



WELCOME

— THANKS FOR JOINING US —

First Presbyterian Church

February 15, 2026

Message Three



Welcome to this sanctuary.
Welcome to this time of worship and wonder.
Welcome to this family of faith.

We're glad you're here today and pray that your experience with us in worship is both challenging and uplifting!

Our ushers are available to assist you as needed.

For more information about First Presbyterian Church, we invite you to visit our website. There you will find out the ways to keep in touch, how we live our faith, our different partnerships and so much more.

Our website address is: www.firstpresracine.org

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Today's Service

PASTOR—Rev. Darren Utley

LITURGIST—Ken Schacht

MUSICIANS—Alejandro Alumbremos, Mark Paffrath,
Pat Badger, Dave Titus, Alan Galle, Chancel Choir

MEDIA TECH SPECIALIST—Steve Comeau

*Please stand as you are able.

[Bold type] indicates text to be spoken by the congregation.

[Bold italic type] indicates song to be sung by the congregation.

We Gather to Worship

As a courtesy to everyone, please mute your mobile device.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ken Schacht

Welcome! May you find God's love, peace, grace, and joy as we worship today.

PRELUDE

Winds of Time | *Adrienne Foster Potter*

POEM OF INVITATION

Love my enemies, enemy my love | *Rebecca Seiferle*

Oh, we fear our enemy's mind, the shape
in his thought that resembles the cripple
in our own, for it's not just his fear
we fear, but his love and his paradise.

We fear he will deprive us of our peace
of mind, and, fearing this, are thus deprived,
so we must go to war, to be free of this
terror, this unremitting fear, that he might

he might, he might. Oh it's hard to say
what he might do or feel or think.

Except all that we cannot bear of
feeling or thinking—so his might

must be met with might of armor
and of intent—informed by all the hunker
down within the bunker of ourselves.
How does he love? and eat? and drink?

He must be all strategy or some sick lie.
How can reason unlock such a door,
for we bar it too with friends and lovers,
in waking hours, on ordinary days?

Finding the other so senseless and unknown,
we go to war to feel free of the fear
of our own minds, and so come
to ruin in our hearts of ordinary days.

*OPENING HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

[GtG Hymn #366]

Alejandro Alumbremos, Mark Paffrath, Pat Badger, Dave Titus, Alan Galle

THE LORD'S PRAYER/PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

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.

*ACT OF PRAISE

Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet

[GtG Hymn #458]

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way,

Still you're there right beside me.

Nothing will I fear as long as you are near.

Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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*PASSING THE PEACE

As Christ welcomed everyone,
no matter what their background or social standing;
as Christ welcomed enemies & friends, outcasts & leaders,
foreigners & neighbors, let us open our hearts and homes and lives.

Let us be like Christ to everyone we meet.

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Abide in Him | Shirley Porter
Chancel Choir

Proclaiming the Word

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:38-48
[NT 5]

SERMON

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Responding to the Word

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Siciliano (from Flute Sonata en E-Flat Major) |
Johann Sebastian Bach

*SONG OF RESPONSE

Within Our Darkest Night
[GtG Hymn #294]

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We have seen the valley.
We have seen a sky without stars.
We have seen the longest night, and still we believe.
We believe in a with-us God.
We believe in the hope of tomorrow.
We believe that good news is louder than fear.
We believe this good news is for all people.
So even when our knees shake,
even when our voice trembles,
even when fear is all around us,
we will hold onto that good news.
We will reach for each other.
We will look for God in our midst.
We will sing songs of joy.
We will proclaim: Unto us, love is born.
We have seen the longest night,
and we have seen unimaginable love.
So still, we believe. Amen.**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

Precious Lord, Take My Hand | *Thomas A. Dorsey*

*DOXOLOGY

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen!***

Going Forth to Minister

*CLOSING HYMN

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
[GtG Hymn #753]

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BLESSING

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness
[GtG Hymn #314, v. 2]

***Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.***

***Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.***

POSTLUDE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness | *William M. Runyan, arr. Phillip Keveren*



Please review the prayer list to see if there is anyone who can be removed from the list or should someone be added. If there are changes to be made, please reach out to Theresa or Shelley.
Thank you!

Prayer Matters

Heartfelt thoughts & prayers for the Herrera-Leavell family with the recent loss of Aunt Josephine, and all who have recently experienced the loss of a friend or family member. May they know peace and comfort during these difficult times.

Prayers of comfort & healing for Evelyn Vanderheyden, Don Tobias, Peggy Taylor, Elie Hunt, Ginny Holle, Ken Schacht, Vi Shufelt, Sheila Lawrence, Peggy Wagner, Ed Lehmann, Austin Moulds, Mac & Marilyn MacCaughey, Ellen Easley, Sandra Hopkins, Kay Mahl, Mary Johnson, Leah Fisher, Barb Stevenson.

As they deal with physical, emotional and/or spiritual issues, please pray for Chad—son of Sheila Lawrence; David—brother and Lynn—sister-in-law of Ed Lehmann; Mark—son of Sharon Campbell; Mary Ann—mother of Cheryl Nitz; Jack Flynn and Mary—sister of Gretchen Hermann; the paternal grandfather of Autumn Eifert; Amy—daughter of Jim & Bonnie Eastman and sister of Jenny Eastman; Elena & Ezequiel Romero—parents of Deb Utley; Masako—mother of Fumi Nakayama; Nancy—mother of Gloria Zember; John—husband of Sandy Hawley; Chuck—husband of Sue Pehlivanian; Laurel—niece of Curt & Victoria Vollman; John—son of Mac & Marilyn MacCaughey; Ramona, Steve, Susan, Sandra, John, Liz and Gabby—friends & family of the Galles; Meyer Schaal; Scott Mohn—friends of the Paffrath family.

Prayers for those in the service — Evan Humphreys, Col. Jay Brooke, Jared Smith, Jordan Smith, Nicholas Hansen.

Thank you for your continued prayers for everyone. They are powerful!



Sun., Feb. 15 th	9:30 ^{AM} 10:40 ^{AM}	Worship Service Fellowship
Mon., Feb. 16 th	9:00 ^{AM}	Staff Meeting via Zoom
Tues., Feb. 17 th	12:00 ^{PM}	Lunch & Learn
Wed., Feb. 18 th	12:00 ^{PM} 12:30 ^{PM} 4:00 ^{PM}	Ash Wednesday Service Lunch in Ihrman Hall Food Pantry
Sun., Feb. 22 nd	9:30 ^{AM} 10:40 ^{AM}	First Sunday of Lent—Worship Fellowship



It is important that we all help take care of our communities. And you have generously done that through our different missions - especially to the First Presbyterian Food Pantry. We are asking for your help again.

During these bitter cold months, donations of new or clean, gently used winter hats, gloves, mittens and scarves (all sizes) for our food pantry clinics would be greatly appreciated. These items can be left in the food collection box located across from the office, by the elevator door.