



**First Presbyterian Church  
March 8, 2026**

**Mission Statement**

As an inclusive community empowered by God's transforming love, we welcome all people through worship, compassionate service, care, and advocacy.

# *Third Sunday in Lent*

9:30 am

March 8, 2026

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## **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

Congregational readings are in **bold** type.

+ indicates all are invited to stand.

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome & Announcements

Passing of the Peace

The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Prelude

“Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ”  
(Lord, Hear the Voice of My Complaint)  
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Samuel Scheidt

Extinguishing a Candle

+ Call to Worship

*Jake Brooks*

Come, you who are thirsty.

**Come, you who are thirsty.**

Come, you who are weary.

**Come, you who are weary.**

Come, you who are longing.

**Come, you who are longing.**

Come to the well that never runs dry.

**Come to the well that never runs dry.**

Come and be filled by grace.

**Come and be filled by grace.**

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### Prayer of Confession

God meets us not in our greatest strength, but in our deepest thirst.  
Let us come with honesty to confess our sin, bringing the parts of  
ourselves that are dry, tired, and in need. God is already waiting at the  
well.

Wellspring of life,

**wellspring of life,**

you meet us with love,

**you meet us with love,**

but we do not trust it.

**but we do not trust it.**

You offer living water,

**You offer living water,**

but we choose what does not satisfy.

**but we choose what does not satisfy.**

Forgive us.

**Forgive us.**

Quench our hearts

**Quench our hearts**

and renew our spirits.

**and renew our spirits.**

In Jesus' name.

**In Jesus' name.**

### Silent Prayer

## Words of Assurance

Hope does not disappoint us  
because God's love has already been poured into our hearts.  
You are not condemned or forgotten.  
You are held in grace.  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made whole.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Response Hymn 215      "What Wondrous Love is This"      WONDROUS LOVE

*Verse 3*

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## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

Scripture Reading      Exodus 17:1-7

+ Gospel Reading:      John 4:5-30, 39-42

**Congregation: "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."**

Anthem      "Where Waters Flow"      Ron Mallory

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*Bell Choir*

Time with Children      *Jen Riddle*

*(Children under 5 may go to the nursery. Children K-6th are to go to the Rainbow Room.)*

**“Take This Light”**

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***Take this light into all the world,  
Light that welcomes one and all.  
Take God's love into all the world  
As you live, as you learn,  
let's share God's gift of love.***

Sermon

“Living Water”

*Rev. Dr. Felipe Martinez*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

+Hymn 626

“As the Deer”

AS THE DEER

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Moment for Mission

One Great Hour of Sharing

*Jennifer Englert-Copeland*

Offertory

“Dona nobis pacem”

arr. John A Behnke

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*Bell Choir*

+ Doxology 609      “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all creatures high and low, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise God in Jesus fully known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia! (5x)***

+ Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

*(You may to start the prayer with “Our Father”, “Mother”, “Creator”, “Holy One” as the Spirit leads you.)*

### **GOING IN GOD’S NAME**

+Hymn 699

“Fill My Cup”

FILL MY CUP

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

“Spiritual”

Kevin L Raybuck

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**Lenten season banner:** The color purple in Christian symbolism can signify both parts of the Lenten season, as it is a color of mourning for the crucifixion as well as the royalty found in Christ’s resurrection and his sovereignty.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome** to worship! We are glad you are here and we are worshipping together. Please ask ushers for information about our nursery, large-print bulletins, hearing-aid assists, or current newsletters. Please sign the *Friendship Registration* pads and share your contact information, especially if you are worshipping here for the first time.

We strive toward the use of **inclusive language** in our church as it pertains to people and to God.

**Restrooms** are located in the Loggia/Franklin St. glass door entrance, Laws Room across from the kitchen (all-gender, handicap-accessible restroom), and the balcony of the Laws Room. **Wheelchairs** are available, please ask an usher if you need one.

We live stream our services. If you prefer not to appear in the streaming, please sit in the back six pews. Time with Children on the steps will not be streamed with video to protect the identity of the children.

**THANK YOU** to our liturgist, Jake Brooks, and the Bell Choir.

**THE FLOWERS TODAY** are given by Judy Holdread, in memory of Jon Holdread.

### **One Great Hour of Sharing - Making a Difference Worldwide:**

FPC will be taking the One Great Hour of Sharing offering during four Sundays in Lent leading up to Easter (March 8th through the 29<sup>th</sup> – which is Palm Sunday). Please contribute by using the OGHS offering envelope in the pews or by mailing a check made out to First Presbyterian Church with OGHS in the memo line or by texting OGHS to 91999.

Please give generously. This year the needs both nationally and internationally are greater than ever.

## **Sunday's Schedule for Children and Youth**

### **Pre-K and Younger:**

***Parents: Each child needs a registration form for the 2025-2026 school year. Please accompany your child to the Nursery and fill out a form before leaving them in our care. When picking up your children, please be sure to sign them out. Thank you!***

9:15-10:30am The Nursery is open all morning for our youngest in the family. Parents are welcome to drop off kids beginning at 9:15am, or keep them with you during worship, where we welcome the presence and sounds of children.

10:30-10:45am Joyful Noise in the Nursery.

10:45am Childcare continues in the Gym. Please sign children out before leaving.

