



## Week of March 23 – March 28

### Scripture of the Week:

*Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.  
Let your good Spirit lead me on a level path.  
Psalm 143:10 NRSV*

*By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,  
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.  
Galatians 5:22-23 NRSV*

*But you, beloved, build yourselves up on your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; keep yourselves  
in the love of God; look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.  
Jude 20-21 NRSV*

### **March 23, 2026**

Just over 20 years ago, (at the suggestion of my husband who was already a member), my two children and I joined First Presbyterian Church. We were welcomed with open arms and made to feel a part of the church family right away! So many members went above and beyond to make us feel welcome. It didn't take long for me to realize that I had made the right decision. A few years later, when asked to serve as a Deacon, I requested to serve on the Welcome Committee as I wanted to ensure that other new members received the same warm welcome that we had experienced. In hindsight, I believe that the Lord led us to FPC. It truly was one of the best decisions of my life! I had never before experienced the closeness of such a genuinely loving and caring church. I love my church family and have grown exponentially in my faith ever since. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, our church family has been right there by our side to support us through thick and thin, good times and bad. I feel that is truly an example of the Holy Spirit at work in our church! (Elder Elaine Kizzire)

### **March 24, 2026**

At a friend's funeral, I certainly felt the Holy Spirit as the church was filled with friends and family. Her favorite scriptures were read as well as words to all of us. Through tears, I felt a great rejoicing and thankfulness to God for her celebration of life. (Elder Susan Campbell)

### **March 25, 2026**

Recognizing it is not my place to define the Holy Spirit, and we should treat each other as God's chosen child, I see the Holy Spirit move through the First Presbyterian ministry of UKirk. Lauren Howard, the FPC Director of UKirk Ministries, listens closely to those she serves and fosters relationships among those who wish to explore their faith life while at UA. When UKirk students share that UKirk is the most meaningful part of their UA experience, we know the Holy Spirit is at work among us. (Elder James Tucker)

### **March 26, 2026**

A teacher had an early delivery, and the child was placed in intensive care for several weeks. I asked my circle group if they would donate quarters to help with the hospital parking. The circle responded, "Quarters?!!! Absolutely not! We will take lunch, sit with that mother daily, AND pay for the parking." That child is now an honor student and will graduate from high school in May. The mother believes that our circle group was God sending angels to her. (Elder Kristi Thomson)

### **March 27, 2026**

I feel the Holy Ghost put my husband and me in the right Sunday School class (The Journey Class) because without the help of that village helping us with all the stages of raising girls, it would have been a lot harder! (Elder Lillian Beavers)

### **March 28, 2026**

The phone call request was very different but not surprising. "If you are planning to walk today, would you mind taking Millie with you?" Off we go, the 4-month-old puppy and I on our adventure. Millie saw things I typically ignore. We stopped for robins, squirrels, bugs, blowing leaves, sticks, and every scent her nose sniffed. She trotted along with what appeared to be a smile on her face. Then Millie saw Jamison, a little boy with a similar smile and excitement for their surroundings. Millie put her paws on Jamison's shoulder and gave him multiple kisses which produced joyous giggles. I could not help but smile. Millie giving unconditional love to a broken world and noticing all of God's creation. Come Holy Spirit... (Elder Cal Holt)