

**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

***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 #295** *Go To the World*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

Rev. Melick

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

**This Week at FPC**

March 4 – 6:00pm, Messy Church  
March 4 – 7:30pm, Choir Practice  
March 5 – 6:30pm, Elizabeth Circle

**Mark Your Calendars**

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** – Pop top meals, breakfast bars, and hygiene items.

**Pancake Mission Fundraiser** – Palm Sunday, March 29 after church  
stay for a pancake meal.

**2026 Mission Trip** – Any youth interested in attending this years  
mission trip please contact Beth.

**Mission Rummage Sale** – Start gathering items for this years  
Rummage Sale. Date for the sale is June 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. More information to  
follow.

**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](mailto:annmurray916@yahoo.com), call the church office, 937-456-3754, [office@eatonfpc.org](mailto: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.***

**Choir Anthem** *Let's Just Praise the Lord*

**Children's Time** *Jesus Birth and Growth*

Rev. Melick

**Prayer for Illumination**

Beth Pool

**Character Narrative – "Disciple"**

Michael Fomin

**New Testament Scripture Reading** James 1:19-27

Beth Pool

**New Testament Scripture Reading** Luke 6:17-36

**Response:**

**Liturgist:** This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** *Disruptive Blessings*

Rev. Melick

**\*Hymn #472** *Kum Ba Yah*

**\*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**  
**March 1, 2026**  
**The Season of Lent**

**Welcome & Announcements**  
**Prelude**

Rev. Melick

**Introit**

Choir

**Call to Worship**

Beth Pool

**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**

Beth Pool

**\*Opening Hymn #172 *Blest Are They***

**Prayer of Confession and Passing of the Peace**

Beth Pool

**Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession**

**Liturgist:** Siblings in Christ, let us confess our sins to God, for God knows our weaknesses and our choices, and yet imagines for us a life of wholeness and peace. God, who delivers people from their suffering, you sent Jesus to show us that our ways are not your ways.

**All: *You told us to bless the poor, to make peace with our neighbors, to share what we have with others, and to live our faith through quiet actions. Yet we often fail this calling. Forgive us, God, where and when we have slipped into the world's ways of hate, greed, and violence. Guide us into faithfulness once again, for your ways are loving, just, and compassionate. 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 in the ways of Jesus.

We believe in sharing food, water, shelter, and healing care with everyone.

We believe in freedom for captives, justice for victims, and deliverance for all who are enslaved.

We believe peace comes from justice, not violence.

We believe everyone is our neighbor, without exception.

We believe children are precious and worthy of care.

We believe, as Jesus did, that we find God among the poor, the marginalized, the weak, the imprisoned, and the rejected.

We believe Jesus came, not merely to point to heaven, but to teach us how to bring heaven to earth.

We believe and pray for God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**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:

***I am vulnerable, I am blessed.***

Pray these words internally in rhythm with your breathing:

On your inhale, the words, "***I am vulnerable...***"

On your exhale, the words, "***...I am blessed.***"

Conclude the prayer with these or similar words:

***We are vulnerable, we are blessed, now and always. Amen.***

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## *First Presbyterian Church*



*March 1, 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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