

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 22, 2026

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Near to the Heart of God”

Arr.: Lani Smith

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Laura Perry Johnson, Liturgist

Leader: Out of the depths we call to you, O Lord.

People: Let your ears hear our supplication.

Leader: We wait for you, O God. In your word is our hope.

People: We wait for you, O Lord, for with you there is mercy. Come. Let us worship God!

*HYMN #796 *(see bulletin)*

“We Come to You for Healing, Lord”

Stuempfle/Buchannan

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Psalm 130 reminds us that our God is loving and merciful. Let us come before God now, together and then privately and silently, to confession our sin. Let us pray...

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God, we are a busy people. We become pre-occupied with the demands of work, our relationships, and our communities. We tend to focus on our own needs and fail to see the needs of those around us. We do that which we should not and fail to do that which we should. We ask for your forgiveness and for your guidance in following the path you have set before us. Hear us now as we humbly come before you silently and privately to confess our sin... Our prayers continue in silence...

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Leader: “If you, God, kept records on wrongdoings, who would stand a chance? As it turns out, forgiveness is your habit, and that’s why you’re worshiped.”

People: Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the waters of our own baptism, we are forgiven children of God. Amen!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Share the peace of Christ with one another.

*HYMN #286 *(see bulletin)*

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Hatch/Jackson

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“In Heavenly Love Abiding”

Felix Mendelssohn

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy, magnificent God, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, allow us to see you clearly in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING:

Psalm 130

ANTHEM

“Lord of the Morning”

Joseph Martin

SECOND READING:

Ezekiel 37:1-14

SERMON

“Dem Bones, Dem Bones, Dem Dry Bones”

Rev. Rick Douylliez

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

The Apostles’ Creed

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN #408 (see bulletin)

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Doris Akers

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Leader: As you leave here today carrying the light of Christ into a busy world, remember the words of Psalm 130, “I wait for the Lord ...in his word I hope... my soul waits for the Lord...more than those who watch for the morning.”

People: **May this season of Lent be a time to ponder and reconnect with God. May our Lenten journey remind us that we are not alone in troubled times... that God walks with us every step of the way. In the name of the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit, may we go in peace. Amen!**

*POSTLUDE

“St. Anthony Chorale”

Johannes Brahms

(* *We stand as we are able*)

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and
in honor of our grandchildren Ava, Marshall, Ruth Anne, Willis, James,
Ellen, Avery, Julianne, and John Henry
by Susan and Marshall McCranie.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELDERS OF THE MONTH: Laura Perry Johnson and Joan White

Tuesday, March 24 at 9 a.m. LENT STUDY

Wednesday, March 25 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH SUPPER

Thursday, March 26 at 8:30 a.m. Cornerstones Callaway trip

Friday, March 27 at 10 a.m. Tiny McClung's memorial —*in the fellowship hall*

HOLY WEEK

Sunday, March 29 from 4-6 p.m. EGGVENT food, crafts, games for all ages

Tuesday, March 31 at 9 a.m. LENT STUDY (end of study)

Wednesday, April 1 NO SUPPER

Thursday, April 2 WATCH SUPPER & MAUNDY SERVICE

Friday, April 3 at NOON Meet at the Cross on the front lawn

Sunday, April 5 at 7 a.m. SUNRISE EASTER SERVICE

Sunday, April 5 at 11 a.m. EASTER CANTATA WORSHIP SERVICE

SPECIAL OFFERING: ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING ON APRIL 5th, EASTER SUNDAY

EGGVENT & COVERED DISH SUPPER on MARCH 29

Palm Sunday, March 29th, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., we will be hosting a time of food, fun games and crafts for all ages. The church will provide fried chicken, slaw and baked beans. Members are encouraged to bring side dishes and desserts. Donations will be accepted to cover the cost of the chicken.

Please RSVP to Austin at dcefirstpresmoultrie@gmail.com.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Now through Easter Sunday, we will be collecting special offering donations for One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS), as Presbyterians worldwide respond to Christ's call for compassion for most vulnerable people around the globe through development projects and disaster relief. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot! You can give by texting OGHS to 91999 or through pcusa.org/give-oghs. Or you can put a separate check or envelope in the collection plate. Make it out to First Presbyterian and put OGHS in the memo line.

LENT STUDY

Next Tuesday at 9 a.m., join us for our last Lenten Bible study date at Shalom Café to study *Why Did Jesus Have to Die?* by Adam Hamilton. (*Gather on the patio at Shalom this coming Tuesday.*) Contact Austin Pounds with questions or to order a printed copy of the book (also available on Kindle). Austin: dcefirstpresmoultrie@gmail.com.

WATCH SUPPER

RESERVATIONS: 229-985-3158 or firstpresmoultrie@gmail.com

In March we will be featuring the recipes from "PASS THE PLATE,"

and we have copies of the cookbook in the office that you can purchase for \$25.

EASTER MEAL—Wednesday, March 25:

Everyone: Slow cooked Beef Brisket (featuring Diane Klar's recipe on page 205), Yeast Roll, Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Mac-n-Cheese, Basil Green Beans, Salad Bar

Dessert: Lemon Supreme Cake or Cookies & Ice Cream