### **Children (Kindergarten-6th Grade):**

9:30am Worship in the Sanctuary with family and friends. Worship Bags with activities and toys are located by the Franklin Street entrances to the sanctuary.

9:45-10:40am After the "Time with Children" in worship, dismiss to Kids' Church. Kindergarten-6<sup>th</sup> Grade will be in Rainbow Room Classroom 1 for the All Kids Godly Play class.

10:40-11:10am Worship Arts in the Rainbow Room.

***All K-6 children must be signed out from the Rainbow Room. Please sign them out promptly at the end of their time in Godly Play or Worship Arts. Thank you!***

### **Youth (Grades 7-12):**

9:30-10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary with family and friends

5:30-6:30pm Confirmation Class in Teen Dungeon

6:30-8:00pm Youth Group in Teen Dungeon

Scan the QR code to learn more about children and worship.



## **All Kids Class is in Session!**

Following the Time with Children, elementary-aged kids are invited to follow teachers to Kid's Church for **Godly Play**. It's a Montessori-style way for kids to learn about stories from the Bible and their faith. This week, the lesson will follow the second two weeks of our Lenten focus—Faces of Easter. Following Godly Play, **Worship Arts** will meet until 11:10am.

**Please pick up your kids in the Rainbow Room following Kid's Church programming each week.** That way you can meet the teachers and see what they're learning!



March Kid's Church Schedule

1	INTERGEN SERVICE Nursery only
8	REGULAR SERVICE All Kids Class & Worship Arts
15	SPRING BREAK Nursery only
22	REGULAR SERVICE All Kids Class & Worship Arts
29	REGULAR SERVICE All Kids Class & Worship Arts

The graphic features a young girl with red hair wearing a green leprechaun hat and a white shirt, with a green shamrock on her cheek. The background is orange and green. The text is in a mix of bold sans-serif and cursive fonts.

## **FPC Kids and FPC Youth Communication**

Looking to keep up with important announcements for Kids and Youth Ministry? Join our Reminds!

For families with kids, birth-6<sup>th</sup> grade:

<https://www.remind.com/join/fpckids25>

For families with youth, 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade:

<https://www.remind.com/join/fpcyouth25>



## **March FPC Youth Events**

A graphic for March FPC Youth Events. It features a background of green plants and a brown wooden bowl. The events are listed in green boxes on the left, with the day of the week written vertically. A white speech bubble on the right says "Open to all students in 7th-12th grade!".

SUNDAY	MAR 1	6:30-8:00   Youth Group
SUNDAY	MAR 8	5:30-6:30   Confirmation 6:30-8:00   Youth Group
FRIDAY	MAR 20	4:15-5:45   Hot Meals Serving
SUNDAY	MAR 22	6:30-8:00   Youth Group
SUNDAY	MAR 29	6:30-8:00   Youth Group

## **Adult Fellowship and Education**

Does listening to the sermon or scripture verses during Sunday morning worship stir up thoughts, ideas, or questions? Or maybe you are wondering what other people are thinking about the sermon. Get a cup of coffee in the gym and join the conversation in the Crump Room (above the kitchen) from 11:00 to 11:45 after worship. Advanced Bible knowledge and answers to life's questions are not required.

1. Share a personal story about a river (may be a pleasant childhood memory, or a traumatic memory of the 2008 flood).
2. In John 4, Jesus asks a Samaritan woman for (well) water, and offers her (living/ running) water. Describe the progression of the Samaritan woman from surprise at the encounter to believing he is the Messiah to bringing people to Jesus.
3. What have been set backs and moments of growth in your own journey of believing in Jesus?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### **Easter Lily Coupon**

The Worship Committee will use lilies to decorate our sanctuary for the 9 am and 11 am Easter services.

We invite you to participate in this tradition.

Your check should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church with Easter Lily written on the memo line. Please turn this form in, or email Brook ([brookb@fpccolumbus.org](mailto:brookb@fpccolumbus.org)) no later than Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

I will provide \_\_\_\_\_ Easter Lily(ies).

I wish to keep my lily.

I wish to have my lily delivered to a homebound person.

I will help deliver lilies to the homebound after the 11:00 am service.

Given in Honor/Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Check us out on the web at [www.fpccolumbus.org](http://www.fpccolumbus.org) Join our Facebook groups by going to “First Presbyterian Church Columbus Indiana” and “First Pres Columbus Prayer Page” (click on the button that says “Join group”).



You can now find us on Instagram at [first.pres.columbus.in](https://www.instagram.com/first.pres.columbus.in)

Church WiFi: FPC Guest, Password Guest123

Donate to FPC now  
<http://bit.ly/4083lQw>

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*Jordan Lewis, Organist, can be reached via email at [jordanl@fpccolumbus.org](mailto:jordanl@fpccolumbus.org).*

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**OFFICE HOURS** are typically Monday & Wednesday - Friday **9:00 am - 5 pm** and Tuesday **9:00 am - 3 pm, with the office closed from noon until 1 pm for lunch.**

*Want to sign up for the eblast? Email Brook Brown at [brookb@fpccolumbus.org](mailto:brookb@fpccolumbus.org)!*

*Want to privately speak with someone about your pledge? Email our Treasurer at [promise@fpccolumbus.org](mailto:promise@fpccolumbus.org).*

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