  
would here no longer stay;  
though Jordan's waves around me roll,  
fearless I'll launch away. [Refrain]*

~ Samuel Stennet

\*Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Josh Andrzejewski

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Call to Offering

Offertory

*I Want to Be Ready*  
Jason N. Brown, tenor

arr. Phillip McIntyre

\*Doxology (Prayer of Thanksgiving)

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**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

**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.**

**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 [risrichmond.org](http://risrichmond.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:** Jon Morris, Ashby Horner, Judy Price, Mary Lu Stephens, Robbie Rice

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

*The flowers in the Memorial Corridor were arranged by Sally Bryson. The flowers in the Sanctuary were arranged by Lynda Starr.*

**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
- Barbara Mitchell (*Judy Noble’s mother*), in hospice care
- Nancy Perry, health concerns
- Oliver Perry (*Nancy and Sam Perry’s grandson*), health concerns
- Betty Proffitt (*Jenny Morris’s mother*), health concerns
- Sam Spencer (*Sharon Spencer’s brother*), health concerns
- Sharon Spencer, health concerns
- Harriet Yake, recovering from hip replacement surgery

**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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