

Our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory Music

Rev. Melick

***The Doxology #606**

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.

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Melick

...For us and for all who hunger,

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

...For us and for all who seek your kin(g)dom,

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

...For us and for all who long to be known,

All: Lord, hear our 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.

***Sending Hymn #175 vs. 1,2** *Seek Ye First*

***Charge and Benediction**

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***Congregational Response** *Threefold Amen* Hymn #601

This Week at FPC

February 22 – 12:00pm, Sandwich Ministry following services
February 22 – after service, Stay and Play
February 22 – 1:00pm, 4-h meeting in the Gathering Place
February 25 – 7:00pm, Choir practice
February 26 – 6:30pm, Elizabeth Circle

Mark Your Calendars

March 4 – 6:00pm, Messy Church
March 4 – 7:30pm, Choir Practice
March 5 – 6:30pm, Elizabeth Circle
March 11 – 10:00am, Moms Group
March 11 – 10:00am, Miriam Circle
March 11 – 7:00pm, Choir Practice

Common Good Food Bank - They are in need of the following:
Macaroni and cheese, pasta (shells, rotini, etc.), noodles, rice, pasta and rice mixes, hamburger helper, instant mashed potatoes.

Blessing Box – With the cold upon us we could use some Hats and gloves of all sizes.

Prayers of First Presbyterian Church Family and Friends

“Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you”

~Jeremiah 29:12

In our continuing prayers:

Countries at War

Sarah Gregg - continuing cancer treatment, Cy Acheson’s granddaughter
Cy – pray for strength and healing
Logan Eifort – stable but still needs prayers, Keith & Chris Jones grandson
Stacey Creech – prayers for breast cancer treatment, Margie’s friend
Jack & Nancy Turner – recovering at home
Deb Tinstman – lymphoma, Molly Hurd’s aunt
Ron Mickelson – continuing prayers

Remember and Uphold:

Diane Kline – Vancrest
Alice Lindley

Our at Home Shut-ins

Marge Jordan, Julia Withrow, Zoe Barnes

For our Nation and those who serve

Church Members & Friends In The Service

Mac Altom/ U.S. Army	Zack Pool/ Air Force
Addam Moore/ U.S. Marines	Jeremy Barnes/ Navy
Tanner Crabtree/ Army	Brett Barnes / Navy
Cameron Rife / U.S. Navy	Laura Soper/ Air Force Reserve
Nicholas Rife / U.S. Navy	Cliff Garey / Navy
Grant Davis / Army Reserve	Ryan Kiracofe / Air Force
Richard (Alex) Trogdon/ Navy	Drew Roach / Navy
Grace Wagner/Basic Training	Ryan Hall / Army
Miguel Martinez/Army Reserve- Active now	Justin McIntosh, Army National Guard
Michael Richwald, Air Force National Guard	

Please contact our prayer chain coordinator, Ann Murray, 937-336-0116, email: annmurray916@yahoo.com, call the church office, 937-456-3754, office@eatonfpc.org, or drop a note in the offering plate with updates.

***Our Response of Praise – #581 Gloria Patri**
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.

Children’s Time Rev. Melick

Prayer for Illumination Susan Schaurer

Character Narrative – “Jesus and the Host” Brian & Beth Pool

Old Testament Scripture Reading Jeremiah 29:1-9 Susan Schaurer

New Testament Scripture Reading Matthew 4:1-11

Response:

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Rooted Resistance* Rev. Melick

***Hymn #720** *Jesus Calls Us*

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles’ Creed* Rev. Melick

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

**First Presbyterian Church
February 22, 2026
The Season of Lent**

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Melick

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

Susan Schaurer

Liturgist: Come into God's presence, you who imagine and you who seek, you who disrupt and you who repair.

All: *By the Spirit, we gather in hope.*

Liturgist: Come into God's presence, you who live in this wide and wild world, navigating beauty and uncertainty, temptation and trial.

All: *In Christ, we gather as children of God.*

Liturgist: Come into God's presence, singing for joy and for justice; bringing prayer and worship, your most faithful acts of resistance.

All: *To God be the glory! We gather to praise!*

Opening Prayer

Susan Schaurer

Opening Hymn #833 *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

Prayer of Confession and Passing of the Peace

Susan Schaurer

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Liturgist: Siblings in Christ, let us confess our sins to God, for God knows our weaknesses and choices, and yet imagines for us a life of wholeness and peace. Loving God, we confess that when the wildness feels too chaotic, and the earth beneath our feet seems to shift with change, we fall easily into despair.

All: *We forget to hope. We neglect to dream. We imagine paths of doom instead of journeys to glory. We panic, even as your Spirit holds steady within and around us. Help us to trust, to hope, to dream, and to walk forward in faith. And when the fears set in, help us to find support in the strength of community. Amen.*

Declaration of Forgiveness and Passing of the Peace

Liturgist: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

Worship at Home

An Affirmation of Faith

We believe no wilderness is so dense that the Good Shepherd cannot find us.

We believe no ocean is so vast that we cannot be saved from its depths.

We believe no enemy is so strong that we cannot be rescued from its grasp.

We believe no shame is so great that our liberator cannot free us.

We believe no law is so rigid that it keeps us from grace.

We believe no person is so powerful that they can rob us of our dignity.

We believe no situation is so dire that we cannot find hope together, in community.

We believe we are wholly loved, worthy of care, and safe in the palm of God's hand.

Breath Prayer

Honoring the diverse manners in which God's people offer prayers, this season's liturgies include a weekly "breath prayer." This style of prayer honors and exemplifies the role of embodiment, silence, and contemplation in communication with God.

As you prepare to pray, you are invited to let your body find a comfortable prayer position. Set aside any tangible or metaphorical distractions. Begin to notice your breath, which is a sign of God's life-giving Spirit within you. You will hold silence for the next few moments. As you continue to focus on your breath, you are invited to ponder the following words of prayer:

In the wildness, I belong to God.

Pray these words internally in rhythm with your breathing:

On your inhale, the words, "In the wildness..."

On your exhale, the words, "...I belong to God."

Conclude the prayer with these or similar words:

In the wildness, we belong to God, now and always. Amen.

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First Presbyterian Church



February 22, 2026

Our Mission:

*Listening to God's call, following in the way of Jesus
and serving neighbors through the Spirit.*

~Approved by Session November 2016



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