

Our Tithes and Offerings

Rev. Melick

Offertory Music

***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

***Hymn #490** *Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters*

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Melick

Response: *Gracious One, in your mercy, All: 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 #543** *God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

(This hymn is for St. Patrick's Day! It is a 21st Century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.)

***Charge and Benediction**

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

This Week at FPC

March 22 – Sandwich Ministry following service

March 25 – 7:00pm, Choir Practice

March 28 – Easter Egg Hunt

Mark Your Calendars

March 29 – Pancake breakfast fundraiser following church

March 31 – 6:30pm, Choir dress rehearsal

April 1 – 6:00pm, Messy Church

April 2 – 6:00pm, Maundy Thursday in the Fellowship Hall

April 3 – 7:00pm, Good Friday at the UCC church

April 5 – 8:00am, Sunrise Service

Common Good Food Bank - They are in need of the following: Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Protein, Breakfast Foods, Canned Soup

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 year's mission trip please contact Beth.

Mission Rummage Sale – Start gathering items for this year's Rummage Sale. Date for the sale is June 4th & 5th. More information to follow.

Egg Hunts – We are collecting candy and small fidget toys to fill the eggs. Please have to the church by Thursday, March 26. Thank you

Women's Retreat – The Women's Spiritual Nurture Retreat will be held April 24-26. You can register for the entire retreat or attend Saturday only. Registration will be open soon at www.kirkmontcenter.org

Winter Concert – Eaton Area Community Band. Sunday, March 22 at 4:00pm at the Performing Arts Center, 600 Hillcrest Drive, Eaton.

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.

Declaration of Forgiveness and Passing of the Peace

Liturgist: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

***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 *Jesus' Desert and Discovery* Rev. Melick

Prayer for Illumination Blake Clabaugh

New Testament Scripture Reading Titus 3:1-8 Blake Clabaugh

Gospel Scripture Reading Mark 12:13-17

Response:

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Character Narrative – "Coin Bearer" Jack Mann

Sermon *True Allegiance* Rev. Melick

***Hymn #442** *Just As I Am*

***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 22, 2026
The Season of Lent

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Melick

Prelude

Call to Worship

Blake Clabaugh

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 keeping, you who bear the divine image, you who are in this world but not of it, you who feel tested or tried.

All: *In Christ, we gather and we belong.*

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

Blake Clabaugh

***Opening Hymn #401** *Here In This Place (Gather Us In)*

Prayer of Confession and Passing of the Peace

Blake Clabaugh

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Liturgist: Siblings in Christ, let us confess our sins to God, for God knows the ways we have chosen to serve powers that are unloving and unjust. God, you see the powerful people in this world as they scramble for more, keeping the weak in places of suffering. Even though we are aware of their evil alliances, we contribute to these systems and power structures with our money, our time, and our attention.

All: *We confess that our purchases support harmful practices and abusive regimes. We confess that our entertainment choices, at times, center on people who mock the weak. We confess that our participation in consumerism and disposability causes destruction of creation. Forgive us for aligning our allegiance with systems and corporations that harm life and cause suffering. Help us resist the temptation to devote ourselves to worldly ways that offend your righteousness. We choose to give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, so we might have open hands to serve you better. Amen.*

Worship at Home

An Affirmation of Faith

We believe there is no other object of our allegiance or devotion that compares to the Way of Jesus.

This devotion supremely outmatches any allegiance to country, team, or people group.

We believe that when we divide our allegiance among other powers, our faith is diluted by lesser ambitions.

We lose sight of our calling, and we compromise our values.

We believe our allegiance to Christ's way of love and justice informs all other promises, contracts, covenants, and relationships.

When forced to choose between Caesar's way and Christ's way, we choose Christ because Christ first chose us.

Amen.

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:

Give to the world what is the world's. Give to God what is God's.

Pray these words internally in rhythm with your breathing:

On your inhale, the words, "***Give to the world what is the world's...***"

On your exhale, the words, "***...Give to God what is God's.***" _

Conclude the prayer with these or similar words:

Give to the world what is the world's. Give to God what is God's, now and always. Amen.

Church Contact Information

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Church Staff

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*Connie Rutherford, Pat Anderson, Marie Hayes

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*Taylor Clabaugh, Kathy McCreary, Randy Wright, Riley Buehner, Michael Fomin

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First Presbyterian Church



March 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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