



**Order of Worship
March 8, 2026
Third Sunday in Lent**

PRELUDE

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Darin

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 95

Pastor Darin

1 Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.

All: We come to worship God.

3 For the Lord is the great God,
the great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.

5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

All: We come to worship God.

6 Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

7 for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.

All: God, our creator and sustainer. We are yours and we worship you.

*HYMN

Open My Eyes, That I May See

No. 451

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rachel Buchin

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rachel Buchin

Merciful God, you call us to drink deeply from the well of your grace, yet we confess that we often turn to empty cisterns of our own making. You invite us to walk in your light, but we linger in the shadows of pride, fear, and self-reliance.

You offer living water to refresh our weary souls, yet we resist your gift, clinging to what cannot satisfy. Forgive us, Lord. Cleanse our hearts, renew our spirits, and lead us back to the path of truth and love. May we thirst for you above all else, and find in You the life that never ends.

Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Rachel Buchin

*RESPONSE

Spirit of the Living God

No. 288

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor Darin

The grace and peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rachel Buchin

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 17:1-7

Rachel Buchin

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Darin

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Philippians 4:1-7

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¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“What Do We Pray For?”

Pastor Darin

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor Darin

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed, and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

*HYMN

Nearer, My God, to Thee (vs. 1-2)

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WE GIVE OUR OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give
Prayer of Dedication

Rachel Buchin
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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*HYMN

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

No. 688

*BENEDICTION

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*POSTLUDE

*Indicates to stand in body or spirit.



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First Presbyterian Church Happenings

Serving Us Today March 8, 2026)

Rachel Buchin (Worship Leader), Randy/Kathy Arnold (Ushers), John Bowden (Greeter), Leah Jacobs & Sara Rebeck (Nursery), John Scott, Jay Espelien, Lynn Rae Olson (AV), Ryne Pentz (Equal Exchange), Tamara Calhoun-Song Leader, Jullian Euteneuer (Music).

Birthdays Get Together

Today after Worship join us in celebrating Margaret Brooks 85th birthday.

Lenten Study

Our first gathering for the Lenten Study "An Unlikely Lent" will be on Sunday, March 15, after worship. Need a book? Call the church office, and we will reserve one for you.

Community Dinner

Join us on Wed., March 18th for a variety of hotdishes. The signup will be in the main entrance if you would like to bring something. Serving begins at 5:00 pm.

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard

Food donations are once again being requested for Mother Hubbard's Cupboard during the month of March. Donations of non-perishable food products (please check expiration dates), health care items, and paper products may be brought to church through the end of March. Cash donations in the form of a check made payable to First Presbyterian Church are also appreciated (please write "Food Shelf" in the memo line). The Deacons thank you for your support of this effort!

Calendar

Mon., March 9

11:00 am - NAPS
5:30 pm - Personnel
7:00 pm - Focus on Recovery Group

Tues., March 10

9:00 am - Men's Bible Study
3:00 pm - Mission and Social Witness
5:30 pm - LowerTown Rehearsal
5:30 pm - Property Meeting

Wed., March 11

9:15 am - Women's Bible Study
2:00 pm - Online Prayer Group
5:00 pm - Special Easter Choir
5:20 pm - CORE
6:00 pm - Ring Bell Choir
7:00 pm - Praise Team Rehearsal

Thurs., March 12

4:30 pm - Closer Walk
6:00 pm - Special Music Easter

Fri., March 13

7:00 am - Men's Bible Study
4:00 pm Sewing Group (AWA)

Sun., March 15

9:00 am - Children's Music
10:00 am - Worship Service
11:00 am - GIFT