

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH GRAPEVINE

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 8, 2026

10:30 AM



*She said to her mistress, "if only my lord were here he would cure him of his skin disease."
2 Kings 5:3*

Everybody is welcome here.

Whoever and wherever you are on your life's journey, we see God in you. Come! This is a place for everyone* who desires to hear and embrace the word of God. Because God welcomes all, we, too, welcome everyone into the whole of our community. We respect each individual's identity and contributions. We affirm and nurture the worth of every person's journey.

*"Everyone" and related pronouns = persons of every age, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic or family status, mental or physical abilities.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME & GREETING

The nursery is available for infants through pre-K. All children are invited, during worship, to the Pray Ground in the sanctuary and/or to use the activity bags available in the Narthex. We ask that parents sit in the area near the Pray Ground.

VISITORS: We are delighted that you have joined us today in worship and we encourage you to register your attendance by using your phone to scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin (under the Attendance heading) or to complete a Visitor's Card located on the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate. Thank you and we hope to see you again.

Also, prayer cards will be collected during the first hymn.

MOMENT FOR ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Carol Slack

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We have come together in this place to worship the Almighty.

ALL: May our mouths speak words of praise to the Holy One.

One: May our hearts and minds be filled with the goodness of God.

ALL: May our songs give laud and honor to the Author of healing and peace.

One: By what we experience here, may we be emboldened to do justice and to love kindness, giving hope as we walk with God in the world.

ALL: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to our Lord, our Rock, our Redeemer.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You, O God, who are the ultimate Source of good news, have given us signs in so many ways across the ages. Yet we often miss out on the good we might do ourselves, because it is easier to call out the bad that others do. We may miss rejoicing with another or comforting one of your children in a time of grief. How can we do big things that we envision, when we frequently fail to do the small things? It is only with your help, O Lord. Extend to us your forgiveness, then, once again, that our hearts may be re-tuned to hear your loving voice, that we may live lives in accord with your word.

(Silent Prayer)

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE PEACE

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn #581)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(* In this context, the word “catholic” means “universal.”)

MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Alison Weaver

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.

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Create in Me a Clean Heart” J. A. Freylinghausen,
arr. Paul Christiansen

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Sanctuary Choir

Send forth thy light and thy love, O Lord.
Fill my heart with thy Holy Spirit.
Lead me into thy presence,
and teach me to love thy ways, O Jesus.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation,
and uphold me with thy free Spirit.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence,
and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation,
and uphold me with thy free Spirit.

Ps. 43:3, Ps. 51:9,10; Adapted by Paul Christiansen

*DOXOLOGY

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING James 3:1-11

SECOND READING 2 Kings 5:1-14

SERMON "Words of Hope" Rev. Dr. Robert S. Crilley

WE GO OUT TO SERVE GOD

*HYMN 442 *"Just as I Am, without One Plea"* WOODWORTH

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Congregation rises in body or in spirit.

Thanks to Debby Patton for serving as liturgist.

STAYING CONNECTED

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WAYS TO GIVE

In Christ, God has showered us with grace upon grace. In gratitude, we now give back to God through our tithes and offerings. Monetary offerings may be given electronically or in the offering plate. To make a contribution electronically, please scan the QR code below.



ATTENDANCE

- (1) Check in with a push of a button on your membership app.
- (2) Sign the friendship pad in the pew.
- (3) Scan the QR code below (on your mobile device) which will take you to a simple form.



Upcoming Worship and Events Calendar

- Sunday, March 8, 12:00 pm Youth Handbells
- Sunday, March 8, 12:00 pm Communications Meeting
- Tuesday, March 10, 10:00 am Tuesday Study Group
- Tuesday, March 10, 6:00 pm Worship & Music Ministry (Zoom)
- Tuesday, March 10, 7:00 pm Visitor & Welcome Ministry (Zoom)
- Wednesday, March 11, 11:30 am All Ladies Lunch (Olive Garden)
- Wednesday, March 11, 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, March 12, Pastor Bob's Bible Class
- Thursday, March 12, 6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- Thursday, March 12, 7:00 pm Prayer Group (Zoom)

Link to these and more by scanning the QR code using the camera on your mobile device or by checking your "Narthex News."



Easter Lilies Order 2026



It's time to place your Easter Lily Order.

The link below or QR code will take you to a convenient order form. You may pay in several ways. Choose the "pay later" option if you plan to bring cash or a check to the church. Be sure to note on your check that it's for Easter Lilies.

The price for each lily is \$13.00.

<https://fpcgv.shelbnextchms.com/external/form/d7d23392-abad-4359-9cb3-aa54929b5b25>



Easter Brunch Fellowship Hall 9am – 11am



Big plans are underway for the Easter Brunch, on April 5.

Volunteers are needed to prepare food, set up and clean up. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex.

Please take a moment and volunteer.